



Department of Primary Industries

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Minutes

Meeting	Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park Advisory Committee		
Meeting No	2020.2	Date	13 May 2020
Location	via video conference platform	Time	4-6pm
Invitees	<p><u>Port Stephens – Great Lakes Advisory Committee Members</u> Lorraine Lilley, Robert Gauta, John Nell, Iain Watt, Chris Fulton, James McArthur, Paul Lennon, Allan Freihaut, Margo Smith, Marisha Ewart Greg Finn and Matthew Burgoyne</p> <p><u>Port Stephens – Great Lakes Advisory Committee Alternative Members</u> Kathleen Cheers, Chris Taylor, Daniel Aldrich, Jamie Culver and Frank Future</p> <p><u>DPI Staff</u> Sarah Fairfull – Director Aquatic Environment, Peter Gallagher – Program Leader Marine Operations, Rodney James - Program Leader Marine Planning, 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 McEvilly – Marine Ranger</p>		
Apologies	Karen Hutchinson, Robert Bailey		
Prepared by	DPI		

Previous meeting

Action	Status
20.01 - Summary of NSW rules regarding cultural resource use distributed to PSGLMPAC with Minutes.	Completed
20.02 - The vote for nominations to be distributed before the first face-to-face meeting. Three nominations received for Chair position	Pending
20.03 - DAE presentation notes distributed to PSGLMPAC with Minutes.	Completed

<p>20.04 - Pilot Program Reports distributed on 17 April 2020 to PSGLMPAC (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p>20.05 - Published papers distributed to PSGLMPAC with the Minutes.</p> <p>20.06 - Values document along with a background document distributed on 17 April to PSGLMPAC (Agenda Items 5 & 6).</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>
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This meeting

Item	Issue	Action
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	<p>Actions arising from Meeting one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See previous actions table above 	
3.	Adoptions of Minutes	<p>Motion:</p> <p>That the minutes of the 16 April 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record:</p> <p>Moved: Margo Smith</p> <p>Seconded: John Nell</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>
4.	<p>Pilot Program – Overview of Elton, Juntos and BMT reports</p> <p>Manager Marine Planning (MMP) spoke to the committee regarding reports on pilot work at Batemans Marine Park and Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park, including by Elton Consulting (2018), Feary and Donaldson (2018) and Juntos Marketing (2019).</p> <p>The Community and Visitor Survey done by Juntos Marketing was outlined in more detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juntos report (survey) was done 	

	<p>on the recommendation of the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel (MEEKP) to build on the values and threats that had been derived to date from targeted stakeholder consultation, work with advisory committees and with the broader community and visitors. It has been published on the Marine Estate website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face to face surveys were conducted in October and late Nov/early Dec. 2019 across the Batemans Marine Park region and included a range of age groups, genders and both locals and visitors in a number of locations. Approx. 300 surveys were completed. • The survey looked at people's views/perceptions and how they varied across different age groups and summarised the different perceptions. • MMP summarised some of the key findings in relation to perceptions of values and threats. • The survey comprises only one of the inputs for the work the committee is involved with. • The results of the survey can be utilised to identify which values the community and visitors consider important. The committee (and planning group) can then identify what values they think should be conserved, and how that might be accomplished in developing the new management plan. 	
5.	<p>Summary of feedback on marine park values task</p> <p>A/Senior Manager Marine Planning (SMMP) thanked the committee for reviewing and providing comment on the values document.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This task is consistent with the first step in the management planning process outlined in section 48 of the Act – ‘State the environmental, economic and social values to be conserved by the marine park’. The document does not attempt to suggest that certain values have been created by the marine park or are unique to the marine park. Rather, it attempts to identify values within the marine park area so that opportunities to conserve and enhance those values can be explored. The values are not listed in any particular order. Comments are anonymous and have been made by a variety of committee members across many areas. SMMP noted that some committee comments had moved past discussing values to exploring possible threats and management actions. These comments are relevant to the next steps in the management planning process outlined in section 48. 	
6.	<p>Opportunity for members to discuss values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed values within the Port Stephens – Great Lakes marine park area and provided additional feedback on the values document. Written and verbal feedback from the committee will be summarised and circulated to the committee for review and any further comment. Comments regarding possible threats and management actions will be noted separately below the values and will also be incorporated into the next stage of 	<p>ACTION: 20.07 SMMP to circulate the values document with committee feedback for further consideration and any final comment.</p>

	<p>the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed existing comments and shared their thoughts on the values document. A range of comments were made regarding: • Commercial Fishing Industry – the Co-op's depots: Bungwahl, Tea Gardens, Nelson Bay, Swansea, Tacoma (105 commercial fishers). 50% local sales, that is 50% of all the fish caught amongst those 5 depots. 9 to 10 million sales. All of the revenue stays in the area. There is not one species of fish that has been overfished, the stocks have been preserved. • No depletion of stock over 140 years (written fact) in Smiths Lake. • Correct number of Dolphin and Whale Watching operators. • Speed limits in Bay – No speed limit for recreational boating in the Bay, PWC's are often driven erratically and at high speeds. People traveling into area may not be aware of surfacing animals: penguins, dolphins and turtles in the Bay, this causes concern. • Port Stephens Love Seafood Event will probably be cancelled this year, last year brought over 50,000 people to the area. Well supported by the tourism industry in the area. 	
7.	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>SMMP outlined the next steps in the marine park planning process from s48 of the Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify threats to those values • state the management objectives of the marine park in relation to those values and threats, 	<p>ACTION: 20.08 - SMMP to circulate the threat, objective and action document for committee review and comment.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> specify actions to achieve those management objectives, based on a consideration of risks <p>Similar to the values task, a document that talks through threats, management objectives and actions will be circulated to the committee out of session for consideration. The committee will then have the opportunity to discuss further at the June meeting.</p> <p>SMMP screen shared and talked through this document and tasks. This document includes initial information as a starting point for discussion only. DPI is seeking to stimulate discussion and enhance the information with the committee's advice and expertise.</p> <p>It is important to note that threats should not be seen as negative – many activities listed as threats are also listed as values. By discussing specific impacts associated with aspects of certain activities, we can identify opportunities to conserve and enhance values.</p> <p>For committee members who are more comfortable considering and providing feedback verbally, the MMP will be available to arrange a one on one session to talk through and capture feedback. The threat, objective and action template will be circulated in the coming days with instructions to arrange this.</p>	
8.	<p>Marine Estate Management Strategy – quarterly reporting and implementation updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please view our Marine Estate Management website. Advise all members and alternate members to Register for the newsletter about all NSW marine estate projects 	<p>ACTION: 20.09 - Committee members to advise PSGLMP as to whether they give consent to the sharing of their contact details with other MP committees and/or with PSGLMPAC members.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>

	<p>https://www.marine.nsw.gov.au/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is the opportunity for members to have contact with their counterparts on other marine park committees. Members to email PSGLMP if they wish to share their contact details. 	
9.	<p>Other business & next meeting date</p> <p>Next meeting date and time: 4 - 6 pm, Wednesday 11 June 2020</p> <p>Zoom video conference</p>	
10.	Close	