

WESTERN YORKE PENINSULA
MARINE PARK LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

The second Meeting of the Western Yorke Peninsula Marine Park Local Advisory Group (MPLAG) was held at 5pm on 26th May 2010 in the District Council of Yorke Peninsula Council Chambers, 57 Main Street, Minlaton.

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: Ian Janzow (Chairperson), Erika Lawley, Ian Hills, Peter Kaak, Joyce Yeomans, Malcolm Clifton, P J Ritter, David Mumford,

Proxies: Graham Ballantine for Marlene Botten

Supporting Staff: David Pearce (Executive Officer Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH)), Sheralee Cox (Senior Project Officer DEH), Ian Falkenburg (Acting Deputy Regional Conservator DEH) and Betty Nobes (Minute Secretary).

Gallery: Three people attended including James Shepherd, the local PIRSA Fisheries Officer.

1 Welcome

The chair opened the meeting, welcomed the members and discussed the objectives of the MPLAG second meeting which were to:

- Test information received via SAMPIT
- Begin development of management strategies
- Prepare for zoning scenario development

2 Apologies, correspondence and other business (including confirmation of Minutes previous meeting)

Apologies/Absent: Marlene Botten, Cherie Heyes, Luke Royans, Peter Hickman, Lynette Newchurch, Lindsay Sansbury.

Correspondence: SA Rock Lobster Advisory Council, SA Blue Crab Pot Fishers, Wildcatch Fisheries SA letters to the Chair were tabled for the members' information.

The minutes of meeting held on 10th February 2010 were moved for adoption by Joyce Yeomans, seconded David Mumford as an accurate record.

3 Action Items and Business Arising from the minutes

Action Items from meeting 10th February 2010

Meeting No.	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
1	All MPLAG Members	To talk with their community networks about SAMPIT and encourage the completion of SAMPIT maps by the end of March 2010	Resolved	26/05/10
1	All MPLAG Members	To read the Value Statement document for their park and consider changes and additions by the end of March 2010	Resolved	26/05/10
1	Ian Janzow	To work with the local papers to publicise SAMPIT to further promote community involvement in the process	Resolved	26/05/10
1	David Pearce	Will talk with DEH colleagues to ensure that any group SAMPIT submissions are weighted appropriately	Resolved	26/05/10
1	David Pearce	Will investigate and distribute any promotional material for SAMPIT to assist MPLAG members	Resolved	26/05/10

4 Community feedback

- Members reported that there still appears to be some resistance to marine parks in the community however much of it is caused by people who have not got the right information and do not understand the zoning process.
- With regard to the letters from commercial fishing associations it was noted that while some MPLAG members are in the industry they cannot comment on behalf of their whole industry and can only provide an individual opinion. It is important that the industry perspective is gained throughout the process, especially rock lobster and marine scale for these parks.

5 Sharing SAMPIT information

The SAMPIT data gathered from February until May 10 was displayed to MPLAG members and the gallery. Maps were put on the tables to capture comments from members.

Map 11: The group accepted the map as a reasonable reflection of fishing activity within the marine park, with a few small modifications written onto the maps.

Map 12: This map also captured the majority of the high use fishing areas, reasonably accurately. It was noted that heavy hits were recorded on the north shore line, while the Marion Bay area appeared to be under represented. The activity was in about the right areas and proportions it might have been scaled up a bit if there were more respondents.

6 Identifying local management issues

Sheralee Cox (DEH) gave a presentation explaining marine park management planning issues and gave out a document - *Developing Marine Park Management Plans – Identifying Management Strategies* - which contains worksheets for MPLAG members to complete. The worksheets are to record any local issues that need to be considered in the marine park management plan.

Once completed they should be returned to the reply paid address by 25 June.

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 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.

9 Ongoing communication

All MPLAG members are expected to give updates to their respective groups and Ian Janzow will communicate with the media.

10 Questions and comments from the gallery and other business.

- The process is starting to get interesting now and especially when we show the zones at the next meeting.
- How long will SAMPIT remain open for submissions? There has been no end date set, as different information can be gained from it as time goes on.
- There was a small amount of discussion about the correspondence received from the fishing industry, with regard to ensuring that industry associations are included in the planning process. If there are further comments they can be made at the next meeting when members have had a chance to fully read the letters. DEH will also draft a response to the letters for the members to read.

11 Record of meeting

A brief summary of key meeting points was displayed, discussed and agreed upon by the group. This will be posted on the marine parks website in the days following the meeting.

12 Next Meeting Date

It was agreed to keep the meeting at Minlaton due to its central location. While the next meeting is expected in late July/early August, a date was not set and will be advised as soon as possible.

Meeting Closed at 9pm

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Chair

Outstanding Action Items as at 26th May 2010

Meeting No	Responsibility	Action	Status	Date
2	<i>All MPLAG members</i>	To complete the Local Management Issues worksheets	Resolved	Return by 25 June 2010
2	<i>David Pearce</i>	To record all comments made onto the SAMPIT maps and ensure they are considered throughout the planning process.	Resolved	ASAP
2	<i>David Pearce</i>	To email an electronic copy of all Issues Worksheets with information on zoning definitions	Resolved	ASAP
2	<i>Ian Jansow</i>	To update the local media on MPLAG progress	Resolved	ASAP
2	<i>David Pearce</i>	To distribute a DEH response to the letters from the commercial fishing associations, to the MPLAG members.	Resolved	ASAP