

UPPER SOUTH EAST

MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

The second meeting of the Upper South East Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 4pm on May 25 2010 in the Meeting Room of the Lacepede Bay Motel, Kingston.

We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose lands we are meeting upon today. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to country. We also pay respect to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia present here.

Members present: Bill Hender (Chair), Ruth Beach, Robert Roach, Jim Godden, Alan Gurney, Pip Rasenberg, Paul Regnier, John Kuhl, Graham Usher, Adam Stewart, Peter Riseley, Russell Worland and Simon Peters,

DEH staff: Peter Alexander, Phil Hollow, Andrew Burnell, and Denise Dent (Minute taker).

Proxies: Nil

Gallery: Two plus one media

1. Welcome

Bill Hender welcomed new member Russell Worland to the group. Russell briefly advised the group of his background including his connections with the Nora Creina Shackowners.

2. Apologies, correspondence, other business

Craig Lawrie is an apology.

Two items of correspondence were tabled with discussion deferred to General Business to provide members the opportunity to read them prior to discussion.

3. Actions Arising

Phil Hollow updated the committee that all Actions from the first meeting held on 17 February 2010 have been attended to except for "Direct Mailing List". Phil to liaise with Gary about this Action. Phil is also to provide Adam Stewart with Roger Strother's contact details.

Action Items from meeting 17 February 2010

Meeting No. 1	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1	<i>S Bignell</i>	Arrange an open session/s to assist communities/individuals to provide data for SAMPIT	Session run at Nora Creina and Millicent and individual sessions. 1500 people provided information to SAMPIT with 50% from the SE	Feb – May 2010
1	<i>All Members</i>	Provide data, and encourage other people to provide data, into SAMPIT	USE entered 270 entries	Feb – May 2010
1	<i>All Members</i>	Provide input, and encourage other people to provide input, into the Marine Park Values Statement	A few members have provided input	Feb – May 2010
1	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Provide Adam Stewart with Roger Strother's mobile phone number	Phil to provide Adam with the contact	June 1st 2010
1	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Provide maps of the Coorong with better detail	Completed in hard copy and electronically	Feb – May 2010
1	<i>S Bignell</i>	Develop a more descriptive hard copy of SAMPIT with all places identified for ease in identifying cells	Completed	Feb – May 2010
1	<i>Gary Frost</i>	"Direct Mailing List" people from Working Groups be emailed links into website and SAMPIT		
1	<i>Phil Hollow</i>	Develop a draft Communication Plan for comment by MPLAG members	Copy provided on 25 th May 2010	Feb – May 2010
1	<i>Phil & Bill</i>	Produce précis of the first meeting to be placed on the website	Completed	Feb – May 2010

Confirmation of minutes of first meeting held 17 February 2010

The minutes of meeting held on 17 February 2010 were read and confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved by Peter Riseley and Seconded by Graham Usher
CARRIED

4. Community feedback

The Chair offered each member an opportunity to share any comments or any thoughts that they have had, or have heard, since the first meeting.

- SAMPIT maps were accepted well by the recreational fishing groups. The idea of having a square-kilometre area was acknowledged so that fishers didn't feel they were giving away their secret spots. Some of the community still unaware of outer boundaries.
- The delay between data entry into SAMPIT and production of the SAMPIT maps may/may not be a problem (drawn out process). Some felt that the extra time given was appreciated.
- Wondering why Robe Bay is within a marine park when other bays along the coast are not.
- More positive feedback received since first meeting.

- Disappointment that only 23 people turned up at Millicent to have input into SAMPIT whereas realistically there are huge numbers of visitors/tourists/fishers over Christmas and holiday period – wondering if it is part of a backlash.
- One MPLAG member personally handed out 100 revised maps and asked for them to be returned through him, however none were returned. Concerned about the level of public feedback. Phil noted that some of those may have come back directly to DEH as the forms suggest.
- Shackowners were very appreciative of Phil and Robert Roach being available to personally assist in entering SAMPIT data and for meeting with them over the Easter Weekend at Nora Creina.
- There is still concern for outer boundaries and what we are trying to protect.
- Uncertainty from public not knowing where the boundaries actually are and how they will be marked. Also concern that small population areas with low numbers of entries on SAMPIT (due to population) may be swallowed up.
- Good uptake of SAMPIT maps. Statistically it would be good to see how many were distributed by MPLAG group members to see what the response rate was.
- It was mentioned that the good numbers of returns of SAMPIT maps in the South East did provide some statistical value

5. Sharing SAMPIT Information

Phil presented SAMPIT results thus far. The second meeting date was delayed by some six weeks to enable more information to be loaded. This extra time resulted in significantly more SAMPIT returns. In the Upper South East Marine Park over 270 people entered 107920 cell hits. This is outstanding and Phil congratulated those MPLAG members who had been supporting their community through this process.

