

December 8, 2019

To: Commercial Fishing Industry Representatives

**Re: MPT Update on commercial fishing industry meetings to develop advice on the Northern Shelf Bioregion (NSB) Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network draft scenario**

The Marine Planning Team (MPT - Brian Mose, Grant Dovey, Mike Atkins and Bruce Turriss) would like to provide another update (update #8) to commercial fishing industry members regarding our ongoing efforts on behalf of the commercial fishing industry to develop a coordinated meaningful response to the Northern Shelf Bioregion MPA Network draft scenario released by the NSB Partners (DFO, the Provincial Government and 16 First Nations).

From late September through October we met with commercial fishery members from all fisheries to develop initial fishery specific layers for each commercial fishery in the Northern Shelf Bioregion. Through November and early December we met with large groups of fishermen across multiple fisheries to combine individual fishery layers and develop overlay maps in the following progression:

1. salmon/herring fisheries layer - combined all individual salmon and herring map layers
2. shellfish fisheries layer - combined all individual shellfish map layers
3. groundfish/tuna fisheries layer - combined all individual groundfish and tuna map layers
4. Inshore layer - combined the salmon/herring (gillnet & seine) and shellfish layers
5. Offshore layer - combined the groundfish/tuna and salmon troll fishery layers
6. NSB layer - merger of the Inshore and Offshore layer

During a three day meeting from December 3-5 in Nanaimo, 93 different commercial fishing industry members participated in the merging of the Inshore and Offshore layers and worked tirelessly in a collaborative manner to make revisions that balanced the needs for commercial fishing access with the protection of important ecological and cultural targets. During the development of the NSB layer considerable work was done to adjust zoning boundaries or management measure designations, or create new zones, to capture important ecological and cultural targets.

Over the next month or so, the MPT will be reaching out directly to First Nations to discuss the MPT's process and resulting NSB layer and seeking valuable input on fishing activity inside and outside of their respective territories. In addition to meetings already held in Masset, Queen Charlotte City, Prince Rupert, and Campbell River, Alert Bay, Port Hardy, and Bella Bella, the MPT is coordinating meetings with the marine planning representatives of the following First Nations:

- Council of Haida Nation
- Gitxaala Nation
- Metlakatla First Nation
- Gitga'at First Nation
- Kitselas First Nation
- Kitsumkalum First Nation

- Haisla First Nation
- Lax Kw'alaams First Nation
- Kitasoo/Xaixais First Nation
- Heiltsuk Nation
- Nuxalk First Nation
- Wuikinuxv First Nation
- K'ómoks First Nation
- Mamalilikulla Nation
- Tlowitsis Nation
- Da'naxda'xw Awaetlatla First Nation
- Wei Wai Kum First Nation

The MPT will also continue to provide updates to members of MPATT (MPA Technical Team) and the Partners, with our next update scheduled for December 13. Similarly, the MPT will continue to exchange information with and seek input from environmental organizations (ENGOs). The MPT is scheduled to have a WebEx with the ENGO's on December 12 to provide them with an update and to discuss the application of their work (mapping of defacto marine reserves based on survey data and methods for improved scaling of targets) to the commercial industry's NSB layer.

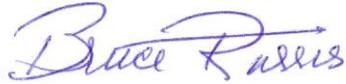
To date we have drawn upon extremely valuable knowledge and experience from an amazing reservoir of commercial fishery participants. Since September 25 we have held 29 commercial fishing industry meetings with a registered attendance of 527 participants (the actual number is larger because not everyone registers) representing valuable input from 273 separate individuals. Please share this information and our updates with participants in your fishery.

The NSB layer will now be presented for review and discussion at a number of general industry meetings in the first two weeks of January (see attached schedule of meetings). The location for the Vancouver meeting has yet to be confirmed but we will send out an updated schedule next week with this information. Following the general industry meetings and meetings with First Nations representatives, a final all fishery meeting to make final revisions will be held on January 22 in Nanaimo at the Coast Bastion Hotel. The MPT is scheduled to present the final NSB MPA Network commercial industry map and report on February 4-5.

As we have stated at the meetings, the final map will be presented to the Partners as a complete package not to be cherry picked or dissected because it represents hundreds of complex integrated compromises and agreements between fishing sectors and regions such that the change of one boundary and/or management measure designation affects many other boundaries and/or designations and the overall balance achieved by hundreds of commercial fishing industry participants. It is the MPT's stated position that any suggested or requested changes by the Partners will need to be brought back to the industry for their consideration and advice.

