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Australian Marine Parks Management Planning
Department of the Environment and Energy
CANBERRA ACT 2601
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RE: Norfolk Marine Park: DRAFT Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves
Network Management Plan 2017

With regards to the above, I wish to make the following submission:

1. The MoU “box” should ideally be excised from the Marine Park, to avoid unnecessary management complications, and in acknowledgement of the Norfolk Island community’s past compliance with the conditions of the MoU with AFMA. The MoU and the “box” pre-dates the proclamation of the Marine Park, and must be acknowledged and honoured by Marine Parks on each and every map, as well as appropriate text outlining the history of management and use by the Norfolk Island community.
2. The “box” is an integral part of the Marine Park, and, failing the above request, then the “box” must still be represented formally on all maps contained within the Management Plan, and treated as a separate zone within the Marine Park. The draft plan already employs the concept of “zoning”, and it is a nonsense argument to say that the “box” cannot be identified and treated as the “Norfolk Island Domestic Fishery Zone”, or similar. An example of a similar “zoning” policy can be found in the Norfolk Island National Park Plan of Management, whereby the “Forestry Zone” is acknowledged as existing within the National Park, and which allows for separate management and reporting arrangements (by the former Norfolk Island Government) within that zone. If the “box” is not formally recognised by Marine Parks in the Plan of Management, how will class approvals be granted, and enforced, taking into account the need to exclude non-resident fishers from intrusion into the “box”?
3. Re- Page 63, Section 4.4.2. Class Approvals: A separate class approval must be issued to the Norfolk Island Fishing Association for fishers inside the “box”. Class approval licenses for fishers outside the box must have specific conditions within that class approval which excludes them from fishing within the “box”. Vessel Monitoring Systems must also be programmed to recognise the legal boundaries of the box.

Regards,

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