

Meeting	Solitary Islands Marine Park Advisory Committee (SIMPAC)		
Meeting No	2021.2	Date	21 October 2021
Location	Zoom	Time	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Attendees	<p>Solitary Islands Marine Park Advisory Committee members</p> <p>Ms Tricia Beatty – Commercial fishing</p> <p>Ms Sally Whitelaw – Local government</p> <p>Dr Duan March – Marine conservation</p> <p>Prof. Stephen Smith – Marine science</p> <p>Mr Ian Shaw – Recreational boating</p> <p>Mr Neil Manson – Recreational fishing</p> <p>Mr Stephen Sawtell (Chair) – Recreational water use</p> <p>Mr Mike Davey – Tourism</p> <p>Dr Michael Featherstone – Spear fishing</p> <p>Observers and support:</p> <p><u>Solitary Islands Marine Park Advisory Committee alternate members</u></p> <p>Ms Nicola Fraser – Marine conservation</p> <p>Mrs Karen Dallas – Recreational water use</p> <p><u>DPI Staff</u></p> <p>Peter Gallagher – Program Leader Marine Estate</p> <p>Tanya Whiteway – Senior Manager Marine Planning</p> <p>Mim Knollys – Manager Marine Planning</p> <p>Joe Neilson – Senior Manager Marine Estate (Spatial Planner)</p> <p>Fiona McKinnon – A/Program Leader Marine Operations</p> <p>Nicole Strehling – Marine Park Manager (previous A/Senior Manager Marine Planning)</p> <p>Jane Gordoys – Administration Officer</p>		
Apologies	Mr Aj Perkins – Aboriginal culture		
Prepared by	Jane Gordoys & Nicole Strehling		

Previous meetings

Action	Status
20.13 The Chair to write to DPIE – Water on behalf of the Committee seeking implementation of the NRC's recommendations for the Coffs Harbour Water Sharing Plan and highlighting risks to Solitary Islands Marine Park estuaries.	Completed. Final letter attached to 21.2 meeting papers.
20.15 DPI Fisheries to provide advice to East Coast Octopus Pty Ltd regarding the process to seek approval to operate within the Solitary Islands Marine Park, noting the issues raised by the Committee.	Completed.
20.17 Alternative meeting time be considered for future meetings.	Completed.
21.1: Marine Park Manager to circulate the preliminary draft marine park management plan to the Committee for review and comment.	Completed.
21.2: Marine Park Manager to schedule a dedicated workshop for Committee members to discuss the preliminary draft plan in detail.	Completed.
21.3: Program Leader Marine Planning to circulate the link to the Marine Estate Management Act review report for the information of Committee members.	Completed.
21.4: Marine Park Manager to negotiate a date and time for discussion of the preliminary draft marine park management plan that meets the needs of the majority of members.	Completed.

This meeting

Action summary
Action 21.5: Program Leader Marine Estate to circulate marine park management rules presentation, resource materials and task to committee members.
Action 21.6: Marine Park Manager to arrange a workshop to discuss marine park management rules task in mid-November.
Action 21.7: Marine Park Manager to start a list of examples of emerging SIMP values and threats that may not have been considered under historical management rules.

Action 21.8: Marine Park Manager to scope availability for a November workshop after the committee has had some time to review the management rule information package.

Action 21.9: Marine Park Manager to circulate the Bioblitz link to SIMPAC members for promotion throughout their networks.

Action 21.10: Marine Park Manager to invite Professor Benkendorff to present on Woolgoolga Lake's Leaf Oyster population at a future meeting of SIMPAC.

Item	Issue	Action
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Acknowledgement of Yaegl and Gumbaynggirr Country provided by the Chair.	
2.	Apologies Refer to above.	
3.	Actions from meeting three Marine Park Manager provided an update on the status of actions from previous meetings.	
4.	Adoption of minutes from meeting four. The Committee was asked to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting.	Motion: That the minutes of the 5 March 2021 meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved: Michael Featherstone Seconded: Duan March Carried unanimously.
5.	Presentation on management rules discussion paper and task The Program Leader Marine Estate provided a presentation on the process to develop draft management rules for the Solitary Islands Marine Park and the mainland marine park network which is the next stage of the marine planning process (Stage 2). The presentation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a recap of work undertaken to date the relationship of management rules to the management plan 	Action 21.5: Program Leader Marine Estate to circulate marine park management rules presentation, resource materials and task to Committee members. Action 21.6: Marine Park Manager to arrange a workshop to discuss marine park management rules task in mid-November. Action 21.7: Marine Park Manager to start a list of

