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Subject: Fwd: NVI MPAC Meeting Summary for feedback, and other items

Please include the following draft information to the Board as a Directors report for the meeting in January. It is preliminary but I want the Board go see the things we deal with at the MaPP table.

Many thanks.

Jim

Sent from my iPhone so please excuse my fat fingered response

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Subject: NVI MPAC Meeting Summary for feedback, and other items

Hello NVI MPAC Members,

Thank you for participating in the NVI MPAC mid-year meeting on December 7. Attached for your feedback is the draft meeting summary. We welcome your feedback until the end of day on Monday, January 11, 2021.

As well, we thank Peter Stockdill for providing the letter from the Chief Richard Sumner and Chief John Smith in "Pacific Yachting" which is attached for information.

We have also provided the MaPP Regional Human Wellbeing Indicator proposals which were presented at the Regional Marine Advisory Committee meeting on December 1 for information.

Several other items of interest follow below.

QUESTIONS ABOUT A SLIDE ON KELP MONITORING

Regarding questions about the kelp monitoring slide (see screenshot attached), Markus Thompson, the NVI EBM monitoring coordinator responded:

1) In 2019 there is more area, but fewer bulbs; and in 2020 there is a smaller area and more bulbs. What's going on?

The data here has an error associated with it that is likely greater than the small difference in density observed at this site (i.e.: our sample size / what we can collect during the low tide is ~60 square metres of data — compared with the 11,000 square metres of the bed). Despite the error (always present in monitoring efforts like this) we can still observe likely trends and can see if it holds in coming years. Larger differences of course will outweigh the error. If we did have the precision to see differences this small, it would not be surprising as bull kelp is an annual species, and growth patterns will vary considerably from year to year. Long answer short: differences at this scale tell us not much has changed.

2) What is the dark mass in the 2020 photo (looks like it's on a rock) just to the right of centre. Wet rockweed?

You are correct — that is a rock with rockweed and other dark brown algae growing on it. These photos were likely taken at slightly different tides. On a side note we affectionately refer to this site as humpback rock — not because of the rock, but because we are often surrounded by humpbacks here during the survey (haven't succeeded in getting them in a drone image yet though).

RECORDING OF THE PRESENTATION ON THE MaPP REGIONAL KELP MONITORING PROGRAM

The link to the recording from MaPP's RKMP presentation at the BC habitat workshop. <https://quadracentre.org/meetings/bc-habitat-workshop-series/bc-habitat-monitoring-12-10> There were over 100 participants at the workshop with people tuning in from all over Canada and beyond!

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS FROM THE NVI MPAC MEETING

- Team to provide the methodology for assessing giant kelp biomass when it is complete.
- **DONE.** Josie to provide details of the Quadra Centre for Dialogue presentation about the MaPP Regional Kelp Monitoring program.
- Paul Grey to forward information about the BC Marine Debris Working Group funding opportunity to Josie for distribution.
- Josie to follow up with Jim McIsaac for information on derelict fishing gear clean-up project for distribution to MPAC.
- Charlie to provide Josie with contact details for the group that conducted a plastics clean-up in 2019 at Brooks Peninsula.
- NVI Team to follow up with Jim Abram regarding pollution clean-up.
- **DONE.** Josie to circulate the Letter to the Editor from the Chief Richard Sumner and Chief John Smith about the pictograph article in *Pacific Yachting*, as forwarded from Peter Stockdill.
- NVI Team to check how local communities are included in the Archaeological, Cultural and Heritage Pilot Project Pilot Project Communications Strategy.
- NVI Team to send out the draft Human Well-being Indicator document to the MPAC members.
- **DONE.** NVI Team to send the MaPP Regional Human Well-being Indicator proposals (provided at recent RMAC meeting) to the MPAC for feedback.
- **DONE.** NVI Team to update the Marine Governance Workshop report with additional comments received and send it to the MPAC members.
- NVI Team to report out in the future on Provincial and First Nations actions arising from recommendations in the Marine Governance Workshop report.

- Scott and John to follow up on suggestion to make presentations about the Guardian programs to local governments.
- NVI Team to resend the Climate Change Assessment to local government staff.
- NVI Team to investigate how to amend the Climate Change Assessment Report to address comments made regarding exclusion of public recreational and guided fishing.
- John to send a copy of the CRIS (Coastal Resource Interests Study) report to Jim Mclsaac.
- NVI Team to send the draft Plan Amendment proposal to the MPAC for feedback.
- Chuck to make enquiries within the Public Recreational Fishing sector for someone to participate on the Fisheries Economy Working Group.
- NVI Team to schedule a meeting of the Fisheries Economy Working Group.
- Charlie to forward the contact information for his executive assistant to Josie for his availability to attend Fishery Working Group meetings.
- NVI Team to schedule a meeting of the MPAC in February/March to discuss five year work planning.
- John and Scott to arrange to meet with Dan to discuss the NVI Guardian programs and interactions with commercial crab fishery.

Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays to you all!

For the NVI Co-leads, Sally Cargill and John Bones,

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EBM MONITORING



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MaPP Regional EBM Monitoring: Cultural, socio-economic and governance (Human) indicators

Indicator proposal for: Collaborative Governance

Description:

MaPP governance relates to the regulatory and management authorities, activities and decision-making processes associated with management in the marine area, including the meaningful participation of stakeholders and interest groups in these processes. A key aim of MaPP is to advance collaborative, effective, transparent and integrated governance arrangements for the implementation of the objectives in the subregional marine plans and the Regional Action Framework (RAF).

Rationale for monitoring this indicator:

This is the only indicator in the regional suite that directly targets governance – one of three pillars of the EBM framework guiding MaPP implementation (along with ecological integrity and human well-being).

“Integration and collaboration among all levels of government, as well as meaningful engagement with stakeholders and the public, are critical elements for effective governance in the MaPP region” (RAF, p. 9).

“Governance is the variable with greatest potential to affect conservation ... [and] a main factor in determining the effectiveness and efficiency of management” ([Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend et al., 2014](#)).

Monitoring this indicator will **improve understanding** of the quality of decision-making for MaPP implementation, including what is working well and how the Partners can **make improvements** to governance moving forward.

Monitoring of this indicator will inform MaPP Partner discussions and decisions about:

- how to make improvements to existing governance arrangements, such as changes to terms of reference, additional resources, or representation;
- where additional governance structures or processes might be needed to advance MaPP objectives; and
- how to improve the extent and quality of collaborative governance, including stakeholder engagement, in the MaPP region.

Metrics:

Metrics will be selected to monitor what collaborative governance looks like both ‘on paper’ (how it is designed) and ‘in practice’ (how it actually works), and how both change over time. The following three metrics are proposed and would be refined with contractor(s) for final approval by the MITT/MWG.