The MPT wishes to express our continued thanks and appreciation to all the people that have taken the time to attend the meetings and provide valuable input. We are developing a commercial fishing industry response and your participation is essential to the success of this initiative. Please don't hesitate to contact any one of the MPT members identified below if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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## MPT Coordinated Commercial Fishing Industry Advice Process Meeting Schedule

INITIAL LAYERS			
Sept. 25, 2019	9:00 AM	Sea Cucumber	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
	1:00 PM	Red & Green Sea Urchin	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Sept. 26, 2019	9:00 AM	Geoduck	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
	1:00 PM	Prawn	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Oct. 1, 2019	1:00 PM	H. Gwaii, All Fisheries	Coast Mt. College, Masset
Oct. 2, 2019	9:00 AM	H. Gwaii, All Fisheries	Eric Ross Queen Charlotte
Oct. 7, 2019	9:00 AM	Crab	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
	1:00 PM	Shrimp	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Oct. 8, 2019	9:00 AM	Tuna	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Oct. 15, 2019	9:00 AM	Halibut	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Oct. 16, 2019	9:00 AM	Sablefish	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
	1:00 PM	Rockfish	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Oct. 17, 2019	9:00 AM	Trawl	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
	1:00 PM	Lingcod/Dogfish	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Oct. 29, 2019	3:00 PM	MPATT Webex	Webex
Oct. 31, 2019	9:00 AM	Salmon (seine, gillnet, troll)	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Nov. 1, 2019	9:00 AM	Herring	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Nov. 3, 2019	Evening	Law Kw'alaams All Fisheries	LK Boardroom
Nov. 4, 2019	9:00 AM	All Fisheries	Highliner Plaza, Prince Rupert
Nov. 5, 2019	1:00 PM	First Nation CFEs: All Fisheries	Anchor Inn & Suites, Campbell R.
OVERVIEW FIRST LAYERS			
Nov. 6, 2019	9:00 AM	Salmon/Herring	Dorchester Hotel, Nanaimo
	1:00 PM	Shellfish	Dorchester Hotel, Nanaimo
Nov. 7, 2019	9:00 AM	Groundfish & Tuna	Dorchester Hotel, Nanaimo
Nov. 12, 2019	10:00 AM	NGO Webex	Webex
Nov. 12, 2019	2:30 PM	MPATT Webex, 10-12	Webex
MERGE LAYERS: OFFSHORE AND INSHORE			
Nov. 13, 2019	9:00 AM	Offshore: Groundfish, Salmon Troll, Tuna	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Nov. 14, 2019	9:00 AM	Inshore: Shellfish, Salmon, Herring	Dorchester Hotel, Nanaimo
Nov. 15, 2019	9:00 AM	3rd day if required	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Nov. 20, 2019	1:00 PM	MPATT Webex, 1-3 pm	Webex
Nov. 21, 2019	10:00 AM	NGO Webex	Webex
Nov. 25, 2019	10:00 AM	North Island FN Fisher Meeting	Learning Center, Alert Bay
Nov. 26, 2019	9:00 AM	North Island Fisher Meeting	Kwa'lilas Hotel, Port Hardy
Nov. 29, 2019	1:00 PM	Webex with Gitxaala FN	Webex
MERGE BIO-REGION MAP			
Dec. 2, 2019	3:00 PM	NGO Webex	Webex
Dec. 3, 2019	9:00 AM	All Fisheries: Merge Offshore and Inshore	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Dec. 4, 2019	9:00 AM	All Fisheries: Merge Offshore and Inshore	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Dec. 5, 2019	9:00 AM	3rd day if required	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Dec. 11, 2019	TBD	Central Coast FN Meeting	Bella Bella
Dec. 12, 2019	TBD	NGO Webex	Webex
Dec. 13, 2019	9:00 AM	MPATT Webex, 9-11 am	Webex
INDUSTRY UPDATES			
Jan. 6, 2020	9:00 AM	General Industry Update	Vancouver (location TBD)
Jan. 7, 2020	9:00 AM	General Industry Update	Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo
Jan. 9, 2020	9:00 AM	General Industry Update	Highliner Plaza, Prince Rupert
Jan. 14, 2020	9:00 AM	General Industry Update	Port Hardy (location TBD)
FINAL INDUSTRY REVISIONS			
Jan. 22, 2020	9:00 AM	All Fisheries: Revisions to Draft	Nanaimo (location TBD)