

PRESENT

Members:

Alan MacIntyre (Community Rep.)
Bob Jolly (Community Rep)
Kingsley Searle (Oyster Industry)
Laurie Lardner (Community Rep)
Tony Troup (Oyster Industry)

Staff:

Matt Rogers (PMHC)
Gordon Cameron (PMHC)
Jesse Dick (PMHC)

Other Attendees:

Tina Clemens (Lands Department)
Michael Northam (DPI - Fisheries)
Steve Atkins (National Parks Wildlife Service)
John Schmitt (Office of Environment & Heritage)
Maria Fraser & Ray Richards (SES)

The meeting opened at 3:10pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from the following members be accepted:

Councillor Michael Cusato, Adrian Button (Waterways User Rep.), Patrick McEntee (Community Rep.), Andre Uljee (Maritime Division - RMS), Matt Dawson (Maritime Division - RMS), Tim Molloy (PMHC) and Thor Aaso (PMHC).

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Coast, Estuary & Floodplain Advisory Sub-Committee Meeting held on 9 February 2016 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING

Item 10.01: Michael Northam (DPI - Fisheries) outlined the progress of the Camden Haven Prawn study & summarised the draft report which was presented to committee members. Michael to notify Council staff upon completion of the final report so that the report author (Dr Matthew Taylor) can be present the findings of the study to the committee members.

A colour of the draft report findings will be sent to the committee members for their perusal.

This item along with item 10.02 proposed to form a standalone agenda item at an upcoming committee meeting.

Item 10.02: Michael Northam (DPI - Fisheries) confirmed that seagrass mapping study is ongoing. Michael to notify Council staff upon completion of the final report so that the report author (Dr Matthew Taylor) can be present the findings of the study to the committee members.

This item along with item 10.01 proposed to form a standalone agenda item at an upcoming committee meeting.

Item 10.10: Alan McIntyre requested confirmation on when the landowner was consulted regarding control of the Papyrus weed on the corner of the Boulevard & Diamond Head Road, Dunbogan. Thor Aaso to follow up.

Blue Star Weed: Alan McIntyre requested further information regarding control of the Blue Star weed on his property and neighbouring properties in the Camden Haven. Thor Aaso to discuss with Council's Invasive Weeds Officer - Grant Taylor and provide an update to Alan.

Item 05: Vegetation Mapping, Biodiversity Strategy & Eco Health Monitoring: An update on the Biodiversity Strategy is proposed to form a standalone agenda item at an upcoming committee meeting. Vegetation mapping can be display as part of the meeting agenda.

06 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE ON FLOODPLAIN RISK, ESTUARY AND COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECTS

There was general discussion on various aspects of the project status document.

It was noted that many projects have been started or completed since the last time an update on the status of the outstanding projects was provided to the committee in September 2015.

An A3 colour copy of the project status document is to be mailed to all committee members for their information.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee note the status of action for each Coast, Estuary and Floodplain Risk Management Plan.

07 DRAFT LAKE CATHIE COASTAL MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN (DCP) PROVISIONS

There was general discussion on various aspects of the draft DCP provisions. It was noted that the provisions are an update of the existing Interim Development Controls and include a trigger point for the removal of relocatable structures.

Staff advised committee members that the provisions need to be reported to Council as soon as possible so that updated controls could be in place to guide development applications that are likely to be submitted.

Committee members wished to note that due to the short timeframe between the agenda being issued and the committee meeting that some members had only a short time to review the DCP provisions.

Matt Rogers confirmed that committee members will have further opportunity to consider and provide comment on the draft DCP provisions during the statutory exhibition period.

CONSENSUS:

That it be a recommendation to Council that the Lake Cathie Coastal Management Development Control Plan (DCP) provisions be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

08 COAST, ESTUARY & FLOODPLAIN GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE

There was general discussion on the various grant funded projects.

A review of unsuccessful grant applications will be undertaken by Council staff in consultation with stakeholder representatives within coming months.

Steve Atkins (NPWS) was supportive of the North Brother Local Catchments Flood Study project and requested that NPWS be consulted throughout the duration of the project as they are a direct stakeholder.

CONSENSUS:

That the status of the Coast, Estuary and Floodplain Grants be noted.

09 LAKE CATHIE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN MINISTERIAL CERTIFICATION

There was general discussion on various aspects of the ministerial certification of the Lake Cathie CZMP.

It was noted that further works are required on a funding model for the implementation of the Plan. It was acknowledged that significant ground work had been completed via the Cost Benefit analysis which formed part of the CZMP.

John Schmidt (OEH) advised that grant funding was available for planning works which can be applied for at any time where a certified CZMP is in place and this funding could be used to further develop a funding model as suggested by the Minister.

CONSENSUS:

That the Ministerial certification of the Lake Cathie Coastal Zone Management Plan be noted.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.01 COASTAL REFORMS

John Schmidt (OEH) confirmed that due to the recent changes to Coastal & Estuary Management Grant programs, only projects listed in certified plans are eligible for grant funding. The committee discussed how new plans could be developed and there was a view that separating estuary management from coastal management would enable a smoother transition to the new regime for coastal planning. Alan McIntyre requested that a link to the coastal reforms be sent to all committee members. A coastal reform community information session will be held at the Glasshouse on Tuesday, 29th November at 11 - 12.30pm.

10.02 CROWN LANDS LEGISLATIVE REFORMS

Tina Clements (Lands department) provided an update on the Crown lands Management Bill and Act. Crown lands have been subject to a detailed review of the past four years. Information, including detailed factsheets on the changes is available on the Crown Lands website.

The meeting closed at 5:00pm.