

# WEST COAST

## MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

### MINUTES

The second meeting of the West Coast Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 25 May 2010 in the Streaky Bay Rural Transaction Centre, 20 Bay Rd, Streaky Bay.

*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:** Jonas Woolford (Chair Person), Alan Payne, Sherron MacKenzie, George Gill, David Letch, Gregor Schreiber, Noel Box, Lorelee Wright, Trevor Gilmore, Christine Taylor, Christian Gerlach, Tony Custance.

**Supporting staff:** Simon Clark (Executive Officer, DEH), Angela Faulkner (Marine Parks, DEH), Dirk Holman (Marine Parks, DEH), Louise Mortimer (Minute taker)

**Gallery:** Three present in the gallery

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

##### 1.1 Housekeeping arrangements

Housekeeping arrangements were discussed.

##### 1.2 DEH Executive Officer

Simon Clark thanked the members for their attendance, and provided a brief overview of proceedings for the night. Also introduced support staff and some of the information provided to the group.

**1.3 Apologies:** Kristy Newton, Rob Gregor, Nick Paul.

**1.4 Absent:** None.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

##### 2.1. Additional items

2.1.1. NING Groups – Angela Faulkner (DEH) to run through NING groups function with MPLAG members

#### 3. Correspondence

3.1. Tabled a letter from Wildcatch Fisheries South Australia (distributed).

3.2. Tabled a letter from South Australian Rock Lobster Advisory Council (SARLAC) Inc. (distributed).

#### **4. Confirmation of Minutes of first meeting held on 9 February 2010**

The minutes of meeting held on 9 February 2010 were signed as an accurate record by the chair with the following amendments:

##### **4.1 Amendments**

Members asked that an amendment be made to section 6.6 in minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> meeting: "Industry representatives" be changed to "group members".

Moved: David Letch; Seconded: Trevor Gilmore.

#### **5. Action Items and Business Arising from the minutes**

##### **5.1 Action Items arising from meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

<b>Meeting No.</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	<i>DEH</i>	Information to be provided to members - Definition of terminology in order of status e.g. rare and endangered species.	Carried Forward	next meeting
1	<i>DEH</i>	SAMPIT maps to be distributed to Elliston Council, Streaky Bay Council, PIRSA - Streaky Bay, Port Kenny Hotel and Venus Bay General Store.	Resolved	
1	<i>DEH</i>	Supply Alan Payne with contacts from Baird Bay meeting.	Resolved	
1	<i>DEH</i>	Sherron and Alan requested a copy of the introduction presentation.	Resolved	
1	<i>Chair</i>	Formal request to the Elliston District Council to distribute Media release to local business.	Carried Forward	next meeting
1	<i>All Members</i>	Implement Communication Plan.	Resolved	

##### **5.2 Business arising from the minutes**

Simon Clark to follow up current advertising ban on government agencies and clarify its application to the placement of MPLAG Notices of Meeting in newspaper

#### **6. Agenda Items**

##### **6.1 Community Feedback**

Numerous members highlighted the complexities of the SAMPIT online program, and how hard it is to fill out accurately online. The paper/hard copy form was by far more popular with the community.

Confusion exists within the community regarding the scale of marine parks and the stage of planning that is currently being undertaken – is this stage 1? Will marine parks increase in area in the future? The flexibility of the marine parks model was highlighted, especially

regarding uncertainty surrounding representativeness in Sanctuary Zones. It is noted that marine park boundaries can indeed change in the future, however the provisions of the Act allow this only after approval from both Houses of Parliament.

Other group members asked for clarification of the role of MPLAG members in relation to the information gathered by SAMPIT. The roles of the MPLAG were clarified in terms of capturing social, recreational and heritage uses in the marine environment, providing support to scientific information gathered by marine protected area scientists.

Member	Who will be contacted	Method	Achieved	Notes
Gregor Schreiber	Streaky Bay Tourist Association	Meeting	Yes	
	District Council of Streaky Bay	Meeting	Yes	DEH provide deputation to Council
Kirsty Newton	Elliston tour operators	Informal	NA <sup>1</sup>	
	Friends of Elliston	Meeting/ informal	NA	
	Local fishers	Informal	NA	
	School	Newsletter	NA	
Jonas Woolford	Alliance	Meeting	Yes	
	Abalone Fishing Association	Meeting	Yes	
	Surfers	Informal	Yes	
Rob Gregor	Elliston District Council	Meeting	Yes	
	Staff and rate payers	Informal	Yes <sup>2</sup>	
Tony Custance	Locals	Informal	Yes	
	Port Kenny scale fishers	Informal	Yes	
Noel Box	West Coast Cray Fishers	Meeting	Yes	
	Marine scale fishers	Meeting	Yes	
Loralee Wright	South Australian Aboriginal Heritage Committee	Meeting	Yes	
	Local scale and rec fishers	Informal	Yes	SAMPIT needed to be simpler.
Trevor Gilmore	Recreational fisher	Informal	Yes	Also spoke to some scale fishers.
	Local Businesses	Meeting/Informal	Yes	
	Streaky Bay Tourism	Meeting	No	
Christine Taylor	Upload data collected through interview process	Action	No	Information provided was confidential for previous study, but did recommend that participant use SAMPIT.
	Friends of Streaky Bay	Meeting	Yes	

<sup>1</sup> Not Available

<sup>2</sup> Information provided prior to meeting.

