

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO RECREATIONAL FISHING

Organisation: Harry's Bait and Tackle

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1) THE MAJORITY OF RECREATIONAL FISHERS ON THE WHOLE ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING, GET A FEED & RELEASE THE REST, ITS THE SMALL MINORITY WHO CONTINUE TO ABUSE THE SYSTEM.

2) WE NEED BETTER POLICING ON OUR JETTIES, ROCKS & SHORE LINE AS I (IN A TACKLE SHOP) GET FAR TOO MANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT OUR ETHNIC CULTURE TAKING ALL THEY CAN GET, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS OR SIZE IT IS OFF THE ROCKS & OUT OF OUR WATER WAYS. A MARINE PARK WITH SANCTUARY ZONES DOES NOTHING TO STOP THIS. HEAVY FINES SHOULD HAVE AN IMPACT.

3) THERE SHOULD NOT BE TOTAL LOCKOUT ZONES, SEASONAL CLOSURES ONLY, FOR SPAWNING, 3 MONTHS AROUND TOLLGATES WHILE GREY NURSE SHARKS ARE THERE, & AS A MPA STAFF MEMBER TOLD US THAT THEY RETREAT TO THE OUTER REEFS, SO THIS PROVES THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE A TOTAL LOCKOUT.

4) I THINK BAG LIMITS SHOULD BE LOWERED, BUT I ALSO KNOW IT COULD INFLUENCE PEOPLE TO UPGRADE THEIR CATCH, AS THAT DOES HAPPEN NOW, THEY GET THEIR BAG LIMIT, CATCH A BIGGER ONE & THROW BACK THE SMALLEST OF THEIR CATCH, NOT EVERYONE HAS A LIVE WATER TANK, SOME HOW WE HAVE TO FIND A HAPPY MEDIUM.

5) CLYDE RIVER, DURRAS LAKE & COILA LAKE SHOULD BE MADE RECREATIONAL FISHING HAVENS.

6) I PERSONALLY FEEL THERE IS A PLACE FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING (IF THE PUBLIC WANT FRESH FISH TO BUY OR FISH & CHIPS) I DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN THE ESTUARIES BUT 2 OR 3KMS OUT, I DON'T CLAIM

TO BE AN EXPERT, BUT IF THE PUBLIC REQUIRE ^{IF} FRESH, WELL THEN I THINK THERE IS A PLACE FOR THEM.

✓ RECREATIONAL FISHING WAS GOOD FOR OUR ECONOMY, BUT NOW OUR BUSINESS IS WITHIN A MARINE PARK, HOLIDAY MAKERS HEAD NORTH TO ULLADULLA OR SOUTH TO MERRIMBULA. FISHING TACKLE SHOPS IN ULLADULLA WILL TELL YOU THE MARINE PARK IN BATMANS BAY IS THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO THEM. IF YOU KEEP EATING AWAY AT THE COAST LIKE A CANCER, THERE WILL BE NO FISHING, NO TOURISTS & NO ECONOMY.

I WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THE HEARING IF POSSIBLE.

Yours sincerely

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