Governance on paper:

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1. **Inventory of the governance structures and processes in place to advance MaPP objectives.** The inventory would provide a comprehensive description of MaPP's governance arrangements, including details on each structure / process such as who is involved, what their role / mandate is, how decisions are made and disputes resolved (if applicable), frequency of meetings or activities, etc. The inventory would group structures and processes into 4 or 5 categories to reflect different elements of collaborative governance. For example: (1) government-to-government joint decision making, (2) technical and operational cooperation, (3) stakeholder engagement / advisory processes, etc.

Governance in practice:

2. **Number / percentage of sub-regional marine plan objectives and Regional Action Framework actions implemented through one or more type(s) of governance process.** This would be a quantitative measure of the scope, or reach, of collaborative governance relative to implementation objectives. For example, what percentage of RAF or sub-regional marine plan actions were implemented with input by a formal stakeholder advisory process?
3. **Perceptions of MaPP Partners and stakeholders about the quality of collaborative governance in the MaPP region.** This metric will capture perspectives on the quality (effectiveness, legitimacy, transparency, etc.) of governance in the MaPP region, adding subjective information to the objective information captured by Metrics 1 and 2. This data would be collected through a combination of short surveys (widely distributed to all MaPP Partners and stakeholders) and a more limited number of semi-structured interviews.

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MaPP Regional EBM Monitoring: Cultural, socio-economic and governance (Human) indicators

Indicator proposal for: Commercial Seafood Landings, Seafood Processing and Marine Employment in the Northern Shelf Bioregion (NSB)

Description:

This proposal advances metrics for three of the regional human indicators identified by the MaPP Partners. The three indicators are Regional Seafood Landings, Regional Seafood Processing, and Participation in the Workforce.

The indicators provide information on commercial seafood harvest, commercial seafood processing and employment across 10 marine sectors in the NSB. The proposal includes a first phase of quantitative metrics along with opportunities to expand reporting for each indicator in the future.

Rationale:

Meaningful employment is an important factor in community and individual wellbeing. The three indicators advanced in this proposal reflect an interest in understanding marine-based livelihoods in the NSB. The MaPP Partners prioritized these indicators based on importance and feasibility and are able to undertake the assessments without taking capacity away from other priority indicators.

Monitoring these indicators will support MaPP Partner decisions by:

- Identifying regional economic strengths and opportunities for diversification,
- Understanding economic changes affecting stakeholders,
- Evaluating strategies for sustainable economic development in the region and responding to economic changes,
- Informing future industry specific studies or inquiries,
- Informing trade-off discussions and/or minimize economic impacts of decisions.

Data on quantitative measures of human wellbeing are more meaningful when they can be resolved at sub-regional or community levels. While some data cannot currently be provided at sub-regional or community levels other data may be available at higher resolutions. Resolution for both *Seafood Landings* and *Seafood Processing* is proposed to be requested at the highest spatial resolution available with species groupings standardized to allow for aggregation across the sub-regions.

Metrics:

The metrics proposed here draw on existing data sets collected by the Provincial and Federal governments. The following metrics are proposed as the starting point for including seafood and employment indicators in the MaPP EBM data.

- *Commercial Seafood Landings*

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- The wholesale value and weight of seafood landed inside the NSB, aggregated by gear type, providing an assessment of the value of each fleet type to the NSB. This data will be provided at the highest resolution available for the region without compromising data confidentiality or reliability. Can be reported annually moving forwards.
- *Seafood Processing*
 - The value and weight of processed seafood in the NSB. Seafood processing value will be reported for wild and aquaculture fisheries for finfish, shellfish, and aquatic plants. The spatial resolution of the data will be dictated by confidentiality requirements.
 - Data from the [Fish Processing Facilities in BC](#) app will be pulled to show the distribution of fish processing, receiving, and sales in the NSB. Can be reported annually moving forwards.
- *Marine Employment*
 - Participation in the workforce, represented by statistics on employment and unemployment in each regional district.
 - Regional employment across economic sectors considered part of the ocean economy in BC. FLNR has recently commissioned a report to gather information on this and other related indicators. Information is expected back later this fiscal year. The sectors for the marine economy that will be included are:
 - Seafood
 - Tourism and Recreation
 - Forestry
 - Energy
 - Ship/Boat Building and Repair
 - Marine Transportation
 - Port and Harbour Construction
 - Marine Industry and Technology
 - Research, Non-profit Organizations, and Professional Services
 - Government

These initial metrics can be improved or adapted over time. Future opportunities include adding new qualitative metrics to improve integration of human wellbeing considerations into MaPP implementation and/or revisiting the regional district socio-economic profiles presented in the SECOA report completed for PNCIMA.

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RE: CRUISING FOR PICTOGRAPHS

As chiefs of the Mamalilikulla and Tlowit's First Nations, we read with concern the September 2020 article "Cruising for Pictographs" by Deane Hislop. Our two First Nations, consistent with inherited stewardship responsibilities, place an extremely high priority on protection and management of our cultural and archaeological sites. Over the past year we have been collaborating with the British Columbia government's Archaeology Branch and Parks Branch in a pilot project in this area to restore our rightful role in managing and protecting these cultural sites, which are cur-

rently protected under the BC Heritage Conservation Act from alteration, disturbance and desecration. Part of this work has included an increase in First Nation Guardian patrols through the area. While we appreciate the respectful approach and sensitivity taken by the author in describing our pictographs,

the unfortunate inclusion of a map showing their locations, as well as references to associated features serves only to attract more visitors and increase the likelihood of vandalism. We encourage your magazine and authors to refrain from future identification of specific locations of our protected sites, and to keep safe distances from these sites. We also encourage your readers to speak with our Guardians who may be in the vicinity, and to report to them any observed violations of the protected status of these sites.

