

**UPPER SOUTH EAST**  
**MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP**

## **MINUTES**

The 1<sup>ST</sup> Meeting of the Upper South East Marine Park Local Advisory Group was held on Wednesday 17th February 2010 in the Robe District Council Chambers, Robe 4pm.

**Members Present:** Bill Hender (Chair person), Ruth Beach, Robert Roach, Jim Godden, Alan Gurney, Pip Rasenberg, Craig Lawrie, Paul Regnier, John Kuhl, Graham Usher, Adam Stewart, Peter Riseley, Denise Dent (Minute taker), Phil Hollow (DEH), Sarah Bignell (DEH), Peter Alexander (DEH).

**Proxies:** Nil.

**Gallery:** 5 members of the public, 2 Fisheries Officers, 1 Media

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

#### **1.1 Housekeeping arrangements**

**1.2 DEH Regional Conservator:** Peter Alexander welcomed the group and stressed the importance of the group engaging with the community groups they represent with DEH supporting the process. This group is here to advise the Department for Environment and Heritage.

**1.3 Apologies:** Simon Peters

**1.4 Absent:** Nil.

**1.5 Introduction of LAG members:** Each member introduced themselves and spoke briefly of their interest and representation.

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

**3. Correspondence** – Nil.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes** – Nil to confirm.

**5. Action Items and Business Arising from the minutes** – Nil.

### **6. Agenda items**

#### **6.1 Marine Parks Overview**

Phil Hollow presented an overview to ensure all members of this LAG are familiar with the background and process of the development of marine parks. Members were informed of the objectives of these groups, modified boundaries, Marine Parks Act and design principles. Sarah Bignell informed members about the spatial mapping, marine bio regions, maps of sea surface temperatures and habitats. This mapping information will assist in determining zoning.

Discussion was held about the importance of ensuring maps are accurate and of good resolution.

The compensation formula for the Commercial sector is still to be finalised. This is a complex formula and process and is being discussed in the Displaced Effort Working Group .

## 6.2 Terms of Reference

Phil briefly went through some of the key points of the Terms of Reference including:

- A person can be appointed to more than one LAG; Jim Godden and Ruth Beach are appointed to both the Lower South East and the Upper South East.
- LAGs consist of 10-15 members, the LSE group currently as 13 members. Additional members could be appointed should the need arise, most especially from groups not already represented.
- If a member is unavailable to attend a proxy can be sent;
- DEH will cover local travel costs and meeting expenses of members;
- Sub-committees may be established;
- The Chair is the appropriate spokesperson for media related enquiries and interviews. If LAG members, other than the Chair, communicate with the media they should clearly state that they are not representing the LAG.
- Local Advisory Groups are open to the public. The gallery have observer rights only and cannot address a meeting unless invited by the chair.

## 6.3 Community Input - Mapping

Sarah advised members on the SA Marine Parks Information Tool (SAMPIT) which contains a collection of information/data from the community and this information will assist in designing the zoning. DEH is seeking input from the local community about local uses and local knowledge and the role of the LAG members is to both input data and assist in verifying the accuracy of the maps and data. The data received will be added to existing data and analysed.

The information can be provided either through a hard copy paper version or through an online system. It is acknowledged that it will be a challenge and a big task to get individuals/groups to provide this information. Sarah offered to make herself available to meet with groups, and to hold a general open session, to assist to record the details required. Preliminary maps will be prepared and presented at the next LAG meeting but the SAMPIT system will be open for several months so as much detail as possible can be recorded.

There was some discussion about:

- The hard copy map does not have sufficient detail for fishers to identify areas in which they fish especially along the Coorong beach DEH will develop and supply a more detailed map for users.
- Robert Roach advised the group that Boatswains Point is in the incorrect square. It should be in 29694.
- Under legislation there is the ability to include Crown lands in a Marine Park;
- Fisheries (PIRSA) will continue their role as is, control and compliance. This group will not be designing zones to satisfy particular species eg. Crayfish decline. PIRSA manage some 15 species whereas Marine Parks manage biodiversity.

**6.4 Community Input - Marine Park Values**

To ensure both community use of the sea and conservation of the marine and coastal environment there is a need to identify and consider local environmental, economic and social values. A document "creating a marine park values statement-notes for LAG members" was provided to each member. This is to be returned to DEH by 19 March 2010. LAG and community members are encouraged to provide input and contribute to this values statement.

**6.5 Communication Plan**

Adam Stewart would like to see communication with Region 15. Phil Hollow to provide Adam with Roger Strother's mobile phone number for him to communicate direct. Ruth Beach and Jim Godden are on both the LSE and USE groups so communication can be through them. Denise suggested that minutes be disseminated within adjoining groups.

Peter Risely suggested that those people that signed up for direct mailing list from the Working Groups be directed to the Sampit site as well as the Marine Park website to be updated on the progress of the groups.

A "social interaction" web site for this LAG only is available and this is another option for members to communicate between meetings. The link to this site is through the Marine Parks website and find the reference to "Ning"

There is a range of other community type groups that are not represented by this LAG who should be kept informed, or that the LAG has interaction with at times.

Attached is a list this group thought should be communicated with, how and who should do this. This communication is about ensuring the LAGs are connecting with the community, that all groups are updated and kept informed and encouraging them to update SAMPIT.

**7. Record of meeting**

While formal meeting minutes are compiled this "record of meeting" highlights a few key points/issues that are discussed to assist DEH staff to inform its management of the progress of the LAG, provide meeting highlights for the Marine Park web site and assist the Chair in speaking to the media. A precis will be developed by Phil and Bill that will be displayed on the website.

**Meeting Closed at 7.25pm**

**Future Meetings**

Wednesday 28th April 2010 from 4 – 8 pm at Kinston Council Chambers.

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Chair

**USE MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP**

ACTION ITEMS – as at 17 February 2010

**Action Items as at 17 February 2010**

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1	S Bignell	Arrange an open session/s to assist communities/individuals to provide data for SAMPIT.		
1	All Members	Provide data, and encourage other people to provide data, into SAMPIT.		
1	All Members	Provide input , and encourage other people to provide input, into the Marine Park Values statement.		
1	Phil Hollow	Provide Adam Stewart with Roger Strogher's mobile phone number.		
1	Phil Hollow	Provide maps of the Coorong with better detail.		
1	S Bignell	Develop a more descriptive hard copy of SAMPIT with all places identified for ease in identifying cells		
1	Gary Frost	"Direct Mailing List" people from Working Groups be emailed links into website and Sampit		
1	Phil	Develop a draft Communication Plan for comment by LAG members		
1	Phil & Bill	Produce precis of the first meeting to be placed on the website		