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Dear Ms Barnes,

Australian Marine Parks Draft Plans. -----Demersal Gillnet and Longline Fishery (DGNEF)  
south west Marine Parks Network.

1. Comment on submission by WAFIC,

Geographe Bay. Can you please explain to us how the proposed Nigari Capes Marine parks, allows demersal gillnet and longline in Geographe Bay in all but 3 not take zones, but the commonwealth Marine parks has Label and created a new Zone i.e. Multiple Use Zone (IUCN) which only applies to the DGNLF and not to other fishery, like the Lobster, Dropline etc.

As stated by WAFIC, I cannot see why the commonwealth and state marine Parks have different view on the effect DGLF fishing method on seagrass beds.

The seagrass has not been viewed as a reason to stop fishing by this method by the State Marine Parks. There is no research done to prove that it has a negative or damaging effect to the seagrass beds or the seafloor Australia Wide. The only research that has been done to have any input is a report done by the dept. of fishery. As per attachment.

THE BAIS AND WRONGFULLY TARGETING OF THE (DGNLF)

THE REVISED DRAFT SOUTHWEST NETWORK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2017

What more negative impact does **longline (demersal, auto-longline) and demersal gillnetting** have on the marine environment then, **Dropline, Hand net (hand, barrier, skimmer, cast, scoop, drag, lift) longline (pelagic), minor line (hand lining, rod @ reel, trolling, squid jig, poling) purse seine, trap, pot, trawl,(midwater).Aquaculture, charter fishing tours, recreational fishing.**

All these fishery have an impact on the environment, but our fishery has been targeted by the marine parks, not be because of any sciences reason, but because we are a small fishery and viewed by the recreational fish industry as not acceptable to them.

THE TRAWL MIDWATER, LONGLINE (PELAGIC) HAVE HAD CHANGES MADE BECAUSE THEY ARE MORE INVOLVED IN WAFIC MORE THEN OUR FISHERY AND THE WETLINE INDUSTRY.

Please find attachments, regarding marine parks, dating back years.

I Bev Cooke have been involved in the commonwealth marines since 2012 and was informed in the latest review, but I feel we are fighting a losing battle.

What I would like to have reviewed is the removal of the multiple use zone and this zone to combine into the special purpose zone.

AS PER ATTACHMENT REGARDING THE GREEN ZONES IN THE SOUTH WEST AREAS, I HAVE SUBMITTED REASON WHY THE ZONING COULD HAVE BEEN CHANGED, TO INSURE THE SURVOIR OF THE DGNLF AND THE SOUTHWEST COAST WETLING INDUSTRY.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME REGARDING NEEDING ANY MORE INFORMATION.

Most of the issues regarding Geographe bay is a resource sharing issue.

The DGNLF has been in operation for 40 plus years and we have had no adverse effect on the environment over this time.

Bev Cooke