

Meeting	Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park Advisory Committee		
Meeting No	2020.4	Date	6 August 2020
Location	via video conference	Time	4 – 6 pm
Invitees	<p><u>Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park Advisory Committee Members</u></p> <p>Lorraine Lilley, Robert Gauta, John Nell, Iain Watt, Chris Fulton, James McArthur, Paul Lennon, Allan Freihaut, Margo Smith, Marisha Ewart, 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, Frank Future, Karen Hutchinson</p> <p><u>DPI Staff</u></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, Luke Erskine, Marine Park Manager, Mim Knollys, Fisheries Conservation Officer, Richard McEvelly, Marine Ranger, Sally Hopkins, PSGLMP Admin Officer,</p>		
Apologies	Regan Lilley, Aboriginal Liaison Officer		
Prepared by	DPI		

Previous meeting

Action	Status
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.	Completed
Action 20.11 - MPAC members to finalise and submit any further comments on threats, objectives and actions over the next week.	Completed

Action 20.12 - MPAC members to finalise and submit any comments on community engagement over the next week and a half.	Completed
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This meeting

Item	Issue	Action
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Apologies	Apology received from Regan Lilley, Aboriginal Liaison Officer
3.	Actions from meeting three	See actions table above
4.	Adoption of minutes from meeting three	<p>Motion:</p> <p>That the minutes of the 11 June 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record:</p> <p>Moved: Iain Watt</p> <p>Seconded: John Nell</p> <p>Carried unanimously.</p> <p>(Item 5 - Approved with minor changes to the wording, comments made but no discussion on the following topics – sanctuary zones, recreational fishing and Port Stephens as a major tourism destination)</p>
5.	<p>Update on Chair</p> <p>Committee discussion re: preferred process and timing for recommendation of Chair.</p> <p>Three nominations received.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC comment: Disappointing how committee was chosen. Mid-coast Council don't have a representative from Local Government.</p> <p>Response: According to the Advisory</p>	<p>Motion:</p> <p>Circulate nominations for out of session vote.</p> <p>Moved: Chris Fulton</p> <p>Seconded: Allan Freihaut</p> <p>ACTION 20.13 Circulate the three expressions of interest for chair to PSGLMPAC</p>

	<p>Committee Handbook, the composition of the committee and appointment processes are clear and consistent across all committees. The objective is to make all the advisory committees as consistent and coordinated as possible. As per the Handbook, the local government representatives were nominated by the Joint/Regional Organisations of Councils.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC question: What is a quorum?</p> <p>Response: A quorum as per the Handbook is a majority of members as appointed at the time (i.e. if 12 members are appointed then 7 members must support a motion to form a quorum).</p>	
6/7	<p>Update on status of draft Management Plan and consolidated comments on values, threats, objectives and actions (items 6 and 7 were discussed together)</p> <p>A/SMMP gave an update on the status of the draft Management Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked members for the significant information and advice they have provided on threats, objectives and actions. • Nine government agencies have also provided comment on values and threats. • Now working hard to analyse committee and agency comment and incorporate it into a draft management plan. • Hope to have that draft management plan to the committee for review as soon as possible. • There are many issues coming through as common across the five marine parks, but there are also many unique local issues. • To support a consistent approach 	<p>ACTION 20.14 Circulate Greynurse Shark Report to PSGLMPAC</p> <p>ACTION 20.15 Circulate draft Engagement Plan to PSGLMPAC</p>

