

# UPPER SPENCER GULF

## MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

### MINUTES

The second Meeting of the Upper Spencer Gulf Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 5pm on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at the Port Augusta Yacht Club, Alamein Road.

*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:** Robin Sharp (Chair person), Deb Allen (Secretary), Garry Barnes, Tony Bramley, Alan Hall, Peter Huxtable, Angie Stokes, Michael Slattery and Colin Simms.

**DEH Staff:** David Pearce (Executive Officer), Sheralee Cox, Craig Nixon.

**Proxies:** Chris Fewster for Rod Hayles

**Gallery:** One person observed the meeting

#### 1 Welcome

The chair person opened the meeting and discussed the objectives of MPLAG meeting two with no questions raised by members.

#### 2 Apologies, confirmation of minutes, correspondence and other business

**Apologies:** Brett Munns, Lyndon Giles, Leon Stephens and Rod Hayles

**Absent:** Doug Riley, Lavene Ngatokorua and Greg Cowin

The minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were ratified by the group and approved as an accurate record by the Chair (no amendments recorded).

**Correspondence:** SA Rock Lobster Advisory Council and SA Blue Crab Pot Fishers and Wildcatch Fisheries SA letters to the Chairs were tabled for members' information. Members of the associations present summarised that the important points of the letters were that industry members who are MPLAG members can only represent themselves as an individual and do not represent the industry association. Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) will provide a response to the correspondence to all MPLAG members.

#### 3 Action Items and Business Arising from the minutes

##### Action Items from meeting 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1	David Pearce	Ensure that each member has access to the CD or hard copy of the Technical Reports	Resolved	ASAP
1	All	Support the collection of information by using SAMPIT and promoting it through their networks	Resolved	20 March 2010



1	All	Members to review Values Statement documents and provide feedback at next meeting	Resolved	27 April 2010
1	All	Enact Communication Plan		Ongoing

#### 4 Community feedback

- Members thought that there was a general resistance within the community to use SAMPIT due to a suspicion of the process and how their information would be used.
- It was also noted by members that the on-line version of SAMPIT was not user friendly that may have contributed to low data entry results.
- It was asked if changes to existing Aquatic Reserves (established by PIRSA Fisheries) could be considered within the marine parks planning process.
- A question was raised about shack owners having control of waters or land directly in front of their shacks out to a certain distance, this matter will be investigated.

#### 5 Sharing SAMPIT information

The SAMPIT data that had been gathered following meeting one and up until May 10<sup>th</sup> was displayed to MPLAG members and the gallery.

MPLAG members divided into three groups to review the SAMPIT data in relation to fishing activity frequency and asked to consider the following points:

1. Accuracy of data entered.
2. Gaps in known information.
3. Priority areas within the park.

It was generally noted from each group that on average the data presented was accurate in relation to fishing sites in the USGMP however, gaps were noted in use ratings. Maps were amended to reflect use ratings (high or low) and accepted by the group. Priority areas were noted on the maps and accepted by group.

#### 6 Identifying local management issues

*Developing Marine Park Management Plans – Identifying Management Strategies* worksheets were given to members, and were explained by Sheralee Cox (DEH). The worksheets are to record any local issues that need to be considered in the marine park management plan. Members were asked to complete the included worksheets and return them to the Reply Paid address by 25 June.

It was highlighted by Sheralee that management strategies are guided by the *Marine Parks Act 2007* and members were asked to familiarise themselves with the Act to increase their understanding of how to develop the Marine Park Management Plan for the Upper Spencer Gulf Marine Park. It was highlighted that the strategies in the management plan need to meet the objectives of the Act.

Members are concerned that there has been no indigenous representation at the MPLAG meetings. David reassured the group that indigenous consultation has and is occurring outside of these meetings and is an ongoing process.

#### Policy Commitments Presentation

Sheralee Cox explained and discussed the policy commitments that have been made by the Minister for Environment and Conservation to a range of interest groups. These will be accommodated in the marine park planning process.



## **7 Preparing for zoning**

David Pearce (DEH) explained the planned steps in the zoning process for the development of each marine park. The SAMPIT maps from this meeting will contribute to the preliminary zoning scenarios to be prepared for meeting three.

During meetings three and four MPLAG members will discuss preliminary zoning scenarios and take them away to seek input from their community networks.

A refined scenario will then be taken to the stakeholders and interests groups for consultation (this will include all the stakeholders as defined in the *Marine Parks Act 2007*).

The results of the stakeholder feedback will be reviewed in MPLAG meeting five.

## **8 Ongoing communication**

MPLAG members are expected to give updates to their respective groups and maintain communication with the media and with community networks.

## **9 Questions from the gallery**

No questions were asked from the gallery.

## **10 Record of meeting**

The Record of Meeting was completed and accepted by group. This record is to be used by the Chair if he is speaking on behalf of the Marine Park Local Advisory Group and it will also be posted upon the marine parks website in the days following the meeting.

## **11 Next Meeting Date**

While the next meeting is expected in late July/early August, a date was not set and will be advised as soon as possible. It was noted that Garry Barnes would be away from 28<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August. Members will receive meeting notification by mail when the date has been confirmed. The venue was again discussed and agreed to be Pt Augusta.

**Meeting Closed at 8:50pm**

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Chair



## Outstanding Action Items as at 24 May 2010

Meeting No	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
2	All	Continue to communicate with social networks in accord with the Communication Plan established at meeting one.		Ongoing
2	David	To clarify exactly how Aquatic Reserves and Marine Parks will interact.		28 July 2010
2	David	Investigate if shack owners have any claims or control over the waters in front of their shacks.		28 July 2010
2	Craig	Follow up the seaward boundary of the Winninowie Conservation Park		28 July 2010
2	Members	Complete worksheets for each objective of the Act, encouraged to seek community input from networks		28 July 2010