



Sgaan Kinghlas – Bowie Seamount Protected Area

Advisory Meeting, March 21, 2011

Conference Call Notes

Attendees:

Gregg Holm, BC Tuna Fishermen's Association

Chris Acheson, Canadian Sablefish Association

Hussein Alidina, World Wildlife Fund

Sabine Jessen, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

Rosaline Canessa, University of Victoria

Isabelle Côté, Simon Fraser University

Shawn Cowpar, Council of the Haida Nation

Russ Jones, Haida Fisheries Program

Catherine Rigg, Haida Fisheries Program

Jason Thompson, Haida Fisheries Program

Cynthia Johnston, DFO Fisheries and Aquaculture Management

Adam Keizer, DFO Fisheries and Aquaculture Management

Greg Jones, Environment Canada

Miriam O, DFO Science Branch

Hilary Ibey, DFO Oceans, Vancouver

Mel Kotyk, DFO North Coast Area, Director

Jeffrey Lemieux, DFO North Coast Oceans Habitat and Enhancement Branch (OHEB), Area Manager

Amy Wakelin, DFO North Coast Oceans

Denise Zinn, DFO North Coast Oceans

Regrets:

Norm Sloan, Parks Canada (did not receive updated call in information)

Danielle Smith, Department of National Defense (did not receive updated call in information)

Peter deGreef, BC Tuna Fisherman's Association (did not receive updated call in information)

Masoud Jahani, Transport Canada

Karen Topelko, Province of British Columbia

John Dower, University of Victoria

Robert Fraumeni, Canadian Sablefish Association

Brad Setso, Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District



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1. Welcome/Introductions

Mel Kotyk, DFO/Shawn Cowpar, CHN

Mel Kotyk

- Purpose of today's conf call is to provide general update to stakeholders on activities and progress made on management plan since the last meeting and to provide information on upcoming June meeting
- Introductions and staffing changes in DFO:
 - Jeffrey Lemieux, Area Manager OHEB NC
 - Amy Wakelin, Oceans NC – will take on most of agenda

Shawn Cowpar

- Welcome on behalf of the Haida Nation
- We have a few issues to resolve
- It's a unique area that needs protecting and further research on it
- Look forward to hearing your views on the management plan

2. Review and acceptance of Minutes

Amy Wakelin

- Draft minutes were previously distributed and comments received and included. Minutes were accepted

3. SK-B Protected Area Update

Amy Wakelin

Advisory Body

- DFO has been reviewing draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and reporting structure and the role of participants taking into consideration comments received from the meeting held in March 2010.
- DFO will continue to look at the ToR and compare to other processes to identify potential opportunities for collaboration. We will be using the feedback from last year's meeting to produce the next draft of the ToR for the Advisory Body.
- A second draft ToR will be sent out in late May for review/comment prior to June meeting.
- June 28 & 29 will be 1st official meeting of Advisory Body. The ToR will be tabled for acceptance at that meeting and members will be formally identified.

Management Board:

- Primary responsibility of the Management Board at present is to develop a management plan for the MPA. A ToR for this board have not yet been finalized
- Management Board met in Skidegate on February 25th. Agenda items for that meeting:
 - Formally appoint members
 - Discuss the outcomes of the fall Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat meeting
 - Discuss management of the MPA (focus on activities that may have impact on the conservation objectives)
 - Update on the management plan



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- Outcome of meeting:
 - Appointees to Management Board
 - DFO
 - Mel Kotyk (Area Director, NC)
 - Jeffrey Lemieux (Area Manager, OHEB)
 - Alternates: Bruce Reid (Regional Manager, Oceans), Integrated Coastal Zone Management Coordinator, North Coast (position is in the process of being staffed)
 - CHN
 - Robert Davis (Elected CHN Representative)
 - Jason Alsop (Elected CHN Representative)
 - Alternate: Shawn Cowpar (Elected CHN Representative)
- Next meeting of Management Board meeting is being planned for the fall of 2011

4. October CSAS RAP – Report out and next steps

Hilary Ibey

- Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat Regional Advisory Process meeting held in Nanaimo in October 2010
- Initial purpose of this meeting was to develop indicators and monitoring protocols for both the SK-B and Endeavour MPAs. Work is still being done to develop functional objectives that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results-based, Time specific (S.M.A.R.T.) and identify important ecosystem components.
- Applying this approach for Bowie and other Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Pacific Region - important to get stakeholder input. This will happen in workshop format at the June meeting of this group.

5. SK-B Management Plan update and next steps

Amy Wakelin

- A lot of collaborative work between DFO and CHN has happened over the past months on the management plan. This work is still ongoing.
- It is anticipated that the conservation objectives that come out of the stressors based approach, along with the identification of key indicators and thresholds will be key to forming sound management recommendations
- Amy Wakelin walked group through management plan draft table of contents
- The group provided general comments on the management plan table of contents and expressed interest in continuing to be involved in the development of the document.

6. Next steps and wrap up

Mel Kotyk

- Next advisory meeting will be held in Skidegate June 28th (full day) and June 29th (half day)
- In advance of that meeting, draft ToR for Advisory Body will be sent out, as well as draft materials regarding the stressors based approach



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- At the meeting our goal will be to develop a common understanding of the stressors based approach to developing conservation objectives. We will identify valued ecosystem components and talk about different activities that are happening in and around the MPA, and the potential stressors stemming from those activities
- June meeting will be important. Formal invitations will be going out in the coming weeks.
- General discussion about June meeting. Some of the group expressed concern regarding the lack of funding being provided for participation in advisory processes.
- DFO recognized the constraints on travel, as well as the carbon footprint of bringing participants to a location that requires such travel, and will be looking at options for virtual participation (i.e. webinar, teleconference, etc) for June meeting.