

What will impact on my charter fishing business if the Marion reef is closed to recreational fishing

The 50 % closing of the reef is not the problem for us .As we are now the main user of the reef we have fishing marks all along the reef side of Marion and also safe anchorage inside the reef

We have been fishing Marion for the past 2 years and have built up a good client base , we have never seen another boat out there . Every trip we do to the region a member of my crew walk the cays cleaning rubbish We encourage the passengers to visit the cays along with the crew member to help clean the area all are helpful .

If the top of Marion is restricted it takes away the safest anchorage points the biggest draw card to Marion is the dog tooth tuner which are caught up north in a place called the kennel , the world record fish was 83 kg speared that was beaten last year in the states we have the holder of the old record coming out with us to try to win it back from the kennel this will make world news if successful and will be a big tourist boost to the region not only Marion but the barrier reef and surrounding area

One of the main draw cards to the area is the walking on the cays and fishing of the beach.

This year we are offering the passengers a day of fishing in lieu of a nature walk along the cays ,taking a lunch and explore the reef including snorkeling and swimming .it won't be for all of the passengers but some may find it good [the older ones not the made keen fishes ]

To green half of the area is not a concern to me or any one who goes out there it would take the pressure of the whole reef with us being the most user of the area we have not seen any pressure

For reasons of good usage and of paramount safety [anchorage ] if the greening went east west instead of north south that would suit our business much better I have posted a pic of marion were we work around the top and down the long side

Hope you find my reasons valid thanks ron murphy owner norval charters