



Minutes

Meeting	Batemans Marine Park Advisory Committee (BMPAC)		
Meeting No	2020.05	Date	9 December 2020
Location	Via zoom conference	Time	10:05 am – 1:16 pm
Invitees	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Stephen Bunney, Mr.2. Ross Constable, Mr3. Philip Creagh, Dr4. Norm Ingersole, Mr5. Fiona McCuaig, Ms6. Adam Martin, Mr7. Daimon Martin, Mr8. Pat McGinlay, Clr, Eurobodalla Shire Council9. Harry Watson-Smith, Mr10. Sarah Fairfull – Director Aboriginal Fishing and Marine and Coastal Environments11. Heath Folpp– Research Leader, Marine Ecosystems12. Rodney James - Program Leader Marine Planning (PLMP)13. Nicole Strehling – Senior Manager Marine Planning (SMMP)14. Norm Lenehan - Manager Batemans Marine Park (MBMP)15. Julie Cooney - Batemans Marine Park Admin		
Apologies	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Wally Stewart2. Jo Dodds3. Georgia Poyner, Ms4. Nick Yee, Dr		
Prepared by	DPI		

Previous meeting

Action	Status
ACTION: 20.15. MBMP will forward a call for nominations by standing members only with nominations to be submitted by COB 11/8/2020. MBMP will then forward names of nominees for an out of session ballot.	Completed – to be addressed in today’s agenda item 5.
ACTION: 20.16 DPI to raise the issue of an economic report and economic impact statement with the Marine Estate Agency Steering Committee (MASC)	Deferred to new Chair
ACTION: 20.17. Draft engagement plan to be circulated to members. Members to provide comment by 19 August 2020.	Completed
ACTION: 20.18. MBMP to send out a copy of Fiona’s presentation to members	Completed
ACTION: 20:19. Input on the discussion paper should be submitted to MBMP for collation by 27 August 2020	Completed
ACTION: 20.20. A flow chart be prepared for distribution to members showing the relationship between DPI and the Marine Estate Management Authority (MEMA)	Completed - Director AFM&CE briefed the Committee and a copy of the MEMA governance chart was emailed to members.

This meeting

Item	Issue	Action
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Apologies	

	Apologies were received from J. Dodds, G. Poyner, W. Stewart, N. Yee and J. Tait	
3.	Actions from previous meeting See actions table above.	
4.	Adoption of minutes from meeting four The Committee was asked to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr Watson Smith requested the removal of the word 'narrow' from agenda item 5 (paragraph 2) and the third dot point in item 5.	Motion: To remove the word 'narrow' from agenda item 5 (paragraph 2) and the third dot point in agenda item 5. Moved: A Martin Seconded: S. Bunney
5.	Agenda Item 5a - Update on Chair – BMPAC An out of session ballot was conducted, 12 sitting members voted. The ballot was drawn. The acting Chair indicated that the best way to move forward would be to conduct another vote. At this point, Norm Ingersole indicated that he would withdraw his nomination.	Motion: That the committee accept Fiona McCuaig as Chair given Norm Ingersole has withdrawn his application. Moved: S Bunney Seconded: R. Constable The motion was unanimously carried. Action - MBMP to do a briefing note to MASC advising them of the committee's recommendation.
5b.	Update on composition of committee MBMP updated the committee on changes to committee membership and indicated that DPI will be seeking to fill any vacant roles. Committee reminded of protocol relating to speaking to media outlined in the Marine Park Advisory Committee Handbook.	

<p>6a.</p>	<p>Agenda Item 6a - Update on changes to DPI Fisheries divisional structures and implications DAFMCE gave a power point presentation on the changes to divisional structures.</p>	
<p>6b.</p>	<p>Agenda Item 6b - Update on draft management plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A/Senior Manager Marine Planning provided an update on development of the draft marine park management plan. • Since the last meeting in August, DPI Fisheries has worked hard to incorporate the valuable advice received from the five marine park advisory committees, nine government agencies and all branches of DPI Fisheries into a preliminary draft marine park management plan. • The draft is currently subject to internal review to ensure it is the best possible initial product for further consideration. • DPI Fisheries appreciates the committee’s patience as the draft plan has been developed and hopes to share the preliminary draft with the committee as soon as possible so that it can continue to be enhanced with their feedback and advice into a draft for the approval of the Marine Estate Management Authority and the Ministers. • Once approved as a draft, the draft plan will be subject to a minimum of two months community consultation. DPI Fisheries will appreciate the additional feedback and advice from the committee throughout that time 	

	to enhance the draft into a final plan for the approval of the Ministers.	
7a.	<p>Research update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A/Senior Manager Marine Planning introduced the research presentation. • As DPI Fisheries worked through the marine park planning process this year with the marine park advisory committees, the science around three specific issues has been a particular concern for the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sanctuary zones ○ Grey nurse Sharks ○ Sea Urchins (particularly for Batemans and Jervis Bay) • A/Research Leader (Marine Ecosystems) provided a summary of NSW research findings across the mainland marine park network for each of the three key topics to support a common understanding. Key knowledge gaps were discussed. • The DPI Fisheries focus is on continually improving the research, knowledge and evidence base into the future. • Marine park advisory committees and agencies have identified the need for a research prospectus that identifies priorities for future research in marine parks. • DPI Fisheries has also identified a need to improve communication of research to the community in future and invited the committee's advice on how DPI Fisheries may do so. • The members were also invited to consider possible future research presentations on issues of interest to the committee. 	<p>Action – DPI Fisheries to circulate a summary of NSW research around each of the three issues to committee members and invite feedback on how these findings could be effectively communicated to the community.</p>

7b.	<p>Harvest strategy update</p> <p>DAFMCE provided an introduction to fishery harvest strategies in NSW.</p> <p>The committee was invited to view information at https://www.marine.nsw.gov.au/strategy-implementation/ensuring-sustainable-fishing-and-aquaculture/harvest-strategies.</p> <p>Members were invited to review the draft NSW Fisheries Harvest Strategy Policy and Guidelines and provide comment by 22 January 2021.</p>	
8.	<p>Other business</p> <p>Conservation representative and Chair elect, F. McCuaig gave a presentation related to opening 6 sanctuary zones (SZ) for recreational fishing. Matters addressed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern about the process used to implement an amnesty approach including the degree and scope of consultation • Expressed there is strong community support for SZ demonstrated by local paddle out protest attended by 300-400 people from diverse backgrounds that included fishers • Questioned lack of economic analysis and research to support amnesty • Presented a case to reinstate the six SZ prior to the holiday season. <p>P. McGinlay noted that if it is going to be discussed at the next meeting, it should state that it is in background to a motion.</p>	<p>Motion: Determine by an out of session vote for the committee to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Express to the Minister dissatisfaction with the process that led to the declaration in December 2019 of an amnesty that allows recreational fishing in 6 SZ's within BMP. 2. Request the Ministers for Agriculture and Western NSW and Energy and Environment to remove the amnesty this month and fold consideration of these proposals into the general review of the BMP management plan that is underway. <p>Moved: F. McCuaig Seconded: P. McGinlay Deferred</p> <p>Motion: Distribute presentation to committee as a briefing paper for in-depth discussion at our next meeting. Moved: P. Creagh Seconded: A. Martin Carried</p>

		<p>Action - Distribute presentation to committee as a briefing paper.</p> <p>Meeting closed 13:16</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>MBMP conveyed a request from two committee members to hold meetings outside of work hours.</p> <p>Time of 6 – 8 pm was proposed.</p> <p>No objections noted.</p>	

Next meeting

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