

Meeting	Batemans Marine Park Advisory Committee (BMPAC)		
Meeting No	20.04	Date	5 August 2020
Location	via video conference	Time	10:06 am – 11:48 am
Invitees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Norm Lenehan, A/Manager, BMP</li> <li>2. Stephen Bunney, Mr.</li> <li>3. Ross Constable, Mr</li> <li>4. Philip Creagh, Dr</li> <li>5. Jo Dodds, Ms</li> <li>6. Jane Elek, Dr</li> <li>7. Norm Ingersole, Mr</li> <li>8. Fiona McCuaig, Ms</li> <li>9. Adam Martin, Mr</li> <li>10. Nick Thorne, Mr</li> <li>11. Harry Watson-Smith, Mr</li> <li>12. Nick Yee, Dr</li> <li>13. Sarah Fairfull – Director Aquatic Environment</li> <li>14. Peter Gallagher - Program Leader Marine Ops (PLMO)</li> <li>15. Rodney James - Program Leader Marine Planning (PLMP)</li> <li>16. Nicole Strehling – A/Senior Manager Marine Planning (SMMP)</li> <li>17. Norm Lenehan - Manager Batemans Marine Park (MBMP)</li> <li>18. Julie Cooney - Batemans Marine Park Admin.</li> </ol>		
Apologies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Daimon Martin, Mr</li> <li>2. Pat McGinlay, Clr, Eurobodalla Shire Council</li> <li>3. Leanne Parsons, CEO, Cobowra Aboriginal Land Council</li> <li>4. Georgia Poyner, Ms</li> <li>5. Jack Tait, Clr, Eurobodalla Shire Council</li> <li>6. Matt Dasey, Marine Park Planning</li> </ol>		
Prepared by	DPI		

**Previous meeting**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
20.11 - Manager BMP to invite nominations from standing and alternate members.	Completed
20.12 - SMMP to recirculate comments made today via email after the meeting	Completed
20.13 - Members to finalise any written submissions within the next week (threats, objectives and actions task)	Completed
20.14 - Members to finalise any written comments within the next week – (Developing a community consultation plan)	Completed

**This meeting**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	<b>Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country</b>	
2.	<b>Agenda Item 2 – Apologies</b> Apologies were received from D. Martin, Clr P McGinlay, L. Parsons, G. Poyner, J. Tait, M. Dasey - Marine Park Planning	
3.	<b>Agenda Item 3 – Actions from previous meeting</b> See actions table above.	
4.	<b>Agenda Item 4 – Adoption of previous minutes</b> The Committee was asked to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. <b>MOTION:</b>	

	<p>That the minutes of the 11 June 2020 meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> N. Ingersole</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> F. McCuaig</p>	
5.	<p><b>Agenda Item 5 – Update on Chair BMPAC</b></p> <p>At meeting 20.03, the committee moved a motion to initiate a call for nominations for Chair from both standing and alternate members. It was noted at that time that appointing an alternate member as Chair was outside the scope of the Marine Park Advisory Committee Handbook (Handbook), but it was agreed to take the recommendation to the Marine Estate Steering Committee (MASC) in order to resolve the difficulty in appointing a Chair.</p> <p>Two nominations were received, one from a standing member and one from an alternate member. An out of session (OOS) vote subsequently occurred and the alternate member received a majority of votes. The committee’s recommendation was referred to MASC for consideration at their meeting of 16 July 2020. MASC did not support the appointment of an alternate member and noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointing an alternate member was outside the scope of the Handbook</li> <li>• A preference to make appointments in accordance with the approved and published Handbook</li> <li>• A standing member had nominated and had received 5 votes (not a majority) but should the committee</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION:20.15.</b> Manager BMP, will forward a call for nominations by standing members only with nominations to be submitted by COB 11/8/2020. Manager BMP will then forward out names of nominees for an OOS ballot.</p>