Sincerely,
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North Vancouver Island Marine Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) Mid-Year Meeting

MARINE GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

November 15, 2019

Location – Comfort Inn, 1351 Shoppers Row, Campbell River, BC

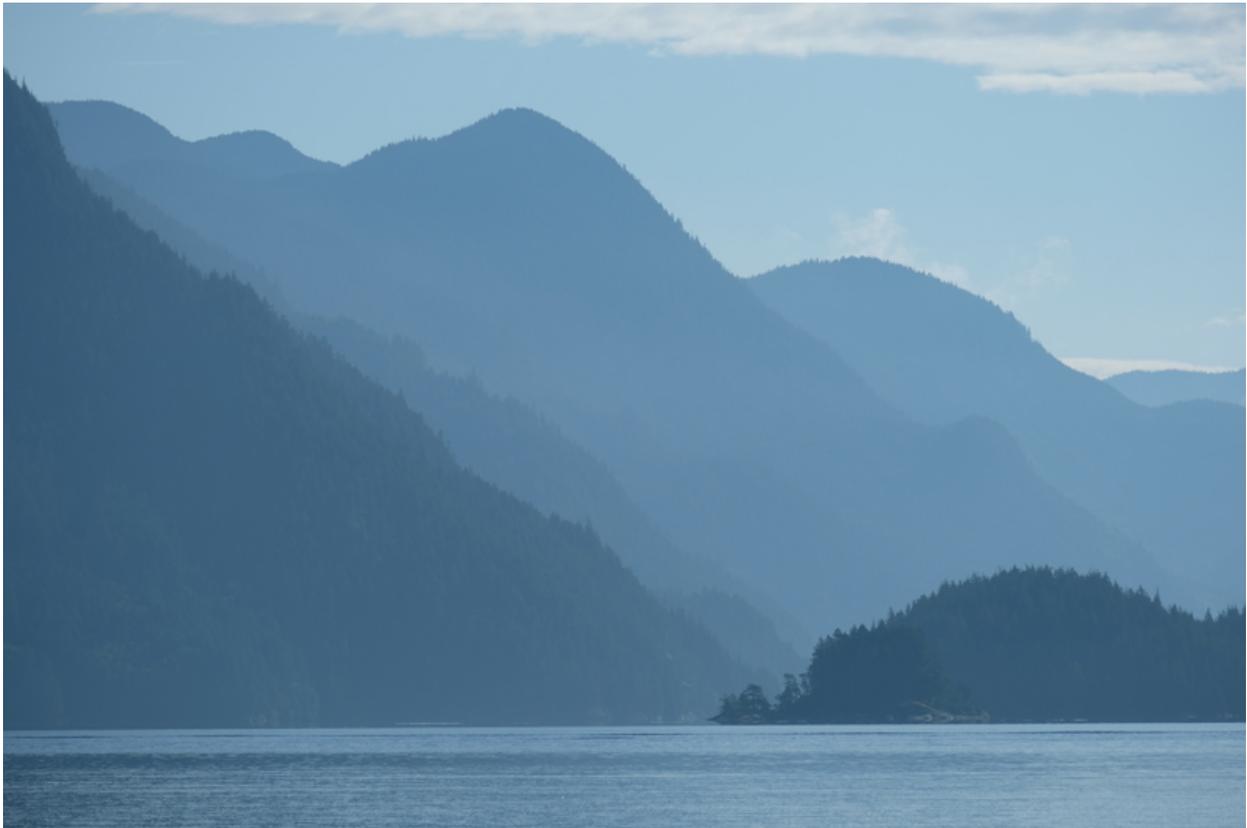


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Introduction

On November 15, 2019, the Marine Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) of the North Vancouver Island (NVI) Marine Plan Partnership for the North Pacific Coast (MaPP) held a 1.5-hour workshop to explore local government and stakeholder perspectives on marine governance processes. The workshop was held in conjunction with the regular NVI MPAC mid-year meeting on November 14, 2019.

Purpose

The Marine Governance Workshop was an opportunity for NVI co-leads, Sally Cargill, BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, and John Bones, N̓anw̓ak̓olas Council, to hear directly from MPAC members and alternates about the marine governance processes they and their sectors are involved with, how well stakeholder engagement is working, and recommendations for changes.

The results of the discussion are intended to inform the direction of follow-up work on marine governance in the NVI sub-region to address governance strategies in the NVI Marine Plan, as well as make recommendations to appropriate authorities for changes, where feasible.

Objectives

1. To identify and discuss gaps in participation in marine governance processes from stakeholder and local government perspectives.

Background

The NVI Marine Plan includes several strategies related to marine governance. The most relevant to the workshop were identified as:

GCM.2.1.1. Increase opportunities for First Nations, local residents, local governments, and stakeholders to provide input to marine management decisions.

GCM.2.1.2 Increase First Nations, local residents, local governments, and stakeholder participation in management and development plans, including planning priorities.

GCM.2.1.4 Review tenure policy for opportunities to improve, where appropriate, local governments' and existing tenure holders' input into decisions on tenures and renewals.

Recent Work by Consultant

A consultant was engaged by the NVI MaPP Team during the period of April - August 2019 to review reports and documents on governance processes and structures previously produced for MaPP or otherwise publicly available. The contractor was also to identify the range of governance approaches used in existing major projects and decision-making processes in the NVI sub-region relevant to MaPP objectives and strategies. The latter were to include governance approaches and tools associated with:

- Provincial environmental assessments;
- Provincial tenures, and provincial and First Nations tenure review processes;
- MaPP implementation;
- Municipal and local government bylaws and zoning plans; and
- Tri-partite marine-related planning processes (specifically MPA network planning and marine response, but may include other OPP initiatives that require planning and engagement).

The consulting contract was terminated after a preliminary report was delivered that did not meet the contract deliverables.

The intent of the first deliverable from the contract was to develop a list of the relevant, “in scope” marine governance processes that would be reviewed in greater detail. In the absence of this product, the NVI Team co-leads drafted the following list in order to guide the workshop discussions with the MPAC:

“In Scope” Marine Governance Processes:

1. Provincial Tenuring Process and decisions
2. BC Environmental Assessment Process
3. Marine Planning Processes [including Marine Protected Area Network (MPAn) process]
4. MaPP Plan Implementation
5. MaPP Zoning Variance, Plan Amendments and Review
6. Marine Safety and Management Initiatives [Ocean Protection Plan (OPP)] – Tripartite processes
 - a. Marine Spill Response planning
 - b. Proactive Vessel Management
 - c. Derelict Vessel Management
 - d. Others
7. Local Government Zoning and Rezoning processes/Variance requests
8. Development Approval Information/Procedures Bylaw
9. Local Government Regional/Municipal Parks

MPAC Workshop

The NVI Team believed that it would be efficient to pose the question of recommended governance process improvements to the MPAC in a workshop format. Specific questions shared with MPAC in advance and discussed in the workshop were:

- What is the level of engagement you/the organization you represent has in the identified processes?
- Are there any processes you feel you/your sector should be involved in that you’re not?
- Are there any processes you’re involved in, but your participation/feedback is not effective?
- What recommendations have you to improve the effectiveness of your participation?

