

Hey guys,

I just want to have my say about the Jervis Marine park, namely the Greenpatch area.

Why is line fishing allowed in this area and not spearfishing?

I feel that this puts spearfishing in a bad light, even though spearfishing is far less detrimental to the environment, is a far more selective form of fishing, is a far more sustainable form of fishing. Spearfishermen leave behind no rubbish, do not damage any part of the marine environment, they can actively see what fish are living in an area and make a calculated decision about whether or not to take a fish based on its population.

Spearfishermen also have great respect for their catch. They only take what they need.

Spearfishing has been given a bad wrap over the years, and it's going to take a lot of positive encouragement of the sport to change this.

Another suggestion if you're concerned about the "take size and bag limits" is to put up attractive signage where information is easily accessible for spearfishermen - so they have no chance of getting the information wrong.

I feel that areas where linefishing is allowed, but spearfishing is not, is unnaturally and unfairly bias. As a spearfisher (woman) I hope that you are able to see the issue from my perspective.

Kind regards

Kate

It makes NO SENSE??

Sent from my iPhone