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The draft closure to spearfishing in Commonwealth waters surrounding LHI & on Elizabeth Reef whilst still allowing recreational angling is discriminatory and without any scientific basis.

Cannot understand why spearfishing is discriminated against when it is by far the most ecologically efficient way to harvest seafood for recreational activities. It is a very selective way to fish which causes no barotrauma (because there is no by-catch) and does not require bait (generally dolphin food) and does not leave behind lead weights, fish hooks, miles of broken mono-filament and plastic lures.

Please reconsider discriminating against the spearfishing community.