

## **Recreation Fishing Alliance of NSW**

### **News Bulletin 25**

### **MARINE PARKS SPECIAL**

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## **NSW MARINE PARKS- LETS GET IT RIGHT**

Since 2000 the recreational anglers of NSW have invested \$60 million of their own money into enhancing recreational fishing in NSW. The money has been used to restructure the commercial fishing industry, enhance fish stocks, protect threatened species and enhance recreational fishing opportunities within NSW.

The recreational anglers of NSW contribute \$500 million to the NSW economy annually. Currently within NSW, two new marine parks have been legislated and the recreational anglers of NSW are being asked to comment on proposed sanctuary zones within the parks.

The recreational anglers of NSW support the establishment of marine parks within NSW.

The recreational anglers of NSW support the protection of biodiversity within marine parks.

The recreational anglers of NSW are asking the NSW Government to get it right and not rush the process that has historically taken 2 years to complete. No recreational fish stocks are under threat of collapse within NSW, why rush the process?

Any proposed sanctuary zones needs to be qualified with independent scientific research that includes stock assessments of any proposed sanctuary zone. Any proposed sanctuary zone must also provide safe and easy access for rock and beach anglers in all weather conditions. Any proposed sanctuary zones needs to provide access to transient species such as highly migratory pelagic fish species such as tuna, salmon, marlin and bait stocks.

If any recreational fish species are identified as being threatened or at risk within a marine park, the NSW Government needs to consider multi-use sanctuary zones as an option. A similar precedent has existed within NSW for many years, with the threatened Grey Nurse Shark. Gear and bait restrictions are used to protect the GNS within critical habitat zones along the NSW coast.

The recreational anglers of NSW are prepared to work with the NSW Government to establish marine parks within NSW.

Safe, sustainable and equitable use of the resources within marine parks is what the anglers of NSW are calling for.

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

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**Dates to remember: 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2006**

**Batemans Bay Marine Park Draft Zoning Plan**

Following detailed investigation of habitat and use information, and advice from the Batemans Marine Park Advisory Committee, the Marine Parks Authority has prepared a Draft Regulation (draft zoning plan) for the Marine Park.


In order that all members of the community have an opportunity to participate in the planning process for the Marine Park, the Authority invites comment on the Draft Regulation (draft zoning plan) as required under section 16 of the Marine Parks Act 1997.

Copies of the Draft Regulation (draft zoning plan) and marine park zoning and submission brochure may be obtained at the following locations:

- Batemans Marine Park office, National Parks and Wildlife Service building, corner of Field St and Princes Hwy Narooma
- Council offices of Eurobodalla Shire (Vulcan St, Moruya), Shoalhaven City (36 Bridge Rd , Nowra) and Bega Valley Shire (Zingel Pl, Bega) Councils
- National Parks and Wildlife Service offices
- Corner Sapphire Coast and Merimbula Drives, Merimbula NSW
- Blackburn Industrial Estate, Lot 9 Coller Road, Ulladulla NSW
- 6 Rutledge Street, Queanbeyan NSW

Copies can also be viewed at public libraries in Batemans Bay (Hanging Rock Sports Complex, Batehaven), Narooma (Field St, Narooma), Ulladulla (Princes Hwy Ulladulla) and Bermagui (Young St, Bermagui).

Written submissions on the Draft Regulation (draft zoning plan) are invited and can be [submitted electronically](#) on the MPA website, by completing the submission form in the [Draft Zoning Plan brochure](#)

 (1.1 Mb) , or by writing to:

The Planning Officer  
Batemans Marine Park  
PO Box 341  
NAROOMA NSW 2546

**The closing date for submissions on the Draft Regulation (draft zoning plan) is 15 October 2006.**

If you require further information, please contact the Batemans Marine Park Office, on 0428 413 309.

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**Dates to remember: 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006**  
**Great Lakes Marine Park Draft Zoning Plan**



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Invitation to comment on the**  
**Draft Zoning Plan for the Port Stephens-**  
**Great Lakes Marine Park**

Following detailed investigation of habitat and use information, and advice from the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park Advisory Committee, the Marine Parks Authority has prepared a Draft Regulation (draft zoning plan) for the Marine Park.

In order that all members of the community have an opportunity to participate in the planning process for the Marine Park, the Authority invites comment on the Draft Regulation (draft zoning plan) as required under section 16 of the *Marine Parks Act 1997*.

Copies of the Draft Regulation (draft zoning plan) and marine park zoning and submission brochure may be obtained from the following locations:

- Marine Parks Authority website at [www.mpa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mpa.nsw.gov.au)
- Marine Parks Office, Port Stephens Fisheries Centre, Taylors Beach Rd, Taylors Beach
- National Parks and Wildlife Offices, 12B Teramby Street, Nelson Bay and The Ruins Camp Ground, The Lakes Way, Pacific Palms
- Fisheries Offices,
  - o 2 Palm Street, Tuncurry,
  - o 55 Lambton Parade, Swansea,
  - o 97 Hannell Street, Wickham,
  - o 59 Pitt Street, Taree.

Copies can also be viewed at public libraries in Newcastle, Salamander Bay, Raymond Terrace, Maitland and Forster.


Written submissions on the Draft Regulation (zoning plan) are invited and should be submitted either electronically on the MPA website, or via the public submission brochure (prepaid postage) to:

The Planning Officer  
Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park  
Locked Bag 800  
NELSON BAY NSW 2315

**The closing date for submissions on the draft documents is 23 September 2006.**

If you require further information, please contact the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park Office on (02) 4916 3970.

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Please provide your comments on the submission form ([PDF Version](#)  1Mb or [Online version](#)), which has been developed to assist with your responses and the subsequent analysis of comments. You can attach more information and/or write on the map as required.