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Primary interest

- Commercial Fishing
1. Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery (JASDGDLF)
 2. South Coast wet line & dropline fishing

Region

South west corner Western Australia

1. Propose Marine National Park zone cape Mentelle upwelling
2. The proposed marine park between Augusta, Windy Harbour

1. FISHERY OVERVIEW OF THE JASDGDLF

The JASDGDLF spans waters from 33 S latitude to the WA/SA border

If is divided into three zones, Zone 1. 33 S to 116 30 E, Zone 2. 116 30 E to WA/SA border and Zone 3 which has I licence holder, this allow the licence holder to fish 25 nm east of the boundary of zone 1 & 2 (1160 30 E)

There are currently 11165 units in zone 1 & 3. Only 5 BOATS are operating in zone 1 & 3, this present 2010/2012 licence period (1/6/2011 to 30/5/2012).

These 5 vessels are owner /operators, with the sons now operating in the family business on 3 of the vessel.

The 5 licence holders own approx 7300 units, the rest of the units are owned by licence holder who annually lease the remaining 3865 units to several of 5 active fishing operation. There is minimally Latent Fishing effort this season.

The JASDGDLF became a managed fishery in 1988. And has had reduction of over 60% in fishing effort, strict managed control, VMS, with sustainability as the principal motive.

In Zone 1: There is only 2 protected anchorages (harbour at Bunbury and marina at Busselton), which are both in the northern end and 3 main mooring area which is used.

1. Hamelin Bay (permanent home port for 1 operator)
2. Dead Finish-- Augusta (permanent port 1 operator)
3. Windy Harbour. (Permanent home port for 1 operator)

The remaining two operator home port is Bunbury, were they travel at certain times of the year and utilise the above mooring areas.

We have been fishing in the south west of Western Australia since 1980, 31 years
All our income is earned from the commercial fishing activities.

2. IMPACTS ON THE JASDGLF

The Proposed MARINE NATIONAL PARK and the MULTIPLE USE ZONES, The fishing ground that the above fishery is entitled to access at the moment will be reduction by around 80%. This is the area south 33 S to the 116 30 E and out to the Australia Fishing Boundary

This is the largest area that any fishery will lose its right of access to this ground, will take away the right for any long term aspiration to move the fishing activity further offshore utilizing long line rather than gillnet. This is a consideration the fishery has, caused by pressure of resource sharing, from groups such as (save our fish stock) green movement and misleading article such as the one enclosed that are printed in the media without being scientifically scrutinised, are inaccurate and contain misleading information, printed by the press.

The 2 proposed marine zones that will affect this fishery are

Pt 1. Cape mentelle upwelling between Hamlin bay and Margaret River (the inshore extension)

Pt 2. The inshore extension immediately west of the township of windy harbour.

THE EFFECT

Pt 1. The proposed marine national park next to the cape welluprising is

A Two Large an area,

b. Is of great disadvantage for any boat operator mooring at Hamelin bay

As limited in their fishing range to the north (both commercial & recreational fishers)

c. Only proposed green area on the west coast that goes in shore to the state limit

d. special use zones, around Cape Leeuwin excludes any prospect of expanding fishing operations off shore

e. Displaced operators will put more pressure on other grounds

f. Travelling though such a large area 12nm to fish in grounds further south (extra fuel, wear & tear, extra time at sea)

THE OPTIONS

a. We agree with the proposal submitted by the (commercial fishing industry) on the new boundary for the proposed marine parks.

b. If a marine national park is required in the cape mentelle area, then we propose it joins the boundary of the proposed marine state zone (the proposed Cape Freycinet Sanctuary Zone)

THE EFFECT

Pt 2 the proposed inshore extension west of pt5 D'entrecasteaux

a. Two large an area

b. Will have great effect on our fishing operations as due to location, weather, travel distance

c. displaced operators will put pressure on other of fishery

d. One of my main fishing area, as handline dropline while net is fishing

OPTIONS

- a. To remove area and change zoning from Marine National Park Zone to Special Purposed Zone.
- b. To move east around Chatham Island adjacent to Walpole /Nornalup inlet state Marine Park.
- C To move east, to around Chatham Island as this will stop the groups like (save Our Fish Stock) who are anti net fishery and are worried about the pressure of commercial fishing is over fishing the area around Chatham island There view is not supported by the Western Australia Fishery Dept.
- e. The area around Chatham Island is also the border between Zone 1 and zone 2 with Zone 3 having access to this area.

