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NSW Marine Park Zoning Plan Review

Review of the zoning plans for Jervis Bay and Solitary Islands Marine Parks

The Marine Parks Authority is commencing a review of the zoning plans for Jervis Bay and Solitary Islands Marine Parks on **31st March 2008**.

The current zoning plans for Jervis Bay and Solitary Islands Marine Parks came into effect in 2002 with the Government committed to conducting a review of the plans after five years of operation.

Purpose of the review

The review will determine whether the current zoning plans for Jervis Bay and Solitary Islands Marine Parks remain appropriate for securing the objects of the *Marine Parks Act 1997*. In brief, these are to:

- Conserve marine biodiversity and habitats, and maintain ecological processes, and
- Provide for ecologically sustainable use, public appreciation and enjoyment.

The review will commence on **31st March 2008**. Public submissions will be invited during the two month consultation period.

Information packages (will be available from 31st March 2008)

To assist the community in participating in the review an information package will be made available from the Marine Parks Authority website www.mpa.nsw.gov.au. It will contain:

- fact sheets on the review of zoning plans,
- background documents on the natural, economic and social values of each marine park,
- a form for making submissions or you may make your submission online.

How to be involved

Attend the Workshops and Information Days that will be held during the consultation period. These will be advertised in local newspapers and on the Marine Parks Authority website. Public submissions will be invited from the **31st March 2008** for a period of two months.

The RFA of NSW would also appreciate seeing your comments before making an informed submission representing the interests of the NSW recreational fishing sector.

Further information

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