

Meeting	Cape Byron Marine Park Advisory Committee - CBMPAC		
Meeting No	Meeting # 6	Date	4 March 2021
Location	Arakwal Depot Meeting Room, Zoom Video Conference & Phone	Time	10.00 – 12.00 noon
Invitees	<p><u>CBMPAC Members</u></p> <p>Theresa Nicholls, Serge Killingbeck, Daniel Bucher, Bill Silvester, John Gallagher, Alice Livingston, Basil Cameron, Keith Williams, Peter Watts</p> <p><u>CBMPAC Alternate Members</u></p> <p>Cate Coorey</p> <p><u>DPI Staff</u></p> <p>Sarah Fairfull – Director Aboriginal Fishing & Marine & Coastal Environments (DAFMCE), Peter Gallagher – Program Leader, Marine Operations (PLMO) Rodney James - Program Leader Marine Planning (PLMP), Nicole Strehling – ex Acting Senior Manager Marine Planning (A/SMMP), Mim Knollys – Manager Marine Planning (MMP), Andrew Page - Manager Cape Byron Marine Park (MCBMP), Karen Ellis – Admin Assistant Cape Byron Marine Park</p>		
Apologies	Theresa Nicholls, Cate Coorey, Peter Watts		
Prepared by	DPI		

Previous meeting

Action	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20.14: DPI Fisheries Research Leader (Marine Ecosystems) will provide answers to all questions taken on notice during the meeting. 	Completed and provided to members prior to meeting

This meeting

Item	Issue	Action
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgement of Country
2.	Apologies: Theresa Nicholls, Cate Coorey, Peter Watts	
3.	Actions from Meeting 5	Actions from meeting 5 were

		completed as indicated above.
4.	<p>Adoption of Minutes from Meeting 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments were received relating to the adoption of minutes from meeting 4. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Silvester moved that the draft minutes be accepted as a true record of the last meeting of the CBMPAC on 15 December 2020. The motion was seconded by John Gallagher.
5.	<p>Presentation on Preliminary Draft Management Plan</p> <p>The previous A/Senior Manager Marine Planning (A/SMMP) briefed the committee on the preliminary draft marine park management plan. The preliminary draft plan reflects the new approach mapped out in section 48 of the <i>Marine Estate Management Act 2014</i>. It is a first attempt at collating all of the advice and evidence received from the five mainland marine park advisory committees and ten government agencies in 2020 into a preliminary draft plan. The preliminary draft plan is a strictly confidential working document for the consideration of marine park advisory committees. DPI Fisheries is seeking further advice and evidence from the five mainland marine park advisory committees to continue to build and enhance the preliminary draft into a final draft for the consideration of the Marine Estate Management Authority, the Ministers, and the broader community. A future workshop will be scheduled for the committee to ask any questions and discuss the preliminary draft plan in detail. Once a final draft plan is prepared, it will be subject to a minimum of two months community consultation.</p> <p>The following points were raised/clarified in discussions on the preliminary draft plan —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft plan has been created using advice and evidence from 5 marine park advisory committees and 10 government agencies. CBMPAC members may wish to provide comments on the network plan as a whole or concentrate on providing comment on local threats/actions and may wish to provide comments individually as well as a combined committee response. In response to a query from Basil Cameron, members were advised that even if respondents didn't have detailed knowledge of the scientific areas of the document, all comments were valuable and would be considered. The Chair and A/SMMP discussed the need to be clear about what is scientifically known and not known. It was clarified that the precautionary principle still stands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action 21.1: Marine Park Manager (MPM) to circulate the preliminary draft marine park management plan to the Committee for review and comment. Action 21.2: MPM to schedule a dedicated workshop for Committee members to discuss the preliminary draft plan in detail.

	<p>when no scientific evidence is available, but it was also acknowledged that it is important to compliment this principle with knowledge in the long term, an effort must be made to fill knowledge gaps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLMO mentioned that formal consultation with Native Title Services Corporation and Native Title Holders (where determined) will be commencing soon in accordance with the 'future acts' requirements of the Commonwealth <i>Native Title Act 1993</i>. A future act is a proposal (such as the preliminary draft management plan) that may affect the exercise and enjoyment of Native Title rights and interests. Securing the agreement of Native Title holders is important, and a consent determination confirming the existence of Native Title rights and interests of the Arakwal People has been made in waters of Cape Byron Marine Park. • The Manager Marine Planning (MMP) spoke about the form which committee members will use to add their comments, edits, or recommendations on the preliminary draft plan. This online submission form will streamline the process of receiving and capturing member's advice and comments. • The MMP also indicated that she can be contacted if there any technical issues with completing the form and is happy to accept a verbal over the phone submission if members are unable to complete the online submission. 	
6.	<p>Research summaries and QoN from Meeting 5</p> <p>The previous A/SMMP invited the Committee to discuss or provide any feedback on the research presentations at the December 2020 meeting and on the research summaries and questions on notice (QoN) distributed to summarise research findings across the marine park network regarding Sanctuary Zones, Greynurse Sharks (GNS) and Sea Urchins. Feedback on this information or opportunities to communicate it to the broader community is welcome at any time.</p> <p>Committee members provided the following comments and feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a question as to whether populations of GNS had reached sustainable levels the previous A/SMMP drew everyone's attention to the to research summaries provided to members that indicated that estimates or the eastern Australian GNS population made in 2009 and 2017 were around 2,000 individuals and it has been estimated that 5,000 adults may 	

	constitute a viable population of eastern Australian GNS.	
7.	<p>Call for nominations to fill vacant positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Program Leader Marine Operations (PLMO) indicated that the Cape Byron and Lord Howe Island marine park advisory committees are structured slightly differently to other marine park advisory committees due to these committees being formed before the Marine Park Advisory Committee Handbook was revised in 2019 and the structure of committees changed. The principle structural change to committees has been the addition of two additional positions for members with skills and expertise in recreational boating and maritime industry (where present) and the conversion of the position for a member with skill and expertise in scuba diving, to a position for a member with skill and expertise in recreational water use (other than expertise areas already listed). The PLMO indicated that there would be no change to the existing nine members of the CBMPAC. Members discussed the addition of new members joining during the current term of the committee and it was considered that due to the importance of scuba diving in CBMP, that the member with skill and expertise in recreational water use could very well be someone with skill and expertise in scuba diving. A request for nominations for the three new positions and alternate members on the CBMPAC will be advertised publicly as part of the call for nominations for members and alternate members for all marine park advisory committees in the next few weeks. The Chair mentioned that there is very little maritime industry within CBMP and consequently such a representative may not be relevant to CBMPAC. PLMO said he would contact Transport for NSW for advice regarding maritime industry in the area but considered that it would be best to see if any nominations for the position were received. The Chair also mentioned that it might be a good idea to find an alternate member with skills and expertise in marine science as he was unsure if he would be able to remain on the Committee into the future. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action 21.3 Committee members will be advised of proposed advertisement dates when finalised

8.	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLMP thanked the CBMPAC for their submission on the Statutory Review of the <i>Marine Estate Management Act 2014</i> and indicated that the report from the review that had gone to government indicates that the Act is working as intended and does not recommend any changes. 	
	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Basil Cameron indicated that Council meets on Thursdays and consequently neither he nor Cate Coorey can generally attend meeting of the CBMPAC on Thursdays.</p>	
9.	<p>Close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting closed at 12.05 	

Next meeting date

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