

Meeting	Cape Byron Marine Park Advisory Committee - CBMPAC		
Meeting No	2020 – Meeting 4	Date	7 August 2020
Location	Via Zoom Video Conference & Phone	Time	1.30 – 3.30 pm
Invitees	<p><u>CBMPAC Members</u></p> <p>Theresa Nicholls, Serge Killingbeck, Daniel Bucher, Bill Silvester, John Gallagher, Alice Livingston, Basil Cameron, Keith Williams, Joshua Hayhoe</p> <p><u>CBMPAC Alternate Members</u></p> <p>Cate Coorey, Peter Watts</p> <p><u>DPI Staff</u></p> <p>Sarah Fairfull – Director Aquatic Environment (DAE), Peter Gallagher - Program Leader Marine Operations (PLMO), Rodney James - Program Leader Marine Planning (PLMP), Nicole Strehling – Senior Manager Marine Planning (SMMP), Andrew Page - Manager Cape Byron Marine Park (MCBMP), Karen Ellis Administrative Assistant CBMP, Kylie Russell - Senior Manager - Coastal Systems (SMCS), Jonathon Yantsch - Senior Fisheries Manager - Coastal Systems (SFMCS)</p> <p><u>DPIE staff</u></p> <p>Ben Fitzgibbon - Senior Natural Resource Officer (SNRO Coasts and Estuaries)</p>		
Apologies	Ms Theresa Nicholls, Cr Basil Cameron, Mr Joshua Hayhoe,		
Prepared by	DPI		

Previous meeting

Action	Status
20.08: CBMPAC members and alternate members to finalise and submit any further comments on threats, objectives and actions over the next week.	Complete – Serge Killingbeck took the opportunity to comment — emailed to MCBMP.

20.09: DPI to provide an update on projects being undertaken under the Marine Estate Management Strategy at next meeting of the CBMPAC.	Complete – Update on Richmond River projects
20.10: MCBMP to confirm with Josh Hayhoe that his written comments can be provided to members and alternate members of the committee and to confirm with all members and alternate members that they concur with their written comments on documents to be circulated to all members and alternate members of the CBMPAC.	MCBMP confirmed – complete.
20.11: CBMPAC members to finalise and submit any comments on community engagement over the next week and a half.	No comments received – complete.

This meeting

Item	Issue	Action
1.	Acknowledgement of Country	The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgement of Country
2.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Theresa Nicholls, Cr Basil Cameron, Mr Joshua Hayhoe 	
3.	Adoption of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments received relating to adoption of minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serge Killingbeck moved that the draft minutes be accepted as a true record of the last meeting of the CBMPAC on 12 June 2020. The motion was seconded by Bill Silvester.

<p>4, 5, & 6</p>	<p>Update on status of draft Management Plan, Consolidated comments on values, threats and Draft community engagement plan objectives and actions were discussed together</p> <p>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 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. • 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. • Once the draft has been submitted to the Ministers, the committee’s advice will be sought on applying the regulatory actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda items 4, 5 & 6 presented by SMMP. SMMP requested to consolidate these agenda items into a single update and discussion. Members in agreeance. <p>Action 20.12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMMP to email the Draft Engagement Plan to members for feedback and comment on 7 August .
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	<p>from the plan in new management rules including zoning.</p> <p>Discussion: There was some discussion by the Committee where the following points were made —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just because an activity may be identified as a threat it didn't mean that it would be prohibited — increased regulation may not be the answer. • Increasing urban development and its impact on water quality is a common impact across all marine parks. • CBMP is the only marine park to have experienced shark attacks in recent years and therefore attracted the most attention of the projects under the Shark Management Strategy. <p>Draft community engagement plan</p> <p>SMMP discussed the draft community engagement plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked members for advice on community engagement tools and local stakeholders in response to the paper tabled at the June meeting. • That comment has now been incorporated into a draft engagement plan. • The committee's advice on the draft engagement plan would be appreciated. • Hope to commence a minimum of two months community consultation on the draft management plan. • Nine government agencies with an interest in marine park management and members of the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel are also currently reviewing this draft engagement plan. 	
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7.	<p>Update on projects being undertaken in the Richmond River catchment under the Marine Estate Management Strategy</p> <p>Marine estate agency staff provided presentations on the following topics —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPI Fisheries projects relevant to CBMP including — conducting workshops and education programs to improve water quality and reduce litter; working with agencies to develop guidelines to incorporate fish friendly features in breakwater maintenance works; collaborating with research institutions on a number of Marine Vegetation Strategy projects; undertaking several on ground wetland rehabilitation projects; developing strategies to manage foreshore structures in the Richmond and Brunswick River estuaries and a Bank Management Strategy in the Brunswick estuary; providing fish passage at a priority weir and road crossing barriers; and working to achieve better alignment of the Key Fish Habitat Offset Policy with Biodiversity Conservation Act offsetting; a number of projects undertaken within the Emigrant Creek Catchment including: working principally with the Macadamia Industry on riparian rehabilitation works and Orchard Management Plans to reduce erosion; bank stabilisation works near Teven; sealing dirt roads at 15 locations; and working to improve the management of fertigation (nutrients supplied via irrigation) requirements for blueberry crops. • DPIE-EES indicated that governance in the Richmond River catchment had long been identified as a hurdle to efficient and coordinated natural resource management and investment at a catchment scale and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, in collaboration with the Richmond catchment councils and Rous 	
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	<p>County Council, had co-funded a \$12,000 consultancy to review governance and identify recommended governance and funding models. The Richmond River Governance and Funding Project was completed in late 2019 and makes two recommendations for improving governance of the Richmond River catchment. The next year of funding has been allocated for a project officer to continue working to establish a new governance framework, and working to reduce diffuse source water pollution in the Richmond.</p>	
8.	<p>Other business & next meeting date</p> <p>a) Marine Estate Management Act review</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 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. • 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. 	<p>Action 20.13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members to email comments to MCBMP by 21 August 2020. • MCBMP to collate comments and forward to the Chair by 21 August 2020. • The Chair to have collated, and committee approved, the joint response to the Act review be sent to PLMP by 26 August 2020

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that the Act review discussion paper was not for further distribution, but this did not preclude members discussing the Act with their colleagues. • The presentation was followed by discussion and PLMP responded to questions and requested that CBMPAC prepare a joint submission. • MCBMP suggested that committee members email their individual comments to him and he will collate and forward to the Chair to prepare the joint response. The Chair will forward to members for approval before submitting to PLMP (Action 20.13). <p>b) Peter Watts advised that neither he nor Joshua Hayhoe can provide a spearfishing contact to provide comment from the perspective of spear fishers. This was in response to a request made by PLMO in the previous CBMPAC meetings agenda item – developing a plan for community consultation.</p> <p>c) Bill Silvester queried if there are currently any measuring systems in place to show if the projects being undertaken in the Richmond River under the Marine Estate Management Strategy are making any improvements to water quality? DPI Fisheries staff responded on behalf of the three Richmond River guest speakers that current measures included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application of a risk-based framework • Monitoring done by EES • Site based water quality testing in Emigrant Creek. 	
9.	<p>Close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting close 2.50 pm 	

Next meeting

Date for next meeting had not yet been decided