



## **MSP Steering Committee: AFCAS consultation update meeting**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

### **Attendees:**

Neil Golding, Diane Simsovic, John Barton, Michael Poole, Nick Rendell, Paul Brickle  
(apologies – Tara Pelembe)

### **Key points/actions**

1. All agreed to extend invitation to Stephen Luxton (Director, Department of Mineral Resources) to join the MSP Steering Committee. ***AP 2017\_04\_001: NG to send invitation to Director, Department of Mineral Resources.***
2. All agreed to extend MSP public consultation to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017, in order to ensure that views from across the Falklands are received in time.
3. NG to explore setting up a stand at the West Store to get feedback from local residents – possibly Sat morning would be the best time to do this.
4. All agreed that should aim for MSP consultation report (and updated AFCAS report) be completed in time for Farmers Week 2017 (which may be w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017). Would need to consider implications for wider sign off (over and above MSP Steering Committee) such as Environment/Fisheries/Mineral Resources Committees.
5. Paul Brickle and Michael Poole attending the AFCAS public consultation meetings on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> April (Yacht Club event - 5pm Geography room, Falklands School) and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April (6pm Chamber of Commerce). We will propose that Sally Poncet (who organised this evenings event) chairs. Michael Poole to Chair Wednesday session. Presentation on AFCAS consultation for both events by NG.

### **Discussions regarding management proposals in AFCAS report:**

1. AIS – This proposal should focus on commercial vessels rather than private recreational vessels. Would also likely focus using satellite AIS (cost associated) rather than needing additional AIS beacons. Would want to ensure code of conduct is made available for visiting overseas vessels.
2. Biosecurity – likely that an annual biosecurity check (as proposed in report) would not be appropriate for local vessel. Would need to focus on visiting vessels. NG discussed with Ross James about a high level statement on Biosecurity (provided by Ross) for inclusion in the final version of the AFCAS report.

3. Land based pollution – really focussed on tackling significant sources of land based pollution, and would align with wider proposals on waste management being developed by FIG. Useful note that FC organised beach cleans have reported declining amounts of plastic waste being recovered.
4. Discussion around recreational fishing within MNRs – all agreed that a pragmatic approach may be that special dispensation is sought (perhaps from EPD?) rather than an outright ban, as likely that this isn't really a big issue.
5. Passage of vessels though MNRs – specific examples such as passage of shipping through dedicated shipping zones needs some thought. This may be linked to size/category limits excluding specific vessels. Needs some thought with respect to UNCLOS requirements and requirements for national/international notices to mariners.

