

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW
"Promoting Sustainable Fishing"



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JERVIS BAY AND SOLITARY ISLANDS MARINE PARK REVIEWS CLOSE SOON

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW (RFA of NSW) is once again asking the anglers of NSW to actively participate in the marine park review process. The process of submitting an application has been streamlined and simplified.

The RFA of NSW is urging all anglers and users of the Jervis Bay Marine Park and the Solitary Islands Marine Park to go to the www.savesol.com and www.savejb.com website and complete a submission.

The fully automated submissions, which take only a few minutes to complete, must include personal details and a brief personal statement.

The completed submissions will be automatically emailed to the JBMP and SIMP offices, as well as to the NSW Environment Minister, the NSW Fisheries Minister and the NSW Shadow Fisheries Minister.

The anglers of NSW need to be aware what the conservationists are striving for and will be asking for in their submissions. A MINIMUM of 35-40% of all marine parks to be designated sanctuary zones, that means no fishing at all.

Personal statements must be added and should include comments such as:

- Recreational anglers do not support the current percentage process, with an average of 20% of total park area 'locked up' using sanctuary zones, taking away the majority of safe and accessible fish habitat from fishers without full support and reason from research.
- Recreational anglers support stock enhancement through breeding programs
- Recreational anglers support habitat enhancement through artificial reefs
- Recreational anglers support stock enhancement and recruitment through fish aggregating devices

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