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Solitary Islands Marine Park Zoning Plan Review

The Marine Parks Authority has commenced the review of the zoning plans for Solitary Islands. The current zoning plan for Solitary Islands Marine Park has been in place for five years. A review is now underway to determine whether the plan remains appropriate for meeting the objects of the Marine Parks Act.

The following information package has been produced to support the review process.

1. **Review of the SIMP zoning plan**  530 Kb <http://www.mpa.nsw.gov.au/review/SIMP-Review.pdf>
2. **An updated habitat map**  1 Mb <http://www.mpa.nsw.gov.au/review/SIMP-habitat-map.pdf>
3. **A form for making submissions**  355 kb <http://www.mpa.nsw.gov.au/review/SIMP-submission-form.pdf>

Solitary Islands Marine Reserve (Commonwealth Waters) Review

The Australian Government Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts is reviewing the management plan for the Solitary Islands Marine Reserve which is adjacent to the Solitary Islands Marine Park.

Submissions on both the Solitary Islands Marine Park zoning plan and Commonwealth Marine Reserve are invited until **2 June 2008** and can be made using the above submission form.

Workshops and information days will be held during the two month consultation period as follows:

Venue	Date	Time
Park Beach Plaza, outside Woolworths, Park Beach Rd, Coffs Harbour	Thursday 17 April 2008	3:00pm – 7:00pm
Park Beach Plaza, outside Woolworths, Park Beach Rd, Coffs Harbour	Friday 18 April 2008	10:00am – 3:00pm
Park Beach Plaza, outside Woolworths, Park Beach Rd, Coffs Harbour	Saturday 19 April 2008	10:00am – 3:00pm
Wooli Community Hall, Main Street, Wooli	Saturday 10 May 2008	10:00am – 3:00pm
Yamba Shopping Fair, Treelands Drive, Yamba	Friday 16 May 2008	10:00am – 3:00pm
Grafton Shopping World, Fitzroy Street, Grafton	Saturday 17 May 2008	10:00am – 3:00pm
Emerald Beach Fair, Emerald Beach Reserve, Emerald beach	Sunday 25 May 2008	9:00am – 3:00pm

How to be involved

Attend one or more of the Workshops or Information days that are listed above. If possible download and read the review document, submission and look over the map listed above, note down your concerns and ask these questions on the day to form your opinion of the review. **Public submissions will close on the 2nd June 2008.**

The RFA of NSW is also calling for your comments before making an overall submission representing the interests of the recreational fishing sector.

E-mail these to publicity.officer@rfansw.com.au .

Further information

Please contact the Environment Line on **1300 361 967** or visit the Marine Parks web site at <http://www.mpa.nsw.gov.au/simp-zoning-plan-review.html> or

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