

Minutes

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| Meeting | Solitary Island Marine Park Advisory Committee (SIMPAC) | | |
| Meeting No | 2020.2 | Date | 12 May 2020 |
| Location | Via VC and phone | Time | 2:00 – 4:00 pm |
| Invitees | <p>Solitary Island Marine Park Advisory Committee members</p> <p>Ms Tricia Beatty - Commercial fishing Ms Sally Whitelaw - Local government Dr Duan March - Marine conservation Prof. Stephen Smith - Marine science Mr Ian Shaw - Recreational boating Mr Stephen Sawtell - Recreational water use Mr Mike Davey – Tourism Dr Michael Featherstone - Spear fishing Elise Currey – Maritime industry</p> <p>Solitary Island Marine Park Advisory Committee alternate members</p> <p>Mrs Karen Dallas - Recreational water use Ms Nicola Fraser - Marine conservation</p> <p>DPI Staff</p> <p>Sarah Fairfull - Director Aquatic Environment Peter Gallagher -Program Leader Marine Operations Rodney James - Program Leader Marine Planning Nicole Strehling – A/Senior Manager Marine Planning, Anthony Harding – A/Solitary Island Marine Park Manager (SIMP) Jane Gordois – Administrative Assistant</p> | | |
| Apologies | <p>Mr Aj Perkins - Aboriginal culture Mr Neil Manson - Recreational fishing</p> | | |
| Prepared by | DPI | | |

Previous meeting

| Action | Status |
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| 20.01 – SIMP A/Manager circulate the nomination material before next meeting and committee members to vote at the next meeting. | Completed - SIMP A/Manager emailed committee members calling for Chair nominations on the 23 April 2020, with closing date of 6 May 2020. |
| 20.02 – SIMP A/Manager to distribute the values document along with a background document to SIMPAC | Completed - SIMP A/Manager emailed committee members including alternate members on the 23 April. Closing date was the 7 May 2020. |

This meeting

| Item | Issue | Action |
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| 1. | <p>Welcome</p> <p>Anthony Harding, Acting Manager Solitary Islands Marine Park (SIMP) welcomed members and alternate members to the newly appointed committee.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Country provided by Anthony Harding.</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Actions from meeting one</p> <p>SIMP A/Manager gave an update on completed actions.</p> | |
| 3. | <p>Adoption of minutes</p> <p>Draft minutes were sent to members on Wednesday 6 May 2020, for members to provide comments</p> <p>Members have till the close of business on 20 May 2020 to provide comments back to the SIMP A/Manager</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Recommendation of Chair</p> <p>SIMP A/Manager called for nominations to the Chair of the Solitary Island Marine Park</p> | 20.03 - SIMP A/Manager to progress Stephen Sawtell's SIMPAC chair nomination. |

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| | <p>Advisory Committee. Closing date was 6 May 2020.</p> <p>The Department received one expression of interest and one nomination, both for Stephen Sawtell to Chair the committee.</p> <p>The term of the Chair's appointment will be for the remaining term of their committee membership.</p> <p>A recommendation supported by a majority of votes cast at a meeting of the committee at which a quorum is present will be taken as the recommendation of the committee.</p> <p>The following options were considered and voted upon:</p> <p>Option 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vote for the Chair at this meeting <p>Option 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIMP A/Manager to provide an out of session online poll after this meeting where members can vote for the Chair • SIMP A/Manager to inform members of the outcome before the next meeting <p>The Committee moved to adopt Option 1</p> <p>Members voted to recommend the appointment of Stephen Sawtell as Chair of the Solitary Islands Marine Park Advisory Committee.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Summary of feedback on marine parks 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 | |

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| | <p>values to be conserved by the marine park'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 order. Comments are anonymous and have been made by a variety of committee members across many areas. <p>SMMP noted that some committee comments had moved past discussing values to explore possible threats and management actions. These comments are relevant to the next steps in the management planning process outlined in s. 48 of the Act and will be captured separately for this purpose.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Opportunity for members to discuss values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed values within the Solitary Islands 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 the process. Members discussed existing comments and shared their thoughts on the values document. A range of comments were made regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> usage of terminology the difference between marine parks | <p>20.04 - SMMP to update SIMP values document and circulate to the members</p> <p>20.05 - SIMP A/Manager to send out an email calling for further comments on the marine park values task</p> |

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| | <p>and terrestrial parks in terms of their respective legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the opportunity to add value through enhancement strategies and the need for a pathway containing reference points and benchmarks on our most valuable reef structures to achieve sustainability or improvement request to see data regarding research | |
| 7. | <p>Next Steps: Threats, management objectives, management actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMMP outlined the next steps in the marine park planning process from s.48 of the Act: <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, specify actions to achieve those management objectives, based on a consideration of risks The previous Batemans Marine Park Advisory Committee commenced work on this. There will now be an opportunity for the SIMPAC to review and build on this work. Similar to the values task, a discussion paper on the 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 their June meeting. SMMP screen shared and talked through the discussion paper and tasks. This paper 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 | <p>20.06 - SIMP A/Manager to send out the revised discussion paper to members</p> |

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| | <p>and expertise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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 discussion paper will be circulated in the coming days with instructions to arrange this. | |
| 8. | <p>Marine Estate Management Strategy – quarterly reporting and implementation updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to time restraints, agenda item 8 will be considered at the next SIMPAC meeting. Director Aquatic Environment noted that if members were interested in keeping up-to-date on marine estate matter they could subscribe to the marine estate newsletter. | 20.07 - SIMP A/Manager to email link to subscribe to the Marine Estate newsletter |
| 9. | <p>Other business and meeting dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No other business | |

Next meeting

9/06/2020