



Science-based Guidelines for Marine Protected Areas and MPA Networks in Canada

IMCC 2011 Focus Group 103 Sessions

View Royal Room, Victoria Conference Centre

Tuesday, May 17 16:45 – 18:45

Wednesday May 18 14:15 – 16:15

Press conference: Monday, May 16 – 10am, Langford Room

Canada has a variety of legal instruments to establish MPAs in Canada, and has made commitments nationally and internationally to establish a network of MPAs. There is a need to ensure that future MPAs and the network are guided by a set of scientific principles based on best available science that is consistent across agencies and jurisdictions. A common set of principles and guidelines will help to ensure that Canada's MPAs and MPA networks are both efficient and effective in conserving marine biodiversity.

SPECIAL GUEST: DR. HUGH POSSINGHAM, ECOLOGY CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Hugh Possingham will describe his work with leading Australian scientists to develop scientific MPA guidelines for Australia and their recent application in a roadmap for new MPAs in south west Australia.

WHY YOU SHOULD COME!

Learn about these new guidelines, give us your feedback, and help us to maximize their value to marine conservation in Canada. Join the discussion with Canadian scientists involved in this project and people from other jurisdictions who can share their experience.

On Tuesday we will focus on the guidelines and the rationale behind them.

On Wednesday we will focus on how they can be used to guide the MPA network development process.

MEET OUR SCIENTIST TEAM!

Kai Chan* (University of British Columbia)
Isabelle Côté* (Simon Fraser University)
Philip Dearden* (University of Victoria)
Elizabeth De Santo* (Dalhousie University)
Marie-Josée Fortin (University of Toronto)
Frédéric Guichard (McGill University)
Wolfgang Haider* (Simon Fraser University)

Glen Jamieson* (Fisheries and Oceans Canada – retired)
Donald Kramer (McGill University – retired)
Ashley McCrea-Strub* (University of British Columbia)
William Montevecchi* (Memorial University)
Monica Mulrennan* (Concordia University)
John Roff (Acadia University – retired)
Anne Salomon* (Simon Fraser University)

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GUIDELINES AVAILABLE ON MAY 16 AT: <http://cpaws.org/news/mpa-guidelines>