



## MSP Steering Committee: Post-consultation meeting

### Draft Minutes

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017

13:00 – 14:30hrs – Dept. of Mineral Resources

#### Attendees:

Neil Golding (Chair) (NG), Diane Simsovic (DS), John Barton (JB), Michael Poole (MP), Nick Rendell (NR), Paul Brickle (PB), Roddy Cordeiro (RC) (standing in for Stephen Luxton).

Apologies – Tara Pelembe, Stephen Luxton

#### Agenda

- 1. Approval of agenda*  
The agenda was approved with no additions.
- 2. Update on AFCAS consultation (NG)*  
NG provided a brief update on the AFCAS consultation, which closed on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. 61 full responses have been received, with extensions also granted to IAATO (via a letter from Barry Rowland) and FIPLA of two weeks. The consultation responses are in the process of being reviewed and the consultation report drafted. An MSP Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for – Tues 6<sup>th</sup> June, when the consultation report will be discussed. A Stakeholder Group workshop will also be planned for soon after this SC meeting. There is a plan to update the AFCAS report in light of the consultation comments – it may be appropriate to present updated AFCAS proposals at the June Environment Committee. Need to discuss further approval steps for the revised AFACS report with Steering Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> June meeting – aim to present updated AFCAS work during Farmers Week (3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017) – provisional slot for presentation at 11:30am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.
- 3. Discussion on FIFCA consultation (Yaquina Resources Group) submission, and Steering Committee response (All)*  
NG introduced the report from Yaquina Resources Group, who were tasked by FIFCA to undertake an external, independent review of the AFCAS report. There was a discussion about the findings of the peer review.

MP stated that the same consultation response from FIFCA had been sent to Gilbert House, so the Members will be responding – all agreed that this formal response could and should include the MSP Steering Committee response.

**AP 2017\_05\_001: MP to draft an initial response (on behalf of members) to the FIFCA consultation response and circulate to MSP Steering Committee members for comment.**

All agreed that FIFCA Chair should propose someone to join the MSP Steering Committee – but need to specify that this person will need the authority to represent the views and take decisions on behalf of FIFCA.

MP will run the draft response past members on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May '17 – he will need comments by close of play on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May from Steering Committee.

NG asked whether the Steering Committee had a view on producing a Press Release following the consultation – All agreed that this would be better after the consultation report is published, but should be looked at then.

Looking forward, PB highlighted a plan to hold a short Stakeholder Group workshop in order to get their input into the process. DS also highlighted that with Amelie's departure, there was an extended time when there were no Stakeholder Group meetings, plus PB mentioned that the Stakeholder Group membership was refined at the start of 2017, around the time that NG came into post, in light of the fact that it was an FIG 'owned' project. All agreed that it was a good idea to hold this workshop.

#### **AP 2017\_05\_002: NG to re-circulate Stakeholder Group Terms of Reference**

NG expanded to say that the workshop would invite the Stakeholder Group, within the confines of the IUCN criteria which protected areas would need to comply with, to revise the suite of management approaches that could be looked at for the various MMA proposals that are on the table for discussion.

DS highlighted the usefulness of saying explicitly what the economic impact of the AFCAS proposals would be (e.g. fishing/tourism etc), and felt this needed to be done. NG asked how the Steering Committee would propose to undertake this. DS stated that there was a lot of expertise to do this already round the table in the MSP Steering Committee, and more could be drawn from the Stakeholder Group – potentially at the planned workshop. This needs expanding somewhat within the Steering Committee – it will be on the agenda for the next meeting (6<sup>th</sup> June). However, it is important to stress that this would need discussing once the final options are clearer. For example, using existing fishing closures only would result in negligible economic impact, assuming no change.

There was a discussion about rebranding of the updated AFCAS report, including simple steps such as being clearer on the front cover that it is an Assessment of Fishing Closure Areas rather than solely MSP for the Falkland Islands, which is what it currently states. Decoupling it from the MSP process would be important.

Discussion about lessons learned through the consultation, such as clarity of text etc.

DS asked MP when the MLAs were expecting a paper to ExCo on the MSP future strategy – MP responded to say that there were no particular expectations, but as they were no budgetary considerations (as we've missed that), but that something in the next two – three months (by mid-August '17). Steering Committee members should note that funding for the MSP Project Manager comes to an end on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

PB noted that it was important for the Steering Committee to provide a clearer picture at the next meeting (6<sup>th</sup> June) as to the direction of this work post AFCAS. It's important to understand whether the steer is just to progress the AFCAS work or continue looking at wider MSP.

**AP 2017\_05\_003: NG to circulate original MSP ExCo paper in order for Steering Committee members to consider progress to date against this paper, and to help the consider AP 2017\_05\_004.**

**AP 2017\_05\_004 – All MSP Steering Committee members need to consider the future of MSP for a discussion at the next meeting (6<sup>th</sup> June) – do they feel FIG have done enough (with respect to potentially recommending a suite of MMAs at the end of the AFCAS process) or is there still appetite to continue developing and implementing MSP in the Falklands.**

4. *AoB*

No AoB and NG closed meeting.