Attendees

MPAC Participants:

Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fisheries (Alternate)*
Bill Wareham – *Marine Conservation (Member)*
Jeremy Maynard – *Public Recreational Fish Service Providers (Member)*
Chuck Ashcroft – *Public Recreational Fishing (Member)*
Don Tillapaugh – *Shellfish Aquaculture (Member)*
Richard Opala – *Finfish Aquaculture (Member)*
Peter Stockdill – *Public Recreation (Member)*
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD)*
Leighton Wishart – *Local Government (District of Port Hardy) (Member)*
Rod Sherrell – *Local Government (RDMW) (Member)*
Jeff Long – *Local Government (RDMW) (Alternate)*

Observers:

Bharat Adhikari – *Coastal Forestry*
Christina Mardell – *Coastal Forestry*
Killian Stehfest – *Marine Conservation*
Jennifer Jennings – *Public Recreation*

MaPP Participants:

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (Technical Team Co-Chair)*
Sally Cargill – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (Technical Team Co-Chair)*
Scott Harris – *Nanwakolas Council*
Kylee Pawluk – *MaPP NVI Technical Coordinator*
Josie Byington – *MaPP NVI Planning Assistant and MaPP Communications Assistant*

Summary of Discussion

Following introductory remarks by Sally Cargill and John Bones, a roundtable discussion was held. Generally, local government and sector representatives provided their perspectives on the questions presented to them. A record of the discussion follows, along with a summary table.

The **Strathcona Regional District (SRD)** representative described several concerns:

- First Nations land use plans are not shared until treaty negotiations are complete; updates are not provided at incremental treaty meetings. (Issue E1, in summary table)
- Federal and provincial governments no longer share “white papers” inviting local government input on new or updated regulations, and regulations are now delivered in a final format. (Issue G1)
- In some cases, the federal and provincial governments issue licenses prior to consultation with local government, which causes problems for applicants and local governments, and local government and upper levels of government (this issue was addressed at the 2019 UBCM, Special Resolution #1; see Appendix 1). (Issues A1, F3)
- There has been no involvement of local government in Ocean Protection Plan or federal-First Nations discussions. (Issue D1)
- Inconsistency occurs in the process of referrals from Front Counter BC (FCBC) to local government. Sometimes local governments receive an application referral when it is submitted, but at other times the application is advertised via a newspaper ad, which is problematic due to lack of capacity for local government to monitor newspapers. (Issue A1)
- FCBC accepts all tenure applications and does not appear to consider MaPP zoning. (Issue A2)
- Not all local governments receive referrals for replacement tenures. Once they learn about replacement tenure (often from a constituent), a staff person must contact the Province to get information about it. (Issue A4)
- The regional district board has assumed the responsibility to pass on referrals to 12-15 organizations per referral, including the Sport Fish Advisory Board (SFAB) chairs. It is recommended that the Province have a master list of organizations to be notified when there is an application. (Issue A9)
- First Nations do not generally respond to regional district calls and emails on referral issues, and First Nation partners of MaPP should encourage better engagement to avoid conflict. (Issue E4)

BC Timber Sales reported that its staff does the paperwork for its tenure applicants, ensures an application is advertised and the appropriate engagement with First Nations has occurred, before it is submitted it to FCBC.

A **Mount Waddington Regional District (MWRD)** representative stated:

- Uncertainty exists about what is done with the responses to referrals that they provide, especially an objection. It seems tenures are issued anyway. (Issue A5)
- That FCBC accepts all applications, starts charging fees and taxes immediately, and has “buried” the requirement that the proponent needs to satisfy other rules and regulations that apply to the application. The regional district applied MaPP zoning when it implemented its marine zoning. (Issues A2, A3)
- Local governments have limited staff and can’t conduct thorough research on biological impacts of fish farms or shellfish farms. Instead, they rely on others for advice.

- Tourism factors play a significant role in decision-making in the regional district. In addition, local government does more follow up than the provincial government.
- The fact that the province is not required to refer tenure renewals to local government is a problem because new local government zoning could affect the renewal. Local government should have the opportunity to formally comment on renewals. (Issues A4, A6)
- If provincial rules change for tenure approval, there is no mechanism to communicate that change to local government, so staff are unaware of the changes when considering a renewal. (Issue F2)
- The regional district was not consulted on the removal of fish farms from the Broughton Archipelago. Arrangements were made between the federal government, the province, aquaculture companies and First Nations, even though the regional district represents a variety of interests. If a First Nation makes an agreement with the federal or provincial government, local people and local government should be included in the discussion. (Issue D1, E2)
- Regarding the barge grounding at Quadra Island, the Coast Guard did not consult with the local First Nation or the local government. This was not seen favourably, particularly in light of all of the work being done to develop tri-partite marine response plans. (Issue D3)

The **Finfish Aquaculture** representative commented that industry is challenged by the fact that 30-year tenure lengths can be changed when new regulations are implemented. (Issue A8)

The **Shellfish Aquaculture** representative commented that other factors than the biophysical capability of an aquaculture tenure have a role in decision-making, and is concerned that sustainable development is determined only on the basis of provincial and federal government capability assessments. (Issue A7)

The representative for **Public Recreation** reported:

- It is unclear how Transport Canada and the provincial government make decisions. Decisions appear to be made in secret and the published reasons for decision are inaccurate. Many examples can be provided of instances when factors for decisions are hidden. (Issue A7, D2)
- A lack of equality exists regarding input from First Nations, stakeholders and local government to tenure decisions. Local residents and stakeholders may submit comments on tenures, which may be read and considered. Local government should get a referral. First Nations get referrals and have additional influence due to constitutional rights. (Issue A9, F3)
- Local government and the province make decisions on a different basis. Local government represents what the local people want. An example is local residents submitting more than 1,100 pages of comments on the Squirrel Cove development, but the province appearing to not take them into consideration when making its final decision. (Issue A7)
- Concern with the Minister's ability to cancel a tenure, the example given of hundreds of owners in Pender Harbour receiving a letter saying their tenure had been cancelled, with no notice and no repeal opportunity given. (Issue A8)
- A new agreement between Sechelt First Nation and the province appeared to remove some powers of local government to zone and plan, and was negotiated in secret. The statement was read: "Local government is another stakeholder to be consulted with industry and other groups." (Issue E3)
- Concern that local government could lose control of zoning in the foreshore. (Issue E3)

The representative for the **Recreational Fishery Service Providers** sector provided these observations:

- New developments can affect public access to recreational fishing opportunities. The sector has requested numerous times that the appropriate Sports Fish Advisory Board (SFAB) be notified by DFO of development proposals received, but without success. SFABs are designated advisory boards to DFO. They do not have the capacity to continuously review newspaper ads. (Issue A9)
- The offer of a seat for public recreational fishery in the MPA Network process advisory committee was unrealistic; it was too much work for one person to do. Community and public engagement at the start of the process should have been done. (Issues B2, B3)

The **Recreational Fisheries** representative noted:

