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Which sector do you represent?

- Conservation
- General public
- Recreational boating
- Recreational fishing
- Recreational diving or snorkeling

Which draft plans are you commenting on? South-west Network Which marine park(s) are you commenting on? All What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about? Recreational fishing What part of the plan(s) are you commenting on?

- Part 2 - The Marine Park or Network
- Part 3 - Zoning

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To bring in offshore parks to stop recreational fishing in area such as the Perth canyon just does not make sense. These offshore waters can only be accessed by a minority group within the fishing community and to think that stopping that small number would have any impact at all is ridiculous. By stopping commercial fishing in these areas would be more than enough and may make a small impact. I am unsure as to what form of research that has been done would prove that by stopping the recreational fisherman fishing there that it would make any change. Most of the species targeted are not in any danger and would have recreational bag limits apply too. With most of the primary pelagic species targeted here by the local metropolitan fisherman you would be taking this away from game fishers that have been fishing here for many years. Most fisherman welcome parks in small areas,reefs that can actually have an effect or help species recover. Many of these offshore ones like the Perth Canyon will have no affect on fish stocks and given the depths and currents it will be no benefit to fish habitat. Most fisherman fish for the future taking only what they need and want to see these areas protected but not to stop them from fishing in them.

These zones do not make any sense and I strongly disagree with any proposal's for these offshore zones.