

North-west Marine Parks Advisory Committee

Meeting #8 Communique

8 December 2022, Microsoft Teams videoconference

Committee Meeting Overview

The North-west Marine Parks Advisory Committee (NWMPAC) met via videoconference on Thursday 8 December 2022.

Following an Acknowledgement of Country the Committee were provided a national update, this included: the establishment of the new Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW); and an announcement within the 2022-23 Budget of \$10.8 million to improve ocean and marine park management and strengthen international leadership in ocean related policy.

The Committee were presented with the draft North-west Science Plan. The Science and Management Effectiveness team provided an overview of North-west research and monitoring priorities and knowledge gaps. The Committee were invited to provide feedback and advice on priorities, to identify existing research that could address the priorities listed, and gaps relevant to Australian Marine Park Management in the North-west.

The Regional Manager presented an overview of the draft North-west Consolidation Implementation Plan that will guide the next four years of marine park management in the North-west. The draft included Members' feedback on the 7 management programs acquired during the previous NWMPAC Meeting 7 held in July 2022. Members have been asked to provide further comments on the draft plan for the

Member attendance

Andrew Coleman (Chair)
Kellie Pendoley
Jim Stoddart
Peter Coote
Mat Vanderklift
Dean Mathews
Keld Knudsen
Michelle Howard

Apology

Tony Evans
Sean McNeair
DBCA observer
DPIRD observer

final version to be presented at the next Committee meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held March 2023. For more information about the North-west Marine Parks Network or the Committee:

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