

Dear Marine planners,

it seems that you are planning to roll back marine protection areas.

While I am no marine scientist, as a boater and a fisher I hope to be able to enjoy a healthy ocean and, as far as I can tell from reading the popular science books, marine protection areas are a boon for the ocean ecosystems. Crayfishers love them because they can drop their pots around the edge and get great catches. Marine protection areas with high biodiversity are great for protecting us from storms, climate change, algal blooms and many of the rest of the bad things that can happen at sea.

Please reconsider these changes and aim to add more protection areas rather than remove those already existing.

Best wishes,
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