	<p>choose to appoint this person, the appointment would be supported.</p> <p>After some discussion of options a motion was put forward</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Following the advice of MASC, by a show of hands members vote to accept N. Ingersole as Chair.</p> <p>Moved: P. Creagh</p> <p>Seconded: A. Martin</p> <p>For: 3 Against: 6</p> <p><b>MOTION NOT CARRIED (9 members present)</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Manager BMP to call for nominations from standing members only with an OOS vote by standing members to appoint a Chair.</p> <p>Moved: F. McCuaig</p> <p>Seconded: S. Bunney</p> <p>For: 6 Against: 3</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Agenda Item 6a and b – Update on status of draft Management Plan.</b></p> <p>SMMP gave an update on the status of the draft Management Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked members for the significant information and advice they have provided on threats, objectives and actions.</li> <li>• Nine government agencies have also provided comment on values and threats.</li> <li>• Now working hard to analyse committee and agency comment and incorporate it into a draft management plan.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION: 20.16</b> DPI to raise the issue of an economic report and economic impact statement with MASC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hope to have that draft management plan to the committee for review as soon as possible.</li> <li>• There are many issues coming through as common across the five marine parks, but there are also many unique local issues.</li> <li>• To support a consistent approach across the marine park network where appropriate but also a locally-specific approach where that is appropriate, common issues will be addressed in a single draft network management plan for the five mainland marine parks. Unique issues will be addressed in separate park sections. The committee’s feedback on that approach will be appreciated when the draft is available.</li> <li>• After the committee has had the opportunity to review the draft, it will be submitted to the Ministers for consideration as a draft for community consultation.</li> </ul> <p>Once the draft has been submitted to the Ministers, the committee’s advice will be sought on applying the regulatory actions from the plan in new management rules including zoning. There was discussion around whether adequate resources will be available to meet the requirements of the proposed plan. SMMP indicated that it is a 10-year management plan and that resourcing will be important to implement the plan and to address requirements that may change throughout the life of the plan. Many of the actions are a shared responsibility and will involve other agencies. This issue of resourcing will be further discussed once the draft plan is available to discuss.</p>	
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	<p>A member also raised the economic report produced by Powell &amp; Chambers that was referred to in 2006 when the Batemans Marine Park (BMP) was being established and suggested that a follow-up report be prepared and an economic impact statement be developed as part of a regulatory impact statement.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That the advisory committee request the Marine Estate Agency Steering Committee (MASC) obtain a report on the economic impact of the BMP since March 2006 and that once the draft management plan is approved and the regulatory impact statement based on that draft management plan has been developed, a second economic report be obtained based on the regulations that are produced in the draft management plan.</p> <p>Moved: P. Creagh</p> <p>Seconded: H. Watson - Smith</p> <p>For: 7</p> <p>Against: 2</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p> <p>A member asked about the status of the 6 sanctuary zones in which an amnesty had been declared and asked when public consultation would occur. Director, Aquatic Environment, responded that the committee would be advised when the draft regulation was released for public consultation.</p> <p>The member felt that this matter is an integral part of managing the park and that it was difficult to see how those zones could be dealt with outside of the draft management plan process.</p>	
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7.	<p><b>Agenda Item 7 – Draft community engagement plan</b></p> <p>SMMP discussed the draft community engagement plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked members for advice on community engagement tools and local stakeholders in response to the paper tabled at the June meeting.</li> <li>• That comment has now been incorporated into a draft engagement plan.</li> <li>• The committee’s advice on the draft engagement plan would be appreciated.</li> <li>• Hope to commence a minimum of two months community consultation on the draft management plan before the end of 2020.</li> <li>• Nine government agencies with an interest in marine park management and members of the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel are also currently reviewing this draft engagement plan.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION: 20.17.</b> Draft engagement plan to be circulated to members. Members to provide comment by 19 August 2020.</p>
8a	<p><b>Agenda Item 8– Other Business</b></p> <p>A. Role of marine sanctuaries in ensuring fish for the future</p> <p>Member F. McCuaig gave a presentation on the “Role of marine sanctuaries in ensuring fish for the future”. Discussion with members followed. Members asked to be sent a copy of the presentation.</p>	<p><b>ACTION:20.18.</b> Manager BMP to send out a copy of the presentation to members</p>
8b	<p>B. Marine Estate Management Act review</p> <p>PLMP addressed the committee regarding the review of the <i>Marine Estate Management Act 2014</i>.</p>	<p><b>ACTION: 20:19.</b> Input on the discussion paper should be submitted to Manager BMP for collation by 27 August 2020</p> <p><b>ACTION: 20.20.</b> A flow chart be prepared for distribution to members</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checked with Advisory Committee members that they received an email and 2-page discussion paper from the Marine Park Manager inviting the Committee to provide input to the statutory review of the <i>Marine Estate Management Act 2014</i> by close of business of 28 August 2020.</li> <li>• Described requirements for the Act review as set out in section 84 of the Act.</li> <li>• Provided brief background on the Act and the marine estate and marine park programs that it delivers.</li> <li>• Outlined that peak stakeholder groups, including the six marine park advisory committees, that would be most familiar with the Act have been contacted to provide input.</li> <li>• Noted that the discussion paper requested that the Committee provide details of any issues raised with the Act, reasons for those views and suggested solutions.</li> <li>• Noted that the Act review discussion paper was not for further distribution, but this did not preclude members discussing the Act with their colleagues.</li> </ul> <p>The presentation was followed by discussion and PLMP responded to questions relating to the process, groups consulted, whether documents could be shared, and a request for clarification on the relationship between DPI and MEMA.</p>	<p>showing the relationship between DPI and MEMA</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Agenda Item 9 – Close</b></p> <p>Meeting was closed at 11.48 am</p>	

**Next meeting**

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