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INQUIRY INTO RECREATIONAL FISHING

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My only concern with the management of recreational fishing is the creation of marine parks and restricting access to fisherman to carry out their chosen activity. It seems to me that the creation of marine parks is based on appeasing the "Greens" party and their supporters. I have read dozens of articles including many scientific papers on marine parks and I remain unconvinced of their supposed benefits. I would like to see a complete stop on the creation of any new marine parks or closure of areas to fisherman. I would also like to see a scientific review carried out on the existing marine parks that accurately assess's their benefits. The current system of reviewing bag and size limits for various fish is the best way to manage our fisheries.