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The South Australian Game Fishing Association (SAGFA) is the peak game fishing body in South Australia, representing 3 clubs and hundreds of members from all parts of the state. The SAGFA is a member of the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) and also the International Game Fishing Association.

The SAGFA focuses on promoting responsible, sustainable and ethical fishing practices through an emphasis on tag and release via the NSW DPI tagging programme. We advocate best practice fishing methods and educate anglers responsibility in caring for our community's resource.

Any implementation of marine parks in commonwealth waters will have an impact on South Australian anglers, not just in waters off the South Australian coast but Australia wide. We welcome the release of the revised draft marine park plans concerning the proposed boundary and classification changes, with significant improvement on previous plans that have been presented. Recreational anglers should not be locked out of vast areas of our shared community's resource unless there is a valid and justified scientific reason.

Decision makers must understand the importance of game and recreational fishing from a social and economic perspective and also consider the low impact that our sport has on the environment.

We fully support the comments and feedback provided by our peak body the GFAA and appreciate the support they volunteer in advocating on our behalf.

Best Regards,

John Marsh

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