The group now needs to focus on the accuracy of the information provided, the knowledge gaps and those areas of differing priorities. The members separated into small groups and worked over hard copy maps of the SAMPIT fishing data.

Summary of findings:

- Members consider the fishing data maps are quite accurate.
- Areas from 42 Mile Crossing to Tea Tree are underrepresented but this could be due to lack of access due to beach conditions. Tourist influx not accurate due to timing of SAMPIT (busy period over Xmas) and the fact that locals rather than tourists are entering information.
- Similarly the area around Cape Dombey near Robe is highly fished by visitors during summer.
- Lack of information from rock lobster fishers was highlighted by MPLAG members.
- The number of users on SAMPIT fishing maps are colour-coded but not the same in each park. In the USE 4 to 14 (light Blue) and getting darker as the numbers increase, 15 – 27, 28 – 41, 42- 53 and 54 – 80 (purple)
- SAMPIT information is still being accepted.

6. Identifying local management issues

A management plan will be developed for each of the 19 marine parks. Phil highlighted the requirements under the Act. There is a view to complete management plans within 3 years. Each plan must be reviewed within 10 years however the Minister may review it at any time.

David Manser (public from the gallery) commented that the Fisheries Act is responsible for managing fishing. Commercial fishers will have input after the SAMPIT process.

Phil commented that the Marine Parks Act makes it very clear who the Minister **MUST** consult. The commercial fishing sector is one of those groups.

The Minister **MAY** also seek the views of others and that is why the MPLAGs were established.

The group referred to the paper *Identifying Management Strategies* and were asked to complete the six worksheets and return them by the end of June. They should provide details of any impacts, threats, management issues and opportunities.

Phil offered to assist individuals or groups should they require it and will provide an electronic version of the worksheet.

A comment was made that the group would like to see DEH's issues as well. Phil explained that we are seeking information from local people about local issues, but agreed to provide some background information that has been given through other workshops.

7. Preparing for Zoning

Andy discussed what the group will be focussing on in upcoming meetings.

From the next meeting (3) MPLAGs will begin the "design" phase. It is important to refer to the Design Principles, hard copies were provided to ensure members have the opportunity to consider them. Need to assess threats and avoid them if possible when selecting areas for high level protection (sanctuary zones). Then manage and respond to threats across the whole of the marine park, with the assistance of partner agencies and legislation.

Members were introduced to the checklist and other tools being developed to assist them with considering zoning by applying the design principles.

Break

Phil presented the Whole of Government policy commitments. Hard copies were provided to those who requested one.

Graham Usher advised Phil he has a letter from the previous Minister for Environment and Conservation regarding a commitment on shoreline fishing. He will provide Phil with a copy.

8. Ongoing communication

Letter from Wildcatch Fisheries SA and letter from SARLAC Inc. David Manser from the gallery summarised the letters and Phil provided a brief response.

These letters have been sent to all MPLAG Chairs and all members will have a copy either before or at the third meetings.

DEH will provide a written response and that will be sent to all MPLAG members.

9. Questions from the gallery – nil.

10. Record of meeting

Phil and Bill Hender to provide a copy to all members when compiled.

11. Next meeting

Date to be advised but scheduled for late July / early August. Members asked that DEH avoids school holidays and the first week in August.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

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Chair

Outstanding and Action Items as at 25 May 2010

Meeting No	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1	<i>Gary Frost</i>	Direct Mailing List people from Working Groups be emailed links into website and SAMPIT.	Completed	
1	<i>All Members</i>	Entering data into SAMPIT until next meeting and encourage public to do same.	Completed	
1	<i>Phil</i>	Provide Adam with Roger Strother's contact details.	Completed	
2	<i>All Members</i>	Look over draft Communication Plan and make comment.		
2	<i>All Members</i>	Complete <i>Identifying Management Strategies</i> worksheets.		
2	<i>G Usher</i>	Provide Phil with copy of correspondence regarding a commitment on shoreline fishing.		
2	<i>Phil</i>	Offered to assist members to input worksheet information.	Ongoing	
2	<i>Phil</i>	To provide members with background information for their worksheets	Ongoing	
2	<i>Phil</i>	Provide members with an electronic version of the worksheets.	Completed	