

Meeting	Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park Advisory Committee		
Meeting No	2020. 3	Date	11 June 2020
Location	Via video conference platform	Time	4-6 pm
Invitees	<p><u>Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park Advisory Committee Members</u></p> <p>Lorraine Lilley, John Nell, Iain Watt, Chris Fulton, James McArthur, Paul Lennon, Allan Freihaut, Margo Smith, Marisha Ewart and Greg Finn</p> <p><u>Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park Advisory Committee Alternative Members</u></p> <p>Kathleen Cheers, Chris Taylor, Daniel Aldrich, Jamie Culver and Frank Future</p> <p><u>DPI Staff</u></p> <p>Sarah Fairfull – Director Aquatic Environment, Peter Gallagher – Program Leader Marine Operations, Nicole Strehling – A/Senior Manager Marine Planning, Luke Erskine – Marine Park Manager, Matt Dasey – Marine Park Planning, Sally Hopkins – PSGLMP Admin Officer, Regan Lilley – Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Richard McEvelly – Marine Ranger</p>		
Apologies	Karen Hutchinson, Robert Bailey, Robert Gauta, Matthew Burgoyne, Rodney James		
Prepared by	DPI		

Previous meeting

Action	Status
20.07 – Values document circulated 21/05/2020	Complete
20.08 – Threat, Objective and Action document for review and comment circulated 22/05/2020	Complete
20.09 – Advisory Committee members consent to share contact details with DPI and other members	Complete

This meeting

Item	Issue	Action
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Apologies Karen Hutchinson, Robert Bailey, Robert Gauta, Matthew Burgoyne, Rodney James	
3	Actions arising from Meeting #2	
4	Adoption of Minutes	Motion: That the minutes of the 13 May 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record: Moved: Frank Future Seconded: Chris Taylor Carried unanimously.
5	Opportunity for members to discuss threat, objective and action task A/Senior Manager Marine Planning (A/SMMP) drew the committee's attention to the threat, objective and action paper that was discussed at the May meeting and circulated over two weeks ago. Some members had already provided written comment. The discussion was opened for members to ask any questions, discuss and share thoughts on threats, possible objectives, and actions. All comments were noted for circulation and further feedback. All members were asked to finalise any written comments over the next week. The opportunity to talk through the task and provide feedback verbally with the Manager Marine Planning is also still available.	Action 20.10 - A/SMMP to circulate comments from the committee made during the meeting on the threat, objective and action paper for the committee's further consideration. Action 20.11 - MPAC members to finalise and submit any further comments on threats, objectives and actions over the next week.

	<p>The committee members made comments on threats, objectives and actions, which included:</p> <p>Erosion issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion problems due to rising sea levels • Accelerated by boat wash <p>Tourists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Massive influx of tourists coming • Place will be full of people now until Christmas • Little Beach boat ramp is currently at capacity with no room for expansion. <p>Myall Lakes and Smiths Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smiths Lake is looked after by Estuary Committee (they want sanctuary and habitat protection zones removed) • DPI should provide a speaker for the next estuary management meeting <p>Stormwater runoff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfiltered stormwater runoff is doing damage to the habitat and fish species of Port Stephens. • Education – people need to make a connection with what they are putting down the drain to what they are seeing out in the water. • Management plan will identify high priority community values. <p>Sanctuary zones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical from a biological view • Irrelevant under good fisheries management 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too small to make a difference <p>Recreational fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reported death of turtles from entanglement in recreational fishing gear since 2015 • Should be removed from values, threats and actions. <p>Port Stephens is a major tourism destination and is it being policed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational fishing is hard to monitor • Native wildlife being tangled in fishing lines • Need greater community understanding of reason for Sanctuary Zones instead of a large compliance enforcement team • Recognition that tourism has an environmental impact but brings economic value. 	
6	<p>Developing a plan for community consultation</p> <p>A/Senior Manager Marine Planning drew the committee’s attention to the draft community engagement plan circulated one week ago with the meeting agenda. Some members had already provided written comment. The committee was asked to review the plan and provide feedback on key stakeholders for engagement and recommended engagement techniques.</p> <p>The A/Senior Manager Marine Planning also discussed next steps for the process. At this stage, DPI plans to meet with the committee again in possibly July and September to continue to work through</p>	<p>Action 20.12 - MPAC members to finalise and submit any comments on the draft community engagement plan over the next week and a half.</p>

	<p>the draft management plan process. Once the draft management plan has been prepared, DPI will then support the MPAC to consider how those actions may be applied in draft management rules, including zoning.</p> <p>Work across the five mainland marine parks is indicating that there are many common issues that may benefit from consistency, but also unique local issues that need a specific local response. There may be value in having a single network approach that addresses the common issues consistently, but still provides the opportunity to also address specific local issues and needs.</p>	
7	<p>Other business and next meeting date</p> <p>Member raised if a face-to-face meeting is possible, noting the committee had agreed to nominate a Chair at such a meeting. DPI advised they would confirm the arrangements for the next meeting.</p>	
8	Close	

Next meeting

6/08/2020