2. FISHERY OVERVIEW OF THE SOUTH C OAST WETLINE & DROPLING FISHERY

Wet line fishing on the south coast (east 115 30 to SA Border) is currently unmanaged Any FBL can currently undertake wet line fishing.

Even though the majority of the area is not affected by the proposed MPA, the area to the West of windy harbour is an important handline and dropline area

Our fishing operation is mainly net based, but we travel east of the n115 30 E to undertake hand line and dropline activities, which has been part of our operations for decades.

This is an important handline area, where most of our fishing activities (re Handline) have been based due travel moorings and weather.

THE EFFECT ON OUR FOSHING OPERA TIONS RE BOTH PROPOSED AREAS

- A. The 2 proposed areas that I have mention cover a 24 nm strip of coast.
- B. If the proposed areas are left were they are proposed then there will have to be extensive reduced in the 11165 units in the JASDGDLF of 50%
- C Our income will be affected by approx 25% to 40%, this will mean less income for our two sons, which means there will have to be retrained to be able to obtain employed in another industry in the area.
- D. We will have to think amount the long term effect on our fishing industry The amount of stress involved, the further managed costs and enforcement costs.

ABOUT THIS SUBMISSION

- 1 WE FEEL THERE HAS NOT BEEN ENOUGH TIME TO ACCESS THE FULL IMPACT OF THE MPA PARKS ON LOCAL COMMUNITY.
- 2 THE SUPPLY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA CAUGHT FISH TO THE LOCAL DOMISTIC MARKETS, WHO WILL REPLACED THE DISPLACED FISHERMAN WHO CATCH THE FISH
- 3 NOT ENOUGH RESEARCH DONE INTO WHY THESE AREA HAVE BEEN PICKED
- 4 UNFAIR TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE SOUTH WEST OF WESTERN ASUTRALIA

- 5 ABARES HAS HAD ONLY 1 MEETING INTO THE IMPACT ON THE
LOACAL AREA ON THE 3 AUGUST 2011-08-08 IN AUGUSTA
6 WE AGREE WITH, THE POINT DISCUSSD ON THE REASON,THE
VALUE THE SIZE OF THE AREAS REGARDING OTHER WORLD
;MARINE PARKS IN THE SUBMISSION BY CFA, WILDCATCH
FISHERIES AND WAFIC
7 WE HAVE PROPOSED STATE MARINE PARK IN THE SOUTH
WEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA. (WHICH MEANS LOSS OF
GROUNDS FOR OUR FISHERY)
8 THE RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE GILLNET LONGLINE FISHERY
SHOULD BE RE ASSESSED THAT THE MULTIPLE USE ZONE AND
THE SPECIAL PURPOSE ZONE SHOULD BE COMBINED AND
ALLOW THE USE OF DEMERSAL GILLNET, LONGLINE FISHERY
TO BE ABLE TO BE USED IN THESE AREAS.
9 THE GILLNET INDUSTRY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA IS BEING
ASSESSED BY THE MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
10 WE FEEL WE HAVE BEEN PRESSURED BY SW MPA, WITH ONLY
ONE MEETING HELD IN BUNBURY WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

YOURS FAITHFULLY JEFF AND BEV COOKE

Please find attached information on the Proposed State Marine Park in the capes area
Of Western Australia
Media release positive report card WA fisheries management.