

Meeting	Solitary Islands Marine Park Advisory Committee (SIMPAC)		
Meeting No	2020.4	Date	6 August 2020
Location	Via VC and phone	Time	10:00 – 12:00 noon
Invitees	<p>Solitary Island Marine Park Advisory Committee members</p> <p>Ms Tricia Beatty - Commercial fishing Ms Sally Whitelaw - Local government Mr Ian Shaw - Recreational boating Mr Stephen Sawtell - Recreational water use (Chair) Dr Duan March - Marine conservation</p> <p>Solitary Island Marine Park Advisory Committee alternate members</p> <p>Mrs Karen Dallas - Recreational water use Ms Nicola Fraser - Marine conservation</p> <p>DPI Staff</p> <p>Peter Gallagher -Program Leader Marine Operations Rodney James - Program Leader Marine Planning Nicole Strehling – A/Senior Manager Marine Planning, Anthony Harding – A/Solitary Island Marine Park Manager (SIMP)</p>		
Apologies	<p>Prof. Stephen Smith - Marine science Mr Mike Davey – Tourism Dr Michael Featherstone - Spear fishing Mr Aj Perkins - Aboriginal culture Elise Currey – Maritime industry Neil Manson – Recreational fishing</p>		
Prepared by	DPI		
Note:	<p>Section 12 of the <i>Marine Park Advisory Committee Handbook</i> states that “the quorum for a meeting of the Committee consists of a majority of its members as appointed at the time”. Five of the eleven current committee members were present at this meeting and therefore the meeting did not have a quorum.</p>		

Section 14 also states that a “recommendation supported by a majority of votes cast at a meeting of the committee at which a quorum is present will be taken as the recommendation of the committee”. As a quorum was not present no recommendations will be taken from this meeting.

Action 20.10 SIMP Manager to call all SIMPAC members and alternative members to confirm attendance before the next SIMPAC meeting to ensure a quorum is present.

Previous meeting

Action	Status
20.08 A/SMMP to circulate comments from the committee made during the meeting on the threats, objectives and actions paper for the committee’s further consideration. MPAC members to finalise and submit any further comments on threats, objectives and actions over the next week.	Completed
20.09 MPAC members to finalise and submit any comments on community engagement over the next week and a half.	Completed

This meeting

Item	Issue	Action
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Chair provided a welcome to country	
2.	Apologies Please refer to above	
3.	Actions from meeting three Completed as per table above.	
4.	Adoption of minutes from meeting three	

	<p>Due to the lack of a quorum, the committee was unable to move a motion to adopt the minutes.</p> <p>The committee was given one week to review the minutes of meeting three out-of-session and provide comments before the minutes are adopted.</p>	
5.	<p>Update on status of draft Management Plan</p> <p>For the purpose of streamlining the meeting, the A/SMMP provided an update on agenda item 5 and 6 together.</p> <p>The update included the status of the draft Management Plan and the comments provided on the threats, objectives and actions:</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 	

	<p>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>	
6.	<p>Consolidated comments on values, threats, objectives and actions</p> <p>Please see agenda item 5 above</p>	
7.	<p>Draft community engagement plan</p> <p>A/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 the 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 before the end of 2020. • Nine government agencies with an interest in marine park management and members of the Marine Estate 	

	<p>Expert Knowledge Panel are also currently reviewing this draft engagement plan.</p> <p>Members had a discussion around the approach the department should take regarding community engagement.</p> <p>To provide a robust approach to the process, several members provided advice that an independent communication expert be brought in to assist the department to conduct the community engagement.</p> <p>One member also noted that this strategy should include the identification of high-profile industry relevant champions to be involved in supporting the draft management plan process.</p>	
8.	<p>Other business</p> <p><u>Marine Estate Management Act review</u></p> <p>Rodney James provided an update on the Marine Estate Management Act review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checked with Advisory Committee members that they received an email and 2-page discussion paper from the A/Manager SIMP inviting the Committee to provide input to the statutory review of the <i>Marine Estate Management Act 2014</i> by close of business on 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. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>Members noted that the time frame given to review the Act is insufficient to do a thorough job and requested additional time.</p>	
9.	<p>Agenda Item 9 – Close</p> <p>Meeting was closed</p>	

Next meeting

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