- The province was signatory to a recreational fishing vision document. Consequently, the province should have ensured that fisheries were considered during protection management zone (PMZ) zoning discussions. That would have ensured that recreational fishery data would also be included in MPA Network discussions. Rather, the MPA Network design was reflective of the make-up of the technical team (First Nations and DFO Oceans), which didn't represent recreational fisheries.
- Stakeholders should have been included much earlier in the MPA Network discussions; the opportunity to provide input is being sought far too late. (Issues B1, B2, C1)

The **Commercial Fisheries** representative noted:

- There have been examples of a tenure issued on top of a commercial fishery without consultation with the sector. During the West Coast Aquatic Management Board initiative on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, the sector addressed this problem by mapping all marine uses and provided the information to the provincial and federal governments, including contact information of marine users. (Issue A9)
- The MPA Network process is viewed as not open or transparent. The SeaSketch network scenario data is not open to the public, only to members of advisory committees, which is problematic. (Issue B3)
- The MaPP process is used as an example of co-governance and should be taken to senior governments and the federal government while making decisions in the region. There is a need for agreement on shared principles. It is important to frame the structure as a co-governance arrangement with a platform to adaptively manage as an essential element, so that changes can be made.
- It is essential to understand where and how decisions are made. Commercial Fisheries advice to the MPA Network process is sometimes completely ignored. A public letter of intent, as MaPP has, is a good example of transparency. (Issue B4)
- Even though there's \$100 million of commercial fishing landed value occurring in the region, only a small part is actually landing in the region due to fisheries management, licensing and how that plays out locally. Related to sustainability, monitoring, stewardship and the local economy, it was felt that having fisheries involved in MaPP is important, in a more inclusive way. (Issue C1)

The representative for **Marine Conservation** commented:

- There appears to be a shift toward decreased opportunities and capacity to engage in federal marine planning processes. While the Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMAP process was more democratic and the sector represented the public interested in the environment, currently in the MPA Network process, the sector’s role is only advisory, it’s unclear how the advice is taken or not, consultation with stakeholders is sporadic, decisions come out “baked” and there is not a lot of opportunity to revisit discussions (Issue B3).
- The sector needs to be more strategic in how to bring value to marine planning processes.
- The sector doesn’t get a response from First Nations.
- The sector is well engaged in MaPP implementation.
- That the representative’s organization has no capacity to participate in tenure decision-making and could only focus on a few, precedent-setting ones.
- In the MPA Network process, the opportunity to engage has been substantial; however, due to the long periods between engagement (Issue B3), there is decision-making by the leads occurring without consultation and limited opportunity to revisit the decisions. (Issue B3)

The discussion concluded and the co-leads provided closing comments.

Summary of Issues and Recommendations

Issue	Recommendations from MPAC workshop participants	Proposed recommendations from NVI Technical Team	Government level to address recommendations
A. Provincial Tenuring Process and Decisions			
<p>1 <u>Tenure Application Advertising</u> Tenures are sometimes issued prior to consultation with local government if advertised in local papers</p>	<p>*FLNRO should be advising local governments of all renewals and amendments</p> <p>*The province should be investigating better methods to advise the public of applications</p>	<p>Revisit the policy of advertisements in local newspaper instead of sending tenure referrals to local government</p>	<p>Provincial</p>
<p>2 <u>MaPP Plans as Policy Guidance</u> FCBC accepts all applications; staff don't have the ability to refuse applications based on MaPP zoning</p>	<p>Screen applications on the basis of MaPP recommended uses and activities</p>	<p>Consider legalizing MaPP zoning so that applications could be rejected if not consistent</p>	<p>Provincial</p>
<p>3 <u>Communication on Local Gov't Bylaws</u> The requirement to ensure the applicant is in compliance with local government zoning and bylaws is a condition of a tenure, but it is not well communicated to tenure applicants</p>	<p>*The province should undertake steps necessary to enforce tenure requirement for compliance with local government requirements.</p>	<p>Improve messaging to tenure applicants on the requirement to be compliant with local government zoning and bylaws</p>	<p>Provincial</p>
<p>4 <u>Tenure Referrals to Local Government</u> Local government do not consistently receive referrals for replacement tenures</p>	<p>Ensure referrals are made to appropriate local government (regional districts) for tenure replacements</p>	<p>Send batched (annual) applications for replacement tenures to appropriate local government</p>	<p>Provincial</p>
<p>5 <u>Issuance of Tenures with Objections Noted</u> Provincial government issues tenures even when local government has registered an objection that the application is in conflict with local zoning bylaws</p>	<p>Provincial decision should be consistent with local government response</p>	<p>Put applications on hold until local government zoning issues are resolved</p>	<p>Provincial</p>

Issue	Recommendations from MPAC workshop participants	Proposed recommendations from NVI Technical Team	Government level to address recommendations
<p>6 <u>Changes to Local Gov't Bylaws/Regulations</u> No mechanism for indicating a local government bylaw change for tenure renewals by the Provincial government</p>	<p>All tenure renewals should be referred to local government to ensure that any bylaw changes can be reviewed and available to decision makers.</p>	<p>Indicate that rules have changed and apply the changes to the renewal application</p>	<p>Provincial</p>
<p>7 <u>Transparency in Tenure Decision Making</u> Lack of transparency in factors for tenuring decision</p>	<p>Use a transparent process for decision-making and communicate that to the public</p>	<p>Improve the <i>Reasons for Decision</i> reports that are available publicly to provide more detail</p>	<p>Provincial</p>
<p>8 <u>Tenure Withdrawal Notification</u> Sehelt example: Concern over the lack of engagement with landowners when Province withdrew right to have docks and boat houses, no repeal</p>	<p>*Any cancellation of existing tenures should be subject to adequate notice and there should be an appeal mechanism.</p>	<p>Improve communications to landowners when tenures are cancelled</p>	<p>Provincial</p>
<p>9 <u>Tenure Referrals to Stakeholders</u> No consultation with SFAB or other stakeholder groups regarding tenure applications Local governments don't have the capacity to continue to send tenure referrals to local organizations Commercial Fisheries are not notified when there is an application on top of a commercial fishery area Sport Fish Advisory Boards are not consulted on sitings for finfish aquaculture, even though they had requested they be notified in order to identify conflicts</p>	<p>Add relevant SFAB directors and stakeholders to distribution of referrals and renewal applications The Provincial government should have a master contact list for referrals and send them as well to interested organizations</p>	<p>Send tenure applications and renewals to commercial fisheries representatives Support mapping initiative similar to that done by Aquatic Management Board on West Coast Vancouver Island</p>	<p>Provincial</p>

