

NOTES

Marine Spatial Planning for the Falkland Islands

Steering committee meeting #7

January, 22nd 2016, 9am-11pm (Falklands time)

At SAERI, Stanley cottage



This document compiles the notes and related actions taken during the steering committee meeting for the Marine Spatial Planning project. Notes are taken only when further comments were made to what is presented in the quarterly reports or new ideas of discussion emerged.

Attendees:

Project team:

- Amélie Augé (SAERI)
- Paul Brickle (SAERI)

Steering committee members:

- Jon Boot (Falkland Islands Petroleum Licenses Association)
- Stephanie Middleton (Falkland Islands Tourism Board)
- Paul Brewin (Shallow Marine Survey Group)
- Andy Pollard (Falkland Islands Fishing Companies Association)
- Bill Dawson (British Navy)
- Nick Rendell (Environmental Planning Department)
- Malcolm Jamieson (Fisheries Department)
- Andy Stanworth (Falklands Conservation)
- Ben Lascelles (BirdLife International)
- Phil Trathan (British Antarctic Survey)
- Tim Martin (Falkland Islands Petroleum Licenses Association)

Apologies: Jon Boot, Paul Brickle, Paul Brewin, Andy Stanworth, Phil Trathan, Tim Martin.

Esther Bertram (Falklands Conservation) and Pippa Christie (FIPLA) attended the meeting.

Items for this meeting were:

1. Greet
2. Action from last meeting
3. Review of last quarter activities and report
4. Budget and details for MSP implementation phase
5. Workshop #3 (5-8 April 2016) update
6. Plans for the next quarter
7. Next meeting

Actions arising (by alphabetical order of who has to actioned them)

Action	Who	Note	Status
Organise a special meeting before 28 th Jan. to have agreed outputs and roles for Implementation Phase of MSP	Amélie	Paul decided a meeting was not necessary and that written feedbacks on the draft paper would be easier	Done
Ask Finance about datelines and timing for outcomes of Budget Select Committee submission	Amélie	Although Paul got a different answer and an extension for submission was obtained	Done
Submit Select Budget Committee paper	Amélie	By 1 st Feb.	Pending
Organise next steering committee before workshop	Amélie	Around mid-March	Pending

Notes

1. *Previous minutes, notes and actions taken*

Most actions were completed; the content of the final report will be sorted at a later date, in particular based on the third workshop outcomes.

2. *Detailed financial and delivery plan for the Implementation Phase of MSP within the Falkland Islands*

Most of the discussion during the meeting focussed on the link between science and policy (science-policy interface) and how this should be elaborated within the delivery plan and roles of the MSP staff that need to be filled. A draft but had not been circulated prior to the meeting because it had not been checked by all the members of the MSP project team.

Most agreed that ideally there should be a full-time position within FIG as an MSP officer (policy/legislation/enforcement focussed) along with the MSP manager (science/policy). During the implementation phase, there will be scope to build the case for an MSP officer that can take over the Marine Spatial Planning process in the Operation Phase while SAERI by then should have an established externally-funded research program, providing high quality science data and policy recommendations. The MSP Forum should then be coordinated by the MSP FIG officer.

A suggestion to clarify this in the budget proposal was to have different options for budget to reflect what would be the best-case scenario to achieve the most efficient MSP, and an alternative scenario that is within the previously given estimated amounts. A business plan approach to describe the next phase of MSP was also suggested.

The idea of using an external consultant for a detailed policy and legislation analyses was not seen as appropriate by part of the committee because it was felt by the several representatives that they would not have time to understand and grasp the 'essence' of the Falkland Islands in the short time they would be given.

There was an agreement that MSP is about coordinating activities and management and therefore that it should provide an overarching strategic vision with relevant policies in place to achieve this vision. The discussion highlighted some confusion in terms of what a Marine Spatial Plan would be and therefore this should be explained in more details in the delivery plan submission. A model such as below should clarify the process that MSP provides for practical management.

Marine Spatial Planning → Strategic approach → Marine Spatial Plan (the policy) → Legislation

MSP provide science-grounded stakeholder-driven policies that can easily be interpreted for government staff and legislation makers. The Marine Spatial Plan will be updated regularly to ensure long-term benefits.

A further special meeting of the steering committee was suggested to present the draft submission in more details and have a general agreement on what the next phase of MSP

will be, and its clear outcomes. However, due to the short timeframe before dateline for submission, the MSP team will edit the draft paper and send it to committee members in order to get written feedbacks prior to submission.

3. Timing of next MSP phase and submission outcome

There was a question about when the outcome of the submission to the Select Budget Committee and when the next phase would start. The Initiation Phase funded by Darwin Plus ends early July 2016. Communication with FIG Finance staff confirmed that the FIG Select Budget Committee submission must be submitted at the latest on 1st February but that the outcome will not be known before June. There is no change accepted once the paper is submitted. Further communication by Paul Brickle with Finance staff granted an extension to 3rd February for submission.

4. MSP workshop #3

There was no time to discuss in details the next workshop but email communication and a special meeting in March will ensure the steering committee is aware of and give feedbacks on the workshop agenda and expected outcomes.

Bill D. confirmed that the Clyde was available for a day for the MSP workshop with the possibility to have a trip out in Berkeley Sound with the participants on board and including a lunch. This would be particularly suited for the session on the Berkeley Sound case study.