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an overview of the regulation making process and considerations in the development of regulations • the general structure of marine park rules • details of supporting materials including a marine planning web map and • a request for advice from marine park members by using a template to identify proposals, justifications, trade-offs, offsets and links to the management plan. <p>A workshop will be arranged to assist members with any queries in mid-November.</p> <p>The Committee discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How marine park management rules may be standardised across the network • Access to rules information on common activities across the network • Consideration of changes to SIMP rules proposed in 2011 • Examples of emerging issues for SIMP that may not have been considered under historical management rules 	examples of emerging SIMP values and threats that may not have been considered under historical management rules.
6.	<p>Introduction to shark management and research in NSW</p> <p>Dr Paul Butcher, Principal Research Scientist, presented on implementation of the NSW Shark Management Strategy. More information is available on the SharkSmart web site at https://www.sharksmart.nsw.gov.au/.</p> <p>The Committee discussed hot spots on the north coast and thanked Dr Butcher for his very interesting presentation.</p>	
7.	<p>Update on MPAC call for nominations</p> <p>A/Program Leader Marine Operations provided an update on the appointment of marine park advisory committee members following the call for nominations earlier this year. DPI Fisheries is in the process of finalising appointments. A number of vacancies will remain for SIMPAC due to the very low number of nominations received.</p>	

	The Committee stressed the importance of appointing any additional members as soon as possible to allow their input to development of marine park management rules.	
8.	<p>Other business</p> <p>a) Process for comment on draft management rules</p> <p>The Committee discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for Committee submissions or individual submissions • Opportunities for anonymous submissions • Concern that tight timeframes would not allow appropriate input • Concern about rushing to meet tight timeframes and then experiencing significant delays in the process • Preference for a face to face workshop to discuss if Covid restrictions permit <p>The Committee agreed to try to use the mid-November workshop to identify rules issues they unanimously support. DPI can also identify common trends in individual responses.</p>	<p>Action 21.8: Marine Park Manager to scope availability for a November workshop after the committee has had some time to review the management rule information package.</p>
	<p>b) Great Southern Bioblitz</p> <p>The marine science member encouraged all members to participate in the Great Southern Bioblitz and promote it throughout their networks. The Bioblitz aims to engage the community in citizen science across the southern hemisphere and increase awareness of biodiversity and its distribution. Community members are encouraged to photograph animals and plants they see over 22-25th October 2021 and upload the information to the app. More information is available at https://greatsouthernbiobl.wixsite.com/website/how-to-participate.</p>	<p>Action 21.9: Marine Park Manager to circulate the Bioblitz link to SIMPAC members for promotion throughout their networks.</p>
	<p>c) SCU Woolgoolga Lake Leaf Oyster presentation</p> <p>The Marine Park Manager thanked Ian Shaw, Nicola Fraser and SURG for recently inviting</p>	<p>Action 21.10: Marine Park Manager to invite Professor Benkendorff to present on Woolgoolga Lake's Leaf Oyster</p>

	SIMPAC members to attend a presentation from Southern Cross University's Professor Kirsten Benkendorff on Leaf Oysters on the north coast, including the population in Woolgoolga Lake. The presentation was very informative. The Committee expressed interest in a similar presentation at a future SIMPAC meeting.	population at a future meeting of SIMPAC.
	<p>d) Woolgoolga Lake sediment pollution events</p> <p>The Marine Park Manager advised the committee that Karen Dallas and the Woolgoolga Lake Working Group (WLWG) had received reports and photographs from the community of sediment pollution events in Woolgoolga Lake in July and October this year. WLWG alerted relevant agencies and as a result, the incidents were investigated, and fines have been issued in relation to water pollution offences. The Marine Park Manager commended Karen and the WLWG for monitoring, reporting and raising the profile of these threats to marine park values.</p>	
9.	<p>Next meeting date</p> <p>TBA pending management rules workshop.</p>	
10.	<p>Close</p> <p>Meeting closed 4:34pm.</p>	

Next meeting

TBA.