B. Marine Planning Processes (including MPA Network Process)				
1	<p><u>Potential Impacts to Recreational Fishing</u> The Province is a signatory to a recreational fishing vision document. Concern that potential impacts to recreational fishing were not adequately considered during MaPP PMZ zoning. This information would have been helpful for MPA Network discussions</p>	MaPP recommendations and MPA Network process needs to reflect potential impacts on public and recreational fishery	Ensure input from all marine user groups when developing/ amending recommendations for MaPP uses and activities as well as in MPA Network process	First Nations, Provincial, and Federal
1A	<p><u>*Potential Impacts to Commercial Fishing</u> Concern that potential impacts to recreational fishing were not adequately considered during MaPP PMZ zoning. This information would have been helpful for MPA Network discussions</p>	MaPP recommendations and MPA Network process needs to reflect potential impacts on commercial fisheries	Ensure input from all marine user groups when developing/ amending recommendations for MaPP uses and activities as well as in MPA Network process	First Nations, Provincial, and Federal
2	<p><u>Lack of Public Recreational Fishing Representation</u> Public fisheries were not adequately represented during MPA Network technical work</p>	Ensure public recreation fishery representation in MPA Network	Encourage future marine planning processes to ensure public recreational fishing interests are represented in technical work	First Nations, Provincial, and Federal
2A	<p><u>*Lack of Public Recreational Fishing Representation</u> Commercial fisheries were not adequately represented during MPA Network technical work</p>	Ensure commercial fisheries representation in MPA Network	Encourage future marine planning processes to ensure commercial fishing interests are represented in technical work	First Nations, Provincial, and Federal
3	<p><u>Lack of Public Engagement</u> MPA Network consultation did not include communities and public engagement at an early stage</p> <p>MPA Network is not an open and transparent planning process. SeaSketch is not accessible to the public. The</p>	Recommend early review of public engagement related to MPA Network process	Encourage MPA Network team to expedite community and public engagement on draft Network	First Nations, Provincial, and Federal
			Encourage MPA Network team to provide public access	

	<p>draft network scenario is not public.</p> <p>Long periods between opportunities for public engagement mean that decisions are being made without public consultation</p>		<p>to MPA Network SeaSketch data</p> <p>Encourage MPA Network team to ensure final decisions reflect input received from public consultation.</p>	
4	<p><u>MPA Process Not Transparent or Inclusive</u></p> <p>The MPA process is not as transparent or inclusive as it once was</p>		<p>Encourage MPA Network team to ensure adherence to process transparency and inclusivity principles</p>	<p>First Nations, Provincial, and Federal</p>
5	<p><u>*Marine Planning Processes Lack Conflict Resolution Process and Commitment to Equity</u></p>	<p>Conflict resolution, achieving consensus and the principles of fairness and equity should be part of marine planning processes</p>	<p>Revisit advisory Terms of Reference to be more accommodating of interest in equity</p> <p>Revisit advisory committee Terms of Reference to reinforce the goal of consensus recommendations</p>	<p>First Nations, Provincial, and Federal</p>
6	<p><u>*Partners in Marine Planning Processes Don't Represent Interests of Stakeholders and Local Governments</u></p> <p>There are challenges associated with a governance structure where partners may not be responsible for the interests of stakeholders and local government</p>	<p>Include stakeholders and local governments as planning partners</p>	<p>Review MaPP Implementation process for greater stakeholder and local government partnering opportunities in implementation projects</p> <p>Consider comments for future planning initiatives</p>	<p>First Nations, Provincial, and Federal</p>
C. MaPP Plan Implementation				
1	<p><u>Lack of Commercial and Rec Fishing Representation</u></p> <p>Commercial Fisheries is a big economic driver, \$100M of landed value for the region, however due to fisheries management, licensing and how these play out locally, only</p>	<p>Regarding MaPP intent for sustainability, monitoring, stewardship and the local economy, have fisheries involved in a more</p>	<p>Review MaPP Implementation process and activities for greater involvement opportunities for commercial fishery sector</p>	<p>Provincial, First Nations</p>

	a small part of the value remains in the region. Rec fishing impacts should have been discussed during PMZ zoning	inclusive way.	Ensure recreational fishing interests are included in future plan review, including PMZ zone review	
D. Marine Safety and Management Initiatives (OPP) – Tripartite Processes				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marine Spill Response Planning 2. Proactive Vessel Management 3. Derelict Vessel Management 4. Others 				
1	<u>Lack of Engagement with Local Governments</u> Local government has no knowledge or input on federal government and First Nation negotiations on OPP related initiatives	Engage local government in OPP initiatives	Identify opportunities for and promote local government engagement in federal and First Nations OPP discussions	First Nations, Federal
2	<u>Lack of Transparency in Decision Making</u> Lack of transparency in factors for decisions made between Transport Canada related to shipping and recreational boating	Improve transparency in decision making for shipping and recreational boating	Promote improved transparency in decision making with Transport Canada	Federal
3	<u>Lack of Local Engagement</u> First Nations and local government were not consulted during marine accident, <i>Nana Provider</i> , Quadra Island	Engage First Nations and local governments during marine accidents	Encourage TC and DFO to engage with First Nations and local government engagement during marine accidents	Federal
E. First Nations planning processes				
1	<u>Lack of Engagement with Local Governments</u> No engagement with Strathcona Regional District regarding land use planning done in Treaty negotiations	Inform local government of negotiation outcomes that impact local governments	Encourage treaty teams to provide regular updates to local government of important treaty meeting outcomes	First Nations
2	<u>Lack of Engagement with Local Governments and the Public</u> Concern that under UNDRIP First Nation development will proceed without consideration of other's input	First Nation agreements with federal or provincial government should include input from local communities and local government	Encourage consultation with public and local government when developing First Nation agreements	First Nations

3	<u>Lack of Engagement with Local Governments</u> Examples: local government zoning made redundant by treaty negotiations (Sechelt First Nation) and local government relegated to being another stakeholder to be consulted.	Inclusion of local governments during treaty negotiations, consider existing local government zoning	Encourage treaty teams to increase opportunities for local government engagement in treaty negotiations	First Nations
4	<u>Lack of Engagement with Local Governments</u> Lack of response by First Nation partners to emails and phone calls from Strathcona Regional District	Improve response by First Nation partners to emails and phone calls from Regional District staff	Develop an informal agreement for communication between the local government and Nanwakolas and confirm liaison persons	First Nations
F. New Federal and Provincial Regulations				
1	<u>Lack of Engagement with Local Governments</u> No consultation by provincial or federal governments with local government before final regulations are distributed	Reinstate white papers, engage with local government during development of regulations	Consider ways of improved engagement with local government during development of regulations	Provincial, Federal
2	<u>Changes to Provincial Regulations</u> No mechanism for local government to learn of changes to regulations that affect tenure renewals	Indicate that rules have changed when a tenure renewal is referred	Encourage provincial programs to ensure timely communication of changes in tenure policy and regulations	Provincial
3	<u>Local Government Recognition</u> The UBCM 2019 Special Resolution #1 expresses the importance of recognizing local government as orders of government that need to be consulted and engaged on matters that affect them (see Appendix 1 of this document)	Implement the Special Resolution and apply to planning programs and decision processes	Encourage provincial programs to develop an approach to address improved consultation and engagement on matters that affect local government	Provincial

