

Marine parks enquiry

As a net fisher in South Australia I would like to make comment on Marine Parks and their so called usefulness as a fish management tool.

I have been a fisher for 45 years and have seen many changes to the way my business has been managed, in particular netting closures. If netting closures worked, why were new ones introduced every five or so years. The last ones as recently as 2005. Since the 1960's we have had Aquatic Reserves, Marine Parks, Netting Closures etc yet my fish catch has not increased nor have I seen any dramatic change in fish populations in these areas. No scientific data has come to light proving that no go zones achieve any good apart from making some people's lives a misery. I urge you to reconsider the whole process of marine parks and involve fishers in that process.

Yours sincerely

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