

To whom it may concern,

I would like to make some comments on the proposed changes to the commonwealth marine park. My biggest concern is the changes to the regulations of Elizabeth Reef. Elizabeth Reef previously allowed recreational spearfishing and line fishing on boats with a permit. The new marine park proposal has banned spearfishing but not line fishing. This is an emotional based judgement and is not based on any science. I would like to see this changed. In my opinion spear fishermen have an intimate connection with the ocean and are likely to have a negligible impact on such an area.

I would also like to see the John Moresby Bank left open to recreational fishing. Its remote location self protects itself from overfishing.

Kind regards - Aaron Puckeridge

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