Christian Gerlach	South Australian Chamber for Mines and Energy	Meeting	Yes	Interested in ensuring that future opportunities are maintained.
Alan Payne	Local residents plus non-resident landowners	Post/phone/meeting	Yes	Sent letters to all on the Baird Bay mailing list provided by DEH.
George Gill	Local householders		Yes	Should have made more copies available for tourists.
Sherron McKenzie	Tourist/ Non resident land owners (i.e. Roxby)	Informal/Letters/call	Yes	Held a local meeting and informed Roxby Downs residents.
	Sceale Bay Community	Meeting	Yes	SAMPIT slow to use on the internet.
David Letch	Wilderness Society,	Informal	Yes	
	Conservation Council	Informal	Yes	
	Scientific community - Jane Cooper/Terry Denis	Informal	Yes	Ongoing contact with Terry Denis

## 6.2 Sharing SAMPIT information

- Simon Clark (DEH) presented information on how the data volunteered by the community looks when collated in SAMPIT, giving local examples and how this may be interpreted.
- It is noted that all data – including outlying and random data points - are included in these SAMPIT maps. This is because the data is all public information and therefore must be included.
- MPLAG additional information included;
  - [The single high use cell in the north of Sceale Bay \(6744\) is a Salmon fishing spot.](#)
  - [Holiday fishing occurs at Venus Bay, between North Head and Germein Island](#)
  - [Beach fishing and small boats launch and fish at Sheringa](#)
  - [Boat ramp at Point Drummond \(outside of Park\)](#)
  - [Net fishing access point at the southern end of Halls Bay](#)

## 6.3 Maps

- Maps of information entered into SAMPIT by community were provided to the group for comment.
- It was noted by the group that the maps produced were generally what was expected. It was considered that there were, however, clear gaps in knowledge, particularly in relation to under-represented information from sectors of industry.
- It was concluded that the under-representation of data was related to commercial-in-confidence information withheld by some industry groups. The industry groups were waiting for the completion of Displaced Effort Regulations before sharing information.
- Some members also believed that there was a lack of information regarding DEH targets for conservation.
- Discussion also surrounded the ability of Sanctuary Zones to predict and respond to changes in the environment within these zones, including determining whether those changes occur in relation to management or are a result of random, natural events.

#### **6.4 Managing marine parks**

- Simon Clark (DEH) presented an overview of the hierarchy of creating management plans for marine parks, noting to the group where the MPLAG was to have input.
- Examples of other MPA zoning arrangements and marine park management plans were provided to the group.
- The objectives of the *Marine Parks Act 2007* were summarised and the implications for management planning noted.
- Simon introduced a document from the meeting pack *Identifying Management Strategies* and group members were requested use their communication networks to identify management issues within the marine park and return to DEH by 25 June 2010. Worksheets were provided in the meeting pack.
- DEH staff are also developing a package that will help stakeholders understand and apply the 14 design principles of marine parks into this process of zoning.
- Whole of Government policy commitments were listed, and policy summaries were also provided to the group in the meeting pack.
- The Chair enquired to the Executive Officer about an update on Draft Regulations on Activities and Uses within Marine Park Zones.
- Members requested that any new information – reports, scientific research papers, etc - that may inform their input into presenting management issues be provided to the group. This was discussed at length by the group as some members thought this may lead to 'information overloading'.

#### **7. Record of Meeting**

- Reviewed SAMPIT data provided and recognised that the maps:
  - 1) lack other stakeholder input (ie; commercial fisheries); and
  - 2) are predominantly made up of recreational fishers' information.
- Looked at Bays benthic habitat data in detail
- Viewed outline of management plan content
- Were made aware of the intricate processes and policies required to establish marine parks management plans and zonings
  - Issues and strategies will be identified via communication networks. Action proposed to workshop ideas – Angela Faulkner (DEH) to facilitate informal workshop in 2–3 weeks
- Appreciation of design principles in generating a thorough process

#### **8. Declaration of Financial Interests - nil**

**Meeting Closed at 9.20pm**

#### **Future Meeting Dates**

To be advised.

# Action Items as at 25 May 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1	DEH	Information to be provided to members - Definition of terminology in order of status eg rare and endangered species.	Carried Forward	next meeting
2	Christian Gerlach	Provide to Simon Clark (DEH) a map of 'hotspots' of energy/mineral use, both current and future sites		
2	DEH	Provide copies of SAMPIT maps for West Coast Bays MPAs to group members		
2	DEH	Supply examples of marine park management plan summaries and zoning arrangement maps from other parks to group members		
2	DEH	Contact ERDB to locate and distribute ERDB report by Econsearch in regards to displaced effort		
1	Chair	Formal request to the Elliston District Council to distribute media release to local business.	Carried Forward	next meeting
2	DEH	Provide full updated version of Draft Regulations on Activities and Uses Within Marine Protected Area Zones		
2	DEH	Distribute PDF of presentations to group members by email and hard copy, if requested	Done	
2	DEH	DEH staff to make available any new or updated information in regards to scientific research and reporting on the marine park areas; available at Streaky Bay DEH office		
2	DEH	Local staff to facilitate and support informal meeting of MPLAG to gather information in a 'brain-storming' session on management issues in MPAs	Done	