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Which draft plans are you commenting on? Coral Sea Which marine park(s) are you commenting on?

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Thank you for allowing us and other alike to comment on the draft plan for zoning in the Marine Parks.

I would like to start by saying that we as a GFAA affiliated game fishing club are supportive of the proposed zones, all whilst it is not completely ideal, there are still substantial areas accessible to us and other interested recreational anglers. A number of our members have recently and do regularly (yearly) visit Flinders Reef in particular out of Townsville, and many plan to do so in the near future, it is definitely a must visit and on a lot of our members and local fishers buckets lists.

Recently whilst we were out there (myself included) we were in the midst of a 5 day fishing exploration to Flinders Reef for game fishing and tag and realease purposes. We did see a couple of items of floating rubbish and were able to collect them and bring them back to Townsville with us for proper disposal. One of our senior members was also recently out there and was able to take a bucket of water and sponge to tend to cleaning of the solar panel on top of the Flinders Reef weather station. We would hate to see such a beautiful and magnificent fishery and system be hidden from lucky people and not to be able to witness and experience it for themselves.

Thank you for once again allowing us the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

Renee McKenzie

On behalf of the Townsville Game Fishing Club