

Meeting	Batemans Marine Park Advisory Committee (BMPAC)		
Meeting No	2020.3	Date	11 June 2020
Location	Via Zoom videoconference	Time	10:06 am
Invitees	<p>Batemans Marine Park Committee members</p> <p>Stephen Bunney, Philip Creagh, Norm Ingersole, Fiona McCuaig, Adam Martin, Daimon Martin, Wally Stewart, Jack Tait.</p> <p>Batemans Marine Park Advisory Committee alternate members</p> <p>Jo Dodds, Jane Elek, Nick Thorne, Harry Watson-Smith</p> <p>DPI Staff</p> <p>Sarah Fairfull – Director Aquatic Environment, Peter Gallagher - Program Leader Marine Operations (PLMO), Rodney James - Program Leader Marine Planning (PLMP), Nicole Strehling – Senior Manager Marine Planning (SMMP), Norm Lenehan - Manager Batemans Marine Park (MBMP), Matt Dasey - Marine Park Planning, Julie Cooney - Batemans Marine Park Admin.</p>		
Apologies	Ross Constable, Leanne Parsons, Georgia Poyner, Clr Pat McGinlay, Nick Yee		
Prepared by	DPI		

Previous meeting

Action:20.05 - SMMP to circulate the values document to seek committee feedback for further consideration and any final comment	Completed
Action:20.06 - Manager BMP to arrange research presentation when the Committee can next meet face to face, pending Covid-19 restrictions	In progress
Action:20.07 - Distribute contact details for Matt Dasey for members that wish to discuss the surveys	Completed
Action:20.08 – SMMP to distribute the values document along with a background	Completed

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document to BMPAC	
Action:20.09 - Committee members to advise MBMP if they give consent to the sharing of their contact details with other MP advisory committees and/or with BMPAC members.	Complete/In progress
Action:20.10 - MBMP to forward link to AMSA site with underwater footage of YM Efficiency clean-up	Complete

This meeting

Item	Issue	Action
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Apologies	
3.	Actions from previous meeting See actions table above	
4.	Adoption of previous minutes The Committee was asked to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting.	Motion: That the minutes of the 14 May 2020 meeting be accepted as a true and correct record: Moved: Fiona McCuaig Seconded: Adam Martin
5.	Business Arising – Recommendation of Chair The Committee was advised that the motion to appoint the Manager, Batemans Marine Park (BMP) as Chair was not endorsed by the Marine Estate Agency Steering Committee (MASC). MASC preference was for a Chair independent of the department and	Action: 20.11 - Manager BMP to invite nominations from standing and alternate members for the purpose of conducting an out of session ballot. Motion: To reinstate the call for nominations from standing and alternate members for the role of Chair. A CV and claim for the position of Chair

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	<p>asked for the Committee to consider alternative options. In the interim, Manager, BMP will continue as acting Chair. PLMO offered two options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint an independent Chair (recommended by the department, selected by members and requiring approval by the DG DPI) • Ask for nominations again from the standing members of this Committee <p>Another option raised was whether alternative members could nominate. The alternate member for Recreational Boating expressed an interest in nominating. Additionally, a suggestion was made that the role could be shared by appointing a Deputy Chair.</p>	<p>should be emailed to Manager, BMP by 17:00, 16/6/2020.</p> <p>Moved: Norm Ingersole</p> <p>Seconded: Adam Martin</p> <p>Carried by a majority vote of standing members.</p>
6.	<p>Opportunity for members to discuss threats, objectives and actions task</p> <p>All standing members were given an opportunity to comment on the document that was worked through and discussed at the last meeting. Senior Manager Marine Planning (SMMP) noted that some members have already provided written comment and may wish to speak to those comments today.</p> <p>All standing members then spoke to their particular areas of concerns and interests on a wide variety of topics.</p> <p>(SMMP) took notes of member's comments. Members were requested to finalise any written submissions within the next week. Members were reminded that Matt Dasey, Manager, Marine Planning, is available to assist members who would prefer to provide verbal feedback.</p>	<p>Action:20.12 - SMMP to recirculate comments made today via email after the meeting</p> <p>Action:20.13 -Members to finalise any written submissions within the next week.</p>