*Stakeholder feedback received post-workshop

Appendix 1: UBCM 2019 Special Resolution #1

Section SR

Legislative

SR1 Provincial Consultation with Local Governments

UBCM Executive

Whereas s. 2 of the *Community Charter* acknowledges that consultation on matters of mutual interest is a key principle defining the local-provincial relationship recognizing that the citizens of BC are best served when both orders of government respect each other's jurisdiction and work together;

And whereas recent examples of provincial processes and programs affecting the land base have not been conducted in a manner consistent with the principles espoused within the *Community Charter*:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government ensure that the principles of mutual respect, consultation and cooperation as outlined in s. 2 of the *Community Charter* are adhered to and implemented as it moves forward with future initiatives.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM Executive is bringing this Special Resolution forward in response to member concerns about some of the new provincial processes and programs that have come forward that do not reflect the key principles outlined in the Community Charter. UBCM members have expressed concern about the lack of consultation with communities prior to the development of the draft Partnership Agreements regarding the Caribou recovery plan. Also of note is the Province's new modernized land use planning process that envisions a Province-First Nation led and developed framework with local governments categorized as another stakeholder to be consulted along with industry and other interest groups.

UBCM wishes to express the importance of recognizing local governments as orders of government that need to be consulted and engaged on matters that will affect them. This messaging has been very clear in the work undertaken by the UBCM's Community Economic Development Committee in regard to forest policy decision making. The UBCM Executive wishes to reinforce that message through this Special Resolution.

See also resolutions C3, C42, C51, C52.

Conference decision: _____

Source: p. 94 of UBCM 2019 Resolutions document,
<https://www.ubcm.ca/assets/Resolutions~and~Policy/Resolutions/2019%20UBCM%20Resolutions%20Book.pdf>



*North Vancouver Island
Marine Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC)
2020-2021 Mid-Year Meeting*

DRAFT - MEETING SUMMARY

December 7, 2020, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Webinar

Objectives:

1. To provide the end of year report with project updates and presentation of planned projects for 2020-21.

Attendance:

MPAC Participants:

Rick Snowdon – *Commercial Tourism (Member)*
Jim McIsaac – *Commercial Fisheries (Member)*
Dan Edwards *Commercial Fisheries (Alternate)*
Killian Stehfest – *Marine Conservation (Member)*
Ross Jameson – *Marine Conservation (Alternate)*
Richard Opala – *Finfish Aquaculture (Member)*
Jim Abram – *Local Government (SRD) (Member)*
Charlie Cornfield – *Local Government (City of Campbell River) (Member)*
Jeff Long – *Local Government (RDMW) (Alternate)*
Leightan Wishart – *Local Government (District of Port Hardy) (Member)*
Paul Grey – *Public Recreation (Member)*
Peter Stockdill – *Public Recreation (Alternate)*
Chuck Ashcroft – *Public Recreational Fishing (Member)*
Todd Russell – *Shellfish Aquaculture (Member)*

MaPP Participants:

John Bones – *Nanwakolas Council (Technical Team Co-Chair)*
Sally Cargill – *Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (Technical Team Co-Chair)*
Scott Harris – *Nanwakolas Council*
Josie Byington – *MaPP NVI Projects Coordinator and MaPP Communications Assistant*

Observers:

Bharat Adhikari – *Coastal Forestry*
Christina Mardell – *Coastal Forestry*

Regrets:

Bruce Storry – *Coastal Forestry (Member)*
Jeremy Maynard – *Recreational Fishing Service Providers (Member)*
Kermit Dahl – *Local Government (City of Campbell River) (Alternate)*
Rod Sherrell – *Local Government (RDMW) (Member)*
Fred Robertson – *Local Government (District of Port Hardy) (Alternate)*
Mike Kelly – *Port Hardy Harbour Authority (Member)*

Welcome and Opening

Sally Cargill and John Bones welcomed the group on behalf of the NVI Technical Team. Introductions were made and Kilian Stehfest was welcomed as the Member for Marine Conservation, replacing Bill Wareham.

Meeting Agenda & Previous Meeting

John reviewed the agenda and purpose of the meeting and provided a verbal summary of the last MPAC meeting (May 28, 2020), including project updates, annual report feedback, future projects, regional projects, and key action items. Agenda was endorsed with no additions.

Project Updates 2020-2021

Presentations were made about ongoing NVI Plan projects. These were the **Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) Monitoring Program, EBM Indicator Reporting, Estuary Monitoring, Pollution Clean-up, Archaeological Assessments, the Archaeological, Cultural and Heritage Pilot Project, the Human Well-being Indicator Report, Marine Governance, Collaboration, and Climate Change Assessment.**

General Discussion:

Discussion focused on the following topics:

- a) Kelp monitoring fieldwork and key findings in the NVI sub-region, the correlation of bull kelp stipe size with biomass, and the importance to future biomass estimates in management decision-making.
- b) A summary report of 4 years of data collected during kelp, eelgrass and oceanographic conditions monitoring in the NVI sub-region.
- c) The progress on the estuary monitoring program, coordinated by the Nature Trust and involving Guardians.
- d) The pollution clean up that occurred in October 2020 coordinated by the Mamalilikulla Guardians, which removed derelict vessels and marine debris with the support of partners.
- e) The findings of the archaeological assessments conducted during the 2020 field season and to date.
- f) The article published by *Pacific Yachting*, brought to MaPP's attention by Peter Stockdill, and the First Nations' follow-up letter.

- g) The next steps in the Archaeological, Cultural and Heritage Pilot Project, which was completed in September 2020. Communications materials are in development, based on a communications strategy that was developed through the project. An end of project assessment is being conducted which will make recommendations for future work.
- h) The development of a report on Cultural Continuity and Connection, a human well-being indicator, based on the archaeological filed surveys done from 2016-2020.
- i) The Marine Governance Workshop Report Summary, which has inadvertently omitted comments from Commercial Fisheries Sector.
- j) Guardians and BC staff collaboration on projects during 2020 field season even though Covid-19 protocols prevented joint in-person work.
- k) Opportunities for Guardians to increase interactions with users and user groups.
- l) Feedback on the climate change assessment noted a gap for recreational public fishing and requests made for further distribution to local government staff.

