MaPP Open House/Public Meeting Report Summary

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| MaPP personnel | CHN: Russ Jones, Jason Thompson, Cathy Rigg, Chris McDougall  
                       BC: Charlie Short, Berry Wijdeven, Brad Smith  
                       MaPP: John Talbot (facilitator), Hannah Horn (note-taker) |
| Number of attendees | 78 |
| Audience composition (e.g., number of MAC, organization reps, community members, etc.) | 7 MAC members (Lindsey Doerksen, Mike McGuire, Tony Pitcher, Judson Brown, Barb Rowsell, LaVerne Davies, Doug Daugert)  
Organizations and interests represented: community members, community leaders, SQCRD, recreational fishing, commercial fishing, CPAWs, WWF  
40 from Skidegate, 18 from Queen Charlotte, 10 from elsewhere on the Islands, 6 from off-Island, 4 location not given |

Questions/areas of interest (high level overview)

- Importance of marine planning and MPAs, effect on tenures/tenuring and local economies and livelihoods (positive and negative), particularly commercial and recreational fishing, need for plan assessment, implementation and monitoring, lack of DFO involvement.

Areas of concern or issues to track

- Support for a marine plan and marine protection. Recognition that there some impacts along the way but need to take a long-term view.
- Effect of the plan on tenures and the tenuring process.
- Impact of proposed PMZs on commercial and recreational fishing economies and
livelihood. If protect areas of overlap with existing fishing, need to negotiate opening others e.g., Frederick extension.

- Need to assess plan impacts and benefits locally and globally.
- Support for community based fisheries and having benefits of marine activities stay in the Islands. Includes local hiring and job training. Concept of a Haida Gwaii brand for all marine products.
- Call for a commitment by BC and CHN to implementation and monitoring.
- Concern that lack of involvement by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, that gains through the marine plan are set back later by DFO. At the same time, recognition of the potential for the marine plan to advance discussions with DFO.
- Importance of dialogue and building trusting relationships.

**Other notes** Generally positive and values-based support to the plan, with recognition of the importance of marine planning and protection zoning. Concurrent concerns of impacts to sectors such as commercial and recreational fishing.

Many people arrived a bit late because of a k’aaw feast but once they arrived, a large number stayed through the open house and sat in on the presentation and discussion.

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**Date prepared**

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