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Which sector do you represent?

- Commercial charter fishing
- Conservation
- Government
- Indigenous
- Recreational boating
- Recreational fishing
- Recreational diving or snorkeling
- Research

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

All Marine Park Areas in the Coral Sea What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about?

- General use and access (including recreational)
- Commercial fishing
- Commercial tourism
- Recreational fishing
- Research

What part of the plan(s) are you commenting on?

- Part 1 - Managing Australian Marine Parks
- Part 3 - Zoning

Which program are you commenting on?

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Parliament: Yes

Does your comment relate to the renaming of marine parks? No Please type your comments below:

As the Zone 4 Representative for the Queensland Game Fishing Association

(QGFA) I am the spokesperson on behalf of four (4) Clubs in South East Queensland region being the Gold Coast Game Fish Club Inc, Surfers Paradise Game & Sports Fishing Club, The Little Ship Game Fish Club & Moreton Bay Game Fish Club. As of the last financial year the Club's respectfully held Membership numbers of just over 600 and this number is increasing annually on a steady basis. I have been asked to make a submission on behalf of these Members in the interests of the Coral Sea Marine Park and I would like to inform you that we support the current Federal Government's Commonwealth Marine Reserves Draft Plan.

As our Membership base is in the South East Queensland region it may seem superfluous for us to be making a submission regarding the Coral Sea Marine

Park but this is actually far from the truth. We have plenty of our Members from our region that visit the far North, each year, to fish for recreational and work purposes. We also have many Members that are planning to visit this region in the near or far future. It is important to them that they are allowed to continue to facilitate the Coral Sea Marine Park and they feel very strongly about being permitted to access this area.

Our Members were all encouraged to visit the National Parks website to read and understand the current draft plans. They were all in agreeance with the current zoning that has been put in place for the Coral Sea Marine Park.

However, they have mentioned that they would not like to see any more reduction to the current zoning. They consent what is currently in place as the minimum acceptable level of zoning.

They were also all concerned about keeping the Coral Sea as it is in its current state and are strongly committed to ensuring that they assist where possible to make this happen. They support the Commonwealth Marine Reserve Research that is being carried out and feel that our Tag and Release program we have in place will aid in this research.

In summary the QGFA affiliated Clubs in Zone 4 would like to give their backing to the continued efforts to bring the draft plans on the Coral Sea Marine Park to a final and are thankful for the opportunity to put forward their concerns and thoughts on this very important subject.

Thank you

Alisa Schofield