Clarification was made that:

- The methodology for estimating biomass of giant kelp is different than for bull kelp.
- The bull kelp biomass methodology will continue to be assessed and data evaluated for other MaPP sub-regions.
- The Guardians have worked with Pacific Salmon Foundation to understand how their data can support monitoring of indicators the Nations are interested in.
- As part of the Regional Kelp Monitoring program, UVic researchers are analysing historical kelp data from marine charts and oceanographic data collected at lightstations was highlighted as an important component to include in future analysis work.
- The most recent *Pacific Yachting* magazine has published the letter sent by the First Nations' chiefs regarding sensitivity of publishing maps of site locations.
- Newly discovered archaeological sites by Nanwakolas Guardians are not currently entered into the Provincial register. A test of 5 new sites for compatibility with Provincial registry database standards showed that there is a discrepancy in standards that needs to be addressed. In the meantime, new sites will be entered into the Nations' databases for tenure referrals.
- Confirmation that the NVI assessment of human well-being will be expanded beyond Cultural Continuity and Connection in the future. At the MaPP Regional level, indicators for advancing Governance, Commercial Seafood Landings, Commercial Seafood Processing, and Participation in the Workforce are being addressed.
- A number of other clean-up initiatives are taking place, including derelict fishing gear and marine debris cleanups in the Broughton.
- Clarification that the Climate Change Assessment report followed a targeted approach by identifying which sectors and communities might be impacted, and for those sectors, what adaptation and mitigation planning is available. For next steps, we will identify the best investment for MaPP funding and not overlap with work that communities and industries have underway.
- The MaPP work, as an example of a collaborative planning process with First Nation partners, will inform the new Provincial Coastal Strategy.

Advice received on the 2020-2021 Projects can be found in the MPAC advice log

ACTIONS:

- Team to provide the methodology for assessing giant kelp biomass when it is complete.
- DONE. Josie to provide details of the Quadra Centre for Dialogue presentation about the MaPP Regional Kelp Monitoring program.
- Paul Grey to forward information about the BC Marine Debris Working Group funding opportunity to Josie for distribution.
- Josie to follow up with Jim McIsaac for information on derelict fishing gear clean-up project for distribution to MPAC.
- Charlie to provide Josie with contact details for the group that conducted a plastics clean-up in 2019 at Brooks Peninsula.
- NVI Team to follow up with Jim Abram regarding pollution clean-up.
- Josie to circulate the Letter to the Editor from the Chief Richard Sumner and Chief John Smith about the pictograph article in *Pacific Yachting*, as forwarded from Peter Stockdill.
- NVI Team to check how local communities are included in the Archaeological, Cultural and Heritage Pilot Project Pilot Project Communications Strategy.
- NVI Team to send out the draft Human Well-being Indicator document to the MPAC members.
- NVI Team to send the MaPP Regional Human Well-being Indicator proposals (provided at recent RMAC meeting) to the MPAC for feedback.
- NVI Team to update the Marine Governance Workshop report with additional comments received and send it to the MPAC members.
- NVI Team to report out in the future on Provincial and First Nations actions arising from recommendations in the Marine Governance Workshop report.
- Scott and John to follow up on suggestion to make presentations about the Guardian programs to local governments.
- NVI Team to resend the Climate Change Assessment to local government staff.
- NVI Team to investigate how to amend the Climate Change Assessment Report to address comments made regarding exclusion of public recreational and guided fishing.
- John to send a copy of the CRIS (Coastal Resource Interests Study) report to Jim McIsaac.

Project Updates 2020-2021, continued

Presentations were made about ongoing NVI Plan projects. These were the **Plan Amendment Process**, **NVI Plan Amendment Proposal**, **PMZ Management Plans**, **Fisheries Economy Working Group**, and **Five Year Work Planning**.

General Discussion:

Discussion focused on the following topics:

- a) The MaPP plan amendment policy has been applied to the NVI plan, with the initial focus on eliminating redundancies, improving interpretation, and addressing gaps in the Plan tables outlining general provisions and conditional statements for each Plan zone.
- b) The work has also drawn from the PMZ management plans.
- c) Work can now resume with the Fisheries Economy Working Group.
- d) There will be a meeting planned with the MPAC in February/March 2021 to discuss work planning for the next 5 years of MaPP.

Clarification was provided that:

- The focus of plan amendment work to date has been on the plan as currently written. The work has not been broadened to address integration with federal government initiatives.
- Non-signatory First Nations are being engaged through Marine Protected Area Network activities and that venue is used to educate them about MaPP.
- All First Nations involved with MaPP signed an agreement with the Province to develop and implement the plans. To open MaPP up to other First Nations would have complications related to renegotiating MaPP implementation and funding agreements.
- Given the interplay between the plan amendment process and the PMZ management plan approval process, the PMZ plans may be considered as appendices in a future, revised NVI Marine Plan.
- No changes to zone boundaries are proposed in the current draft plan amendment proposal which focuses on clarifications to the general provisions and conditional statements.
- Participation in the Fisheries Economy Working Group was confirmed as Jim McIsaac, Charlie Cornfield, Ross Jameson, Jim Abram, Dan Edwards, and Killian Stehfest (tbc).
- The Ministry of Agriculture had been contacted previously to assist with scoping the Fisheries Economy Working Group activities.

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ACTIONS:

- **NVI Team to send the draft Plan Amendment proposal to the MPAC for feedback.**
- **Chuck to make enquiries within the Public Recreational Fishing sector for someone to participate on the Fisheries Economy Working Group.**
- **NVI Team to schedule a meeting of the Fisheries Economy Working Group.**
- **Charlie to forward the contact information for his executive assistant to Josie for his availability to attend Fishery Working Group meetings.**
- **NVI Team to schedule a meeting of the MPAC in February/March to discuss five year work planning.**

Update on Regional Projects

John and Sally presented on **Human Well-being Indicators** and **Spatial Planning**. Time did not allow for discussion of the **Regional Kelp Monitoring Program, Data Management, Wild Marine Aquatic Plant Management**, and the **RMAC meeting**. During the **Related Regional Initiatives and Issues** agenda block, Dan Edwards and Paul Grey provided comments.

General Discussion:

Discussion focused on the following topics:

- Dan spoke about his interest and experience in establishing a dialogue between the commercial fishing sector and Guardian programs.
- Paul suggested that information about Guardian programs could be shared with kayakers during training programs.

ACTIONS:

- **John and Scott to arrange to meet with Dan to discuss the NVI Guardian programs and interactions with commercial crab fishery.**

Co-chair Wrap-up

Sally and John closed the meeting and thanked the MPAC members for their participation. The next meeting will be a workshop in February or March to discuss the proposed NVI Five Year Work Plan.