<p>7.</p>	<p>Developing a plan for community consultation</p> <p>Senior Manager Marine Planning (SMMP) distributed this document to members so that they could familiarise themselves with it prior to the meeting. This paper seeks advice on two key issues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider all the key stakeholders that you think are important to engage with around the draft marine park management plan. Also consider any issues, perspectives and needs these groups may have and advise on how that might be best supported (e.g. some groups may not be able to engage online). 2. Look at the list of options that may be used for community consultation. Some relate to raising awareness of the consultation process and others are options to seek feedback and input from the community. Please provide any thoughts around tools that you consider effective or essential versus tools that you don't think are worth proceeding with. Are there any other ideas that you may have for other tools that could be utilised? <p>Comments should be provided over the next week.</p> <p><u>Next steps</u></p> <p>Aim to meet in again in July and possibly September to continue to work through this process and further discuss the draft management plan process and how we translate the actions in the draft management plan into draft management rules.</p> <p>It was also noted that while there are many locally specific issues that require</p>	<p>Action:20.14 - Members to finalise any written comments within the next week.</p>
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	<p>very specific local solutions, there are also a number of issues that the mainland marine parks share that may benefit from a more coordinated response.</p>	
8.	<p>Cultural Fishing – Wagonga Inlet and Mummaga Lake</p> <p>The Committee listened to a recent ABC South east radio interview with Wally Stewart, Member for Aboriginal culture. Wally gave a brief overview of the progress of the Native Title claim for the Yuin people. Wally also gave the Committee some historical context to the recent issuing of a permit for cultural fishing activities and the positive impact fishing has on local Aboriginal people. He noted that the permit is not legally required due to Native Title but the process of applying for the permit helps local Aboriginal communities and DPI Fisheries to work together. Members asked Wally a range of questions about the permit, including feedback regarding attitudes from the wider community. Several members noted the positives that this initiative will have on the community.</p>	
9.	<p>Other business</p> <p>Presentation by S Bunney - s37 permit allowing the commercial removal <i>Centrostephanus rodgersii</i> in sanctuary zones.</p> <p>Stephen advised that he had been contacted by a local commercial fisher who has a s. 37 permit to commercially harvest Long Spined Purple Sea Urchin (<i>Centrostephanus rodgersii</i>) in the Burrewarra Sanctuary Zone. He wanted the Committee to be aware that the permit holder would like to expand into</p>	

	<p>other no take zones within the park.</p> <p>It was noted that there is a lot of misconceptions around urchin removal/extraction and that the context of location is important. Stephen suggested that in terms of current commercial activity within the park, the potential impact is very low and there are benefits however high value areas need to be monitored.</p> <p>Stephen recommended that creating a proper forum to discuss these issues would be a sensible approach. Other members supported this idea.</p> <p>There was discussion on the profitability of the Purple Urchin fishery compared to the Red Urchin fishery. Program Leader Marine Operations noted that Red Urchin is more desirable and preferentially targeted whereas the Purple Urchin fishery is growing and evolving economically. It was noted that there is some concern about the impact of the fishery on Red Urchins and that this was reflected in the risk level that was attributed to the Sea Urchin and Turban Shell (SUTS) fishery in the marine estate Threat and Risk Assessment (TARA). There are a series of SUTS closures off the NSW coast which act as reference areas and also provide Red Urchin refuge areas.</p> <p>Program Leader Marine Operations also provided Committee members with background around the issuing of the s. 37 permit in Burrewarra point and the conditions and restrictions placed on the permittee.</p> <p>Director Aquatic Environment indicated that the Department can assist with a proposal for a forum and invited any</p>	
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	<p>representatives to contact herself or MBMP to progress the matter.</p> <p>Communication between members</p> <p>Manager BMP as A/Chair advised the Committee that they need to agree on how they would like to communicate between sessions including receiving emails from other members. He noted DPI staff do not need to be copied in on these out-of-session emails unless you are contacting the MPM as A/Chair to discuss agenda items or broader marine park issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He noted that business is conducted at the meetings and if agenda items/issues need to be raised – they are directed to him as A/Chair to include in the agenda for the next meeting. • He noted that DPI will not be moderating any out-of-session communications between members via email or other means. <p>He noted there is no need for individual members to email other members to inform the Committee of a personal view on an issue or how you intend to vote on a matter before the Committee in advance of a meeting. Any grievances can be directed to the A/Chair and not shared with the Committee. Serious grievances will be directed through the established resolution pathways outlined in the Handbook and if necessary, referred to the Director General DPI for resolution. Sharing of material for agenda items or discussion should be done</p>	
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	<p>through the A/Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues and views shared by Committee members should be provided respectfully and focus on the issue.• The A/Chair noted the Code of Conduct is a key guide for expectations on member behaviour and respectful communications.	
9.	Meeting Closed – 12:36 pm	

Next meeting

TBA – Second half of July