6th Network Business Meeting

Tuesday 11 November, 2014
8:30 am – 5:30 pm (with social event to follow)
Q Station • Sydney, Australia

Host
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, held in conjunction with the 2014 World Parks Congress

Organizers & Facilitators
NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Ocean Initiatives Program & Big Ocean Planning Team

Purposes
The primary objectives of this meeting include:

- Reflect on the growth of the field and of Big Ocean to develop a common understanding of the role of the field and potential synergies across marine conservation
- Welcome new members and share across sites; develop and strengthen relationships
- Review progress on network priorities and calibrate on future direction

Group Transportation from Sydney to Q Station

7:30 Meet at Circular Quay Ferry Terminal (see map). A prepaid ferry charter will be organised by GBRMPA based on RSVP confirmations.

7:45 Ferry departs

8:05 Ferry arrives at Q Station Wharf

8:15 Bus shuttle to Meeting Room

8:30 Coffee and light pastries

Big Ocean Member Meeting

8:45 Welcome to Country by Uncle Allen Madden, Gadigal Elder

8:55 Welcoming Remarks by Russell Reichelt, Chairman and Chief Executive, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

9:05 Meeting Overview

A Network of the World’s Large Scale Marine Managed Areas
• Review of meeting purposes, agenda, operational norms and ground rules come
• Brief attendee introductions
• The Story of Large-Scale & Big Ocean – Reflection on the Growth and Achievement of Large-Scale MPAs

10:00 Big Ocean Member Site Updates
(:05 each, 3 slides – see template and guidance, please provide in advance)

Member update #1 – Great Barrier Reef MPA (Skeat)
Member update #2 – Phoenix Islands Protected Area (Teroroko)
Member update #3 – Motu Motiro Hiva Marine Park (Gaymer)
Member update #4 – Marae Moana, Cook Islands Marine Park (Iro)

10:30 Break (group photo and morning tea)

11:00 Big Ocean Member Site Updates (continued)

Member update #5 – Marianas Trench MNM (Brooke)
Member update #6 – British Indian Ocean Territory MPA (Spalding)
Member update #7 – Papahānaumokuākea MNM (Lindsey)

11:20 New Member Site Presentations
(:15 each, 5-7 slides – general overview)

11:20 – 11:35 Le Parc Naturel de la Mer de Corail, Natural Park of the Coral Sea (Lecren)
11:35 – 11:50 Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument (White)
11:50 – 12:05 Australia Commonwealth Marine Reserve Network (Jago)

12:15 Proposed Site Presentations

12:15 Palau National Marine Sanctuary (Sakuma)
12:30 Te Tai Nui A Hau - Marquesas MPA (Maamaatuaiahutapu)

12:45 (Working Lunch)

Facilitated discussion on the Emerging Field of Large-Scale MPAs
• Open announcements & discussion session on other new/proposed site developments
• Overview and Discussion on IUCN WCPA Task Force on Very Large MPAs
  • Membership
  • Purpose, Role and Organization
  • Relationship to Big Ocean

1:45 Status and Progress of Big Ocean

A) Old Business:
  a) Brief review of our “Road to Marseille” - Recommendations and Progress since 5th Business Meeting (Lewis)
i. Guidelines Update and Next Steps (Wagner/Lewis)
ii. Fundraising - needs and budget; establish committee and co-chairs (Wagner)
iii. Surveillance, Enforcement and Monitoring Working Group (Hirsh)

B) New Business:
   a) The International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) and potential synergies with Big Ocean (Caillaude)
   b) Potential partnership/support for “Social and Ecological Drivers of Success in Large-Scale MPAs” (Maxwell, via proxy)

2:30 Group “Horizon Check” Exercise
2:50 Quick Individual “Pre-Tea” Activity
3:00 Break (afternoon tea)
3:30 Our Next Road(s) – Where are we going? What is our roadmap?
   • 2nd Our Ocean Conference 2015, Santiago, Chile
   • World Conservation Congress 2016, Honolulu, Hawai’i
   • IMPAC 4 2017, La Serena, Chile (TBC)

3:40 Small Group Objective Setting
4:25 Report Out
4:45 Wrap up discussion and review of action items & next steps
5:15 Closing Remarks by Andrew Skeat, General Manager, Marine Park Management, GBRMPA

Group Scenic Ferry Tour and Transportation to Social Event

5:30 Board Ferry at Q Station Wharf
5:45 Private Scenic Ferry Tour of Sydney Harbour
7:00 Ferry Arrives at Circular Quay Wharf; 10 minute walk to Apetito Restaurant (135 George St, The Rocks Sydney NSW 2000)

Mix & Mingle Social Event

7:30 - 10:00 Synergies in Marine Conservation
co-sponsored by New England Aquarium, Conservation International & the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation

Fun, informal way to connect with colleagues involved in protection of high seas, marine mammal protected areas, locally managed marine areas, pelagic MPAs, etc.
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Apetito Pizza & Pasta Bar
Big Ocean Mix & Mingle event to be held here. Address is 135 George St
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Circular Quay Ferry Station
Group departs and returns here. After the meeting members will walk to Apetito for the Mix & Mingle event.