	<p>across the marine park network where appropriate but also a locally-specific approach where that is appropriate, common issues will be addressed in a single draft network management plan for the five mainland marine parks. Unique issues will be addressed in separate park sections. The committee's feedback on that approach will be appreciated when the draft is available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the committee has had the opportunity to review the draft, it will be submitted to the Ministers for consideration as a draft for community consultation. <p>Once the draft has been submitted to the Ministers, the committee's advice will be sought on applying the regulatory actions from the plan in new management rules including zoning.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC question: When do we get a look at the Greynurse Shark research?</p> <p>Response: A lack of research and knowledge gaps have been identified as a threat to marine park values. We are prioritising targeted research; this management plan will not have all the answers. The next ten years we will be working on key knowledge gaps to address priority threats.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC question: Who are the nine different agencies who gave advice?</p> <p>Response: Department of Primary Industries, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (Environment Energy and Science, Planning and Assessment, Water and Crown Lands), Transport for NSW, Heritage NSW, Local Land Services, and Parks Australia.</p>	
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	<p>PSGLMPAC question: engaging stakeholder groups, how is this possible?</p> <p>Response: the draft engagement plan is asking committee members to review and provide feedback on how DPI need to do this. For example, who do we need to talk to, what do we need to do to effectively engage the stakeholder groups and what key messages do we need to be talking to them about? Seeking your expert advice.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC comment: the big issue is sanctuary zones.</p> <p>Response: sanctuary zones are a contentious issue, but there are many issues that we need to discuss.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctuary zones do not protect, they only lock fisherman out. 7% of NSW waters are sanctuary zones. • the community wants the threats and risks addressed. We need to strive to do the best for the environment by engaging and providing accurate evidence of the threats and risks. • Port Stephens is changing with population growth, there is a high chance this area and waterways will be impacted. 	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Other business</p> <p>PLMP addressed the committee regarding the review of the <i>Marine Estate Management Act 2014</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checked with Advisory Committee members that they received an email and 2-page discussion paper from the Marine Park Manager inviting the 	<p>ACTION 20.16 Details for providing comments on the Act review will be shared with the PSGLMPAC</p>

	<p>Committee to provide input to the statutory review of the <i>Marine Estate Management Act 2014</i> by close of business of 28 August 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Described requirements for the Act review as set out in section 84 of the Act. • Provided brief background on the Act and the marine estate and marine park programs that it delivers. • Outlined that peak stakeholder groups, including the six marine park advisory committees, that would be most familiar with the Act have been contacted to provide input. • Noted that the discussion paper requested that the Committee provide details of any issues raised with the Act, reasons for those views and suggested solutions. • Noted that the Act review discussion paper was not for further distribution, but this did not preclude members discussing the Act with their colleagues. <p>The presentation was followed by discussion and PLMP responded to questions relating to the process, groups consulted, whether documents could be shared, and a request for clarification on the relationship between DPI and MEMA.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC question: how can you facilitate economic opportunities for people in NSW and maintain ecosystem integrity? How will you promote these interests at the same time?</p> <p>Response: the draft Management Plan is addressing these threats and opportunities.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC comment: control recreational fishers by education of the public and starting with children and</p>	
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	<p>good fisheries management.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC question: Who are the representatives of the two advisory committees – Marine Estate Management Authority and the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel?</p> <p>Response: for membership details please refer to the following link:</p> <p>Marine Estate - Advisory Bodies</p> <p>PSGLMPAC comment: PSGLMPAC submissions for consolidated submission should be provided to MPM by 27 August 2020.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC comment: review of Act, easier to communicate with each other. Motion to share contact details.</p> <p>Response: once contact details are shared, please remember to comply with the Code of Conduct in the marine park advisory committee handbook (link below).</p> <p>Marine Park Advisory Committee Handbook</p> <p>PSGLMPAC question: other MPAC do not have meeting minutes on the marine estate website. Can these be updated?</p> <p>Response: There has been an issue with web accessibility. Minutes will be uploaded as soon as possible.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC comment: reminder of meeting etiquette as discussions get more heated so that everyone is heard.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC comment: this paper provides some key maps on values, which is something that has come up in our discussions in prior meetings.</p> <p>Identifying spatial conservation priorities</p> <p>PSGLMPAC comment: seismic testing on</p>	
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	<p>the Victorian coast and the catching of Whiting, Bream and Flathead is down 90%. Should we be commenting on this because what is to stop them testing here?</p> <p>PSGLMPAC comment: happened at Newcastle, 3 times in the last 5 years.</p> <p>PSGLMPAC question: can we meet in person next time? In the Port Stephens Council chambers we can meet with the COVID restrictions.</p> <p>Response: the meeting date and location will be decided within the context of the COVID restrictions and a risk assessment that will be reviewed prior to the next meeting.</p>	
10	Meeting close	

Next meeting

TBC