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MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

RECORD OF MEETING

Meeting No. 3: Monday, 14 February 2011
Ceduna Council Chambers

The objectives of Marine Park Local Advisory Groups (MPLAGs) are to facilitate effective communications between the Department for Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and regional communities and assist in the development of draft marine park management plan.

Members present: Ian Cawood (Chair), Reg Davis, Noel Box (proxy for Trent Gregory), Debbie Kloock, (proxy for Simon Firth), Alan Haseldine, John Hoffrichter, Gus Oestmann, Nick Paleologoudis, Allan Suter, Perry Will and Bruce Zippel.

DEH staff: Dirk Holman, Shelley Harrison, Jon Emmett, Louise Smith.

Apologies / absent: Chris Catsambalis, Simon Firth, Jane Lowe, Peter Owen Rob Palmer (proxy for Peter Owen), and Hans Umlauff.

Gallery: 27 present.

Members advise that the following outcomes were achieved at the meeting:

Concern was expressed about the quality of the scientific evidence presented. There will be difficulty complying with adequacy and representativeness because the habitat mapping doesn't reflect what the locals know is there.

Regulations for Habitat Protection Zones should be more clearly defined.

The MPLAG has designed possible Sanctuary Zones which will be tabled after consultation with Council and the local community.

All members of the MPLAG agree that 10% of state waters in Sanctuary Zones is unacceptable.

We believe that there should be more public acknowledgement that there is no binding international obligation to include 10% of states waters in Sanctuary Zones, but that it is a guideline developed by the Scientific Working Group.

Involvement with Marine Park 1 was identified as being important to the local community who are disenfranchised with meetings being held in Adelaide.

27 members of the gallery were present and provided with an opportunity to ask questions and comment.