

Marmion Marine Park Community Reference Committee

24 August 2022, The Pavilion at Mindarie Marina

MEETING THREE COMMUNIQUE

The Community Reference Committee (CRC) for the review and proposed expansion of Marmion Marine Park (MMP) held its third meeting on 24 August 2022 at The Pavilion, Mindarie Marina.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council and Whadjuk Noongar Traditional Owners, staff from the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), and representatives from local government, the Department of Transport, Aboriginal Land Services and the University of Western Australia, as well as Sector Advisory Group (SAG) Chairs.

The meeting commenced with an Acknowledgement of Country by the CRC Chair, Mr Noel Morich.

The CRC, SAGs and Whadjuk representatives participated in a workshop to consider cultural, ecological and socio-economic values. The aim of the workshop was to consider scientific design principles along with a range of spatial information to identify potential areas for inclusion in or exclusion from marine park sanctuary zones.

The spatial information came from a variety of sources including the Marine Values Mapper survey of how people use and value the area, a Recfishwest targeted survey of recreational fishers, commercial fishing data supplied by DPIRD, registered aboriginal heritage sites, benthic habitat mapping and known areas of high ecological value (DBCA).

In conclusion, the CRC:

- Noted the update provided on interim consultation being undertaken with Whadjuk Noongar joint management partners.
- Noted the information provided on the management of adjacent coastal infrastructure and foreshore reserves by local governments and other agencies.
- Advised on broad areas of interest for possible inclusion in sanctuary zones through their collaborative inputs in the zoning workshop.

The CRC will commence the second step in the zoning process at the next meeting. This will include further consideration of possible zoning options identified in the workshop, together with an evidence-based rationale for each.

The next CRC meeting is scheduled for 19th October 2022.

Noel Morich

Chair, Community Reference Committee