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I wish to make a Submission on GBRMPA R.A.P Zoning.

I belong to QSIA, as a fisherman who has made his living in the GBRMPA we as members of Branch 8 QSIA were the first to have lectures by GBRMPA staff on RAP.

<text deleted> and others continually told us that we were to show our most profitable areas and all would be done to preserve them. We were also told at least 10 times that the closures were only 25%. We as a branch and private fisherman both Rec and Pro Became very wary of all the miss truths we were told. We formed S.O.S. (Save our Seafood's) which was a combination of Rec fishers, Seafood consumer's local business houses and General concerned Public members to put a Combined Submission to GBRMPA.

The Submission we put together had vast support from the local public and Community as our submission proved. We became very wary, when, GBRMPA sent Water Quality people to our meetings, people who knew nothing of our problems or of local fisheries matters. Our submissions were used against us. We were continually told to put our most used and profitable areas on the maps and they would do all to protect it. They did the TOTAL OPPOSITE the best fishing grounds in Bowling Green Bay they took off us and left the least profitable areas alone.

We all also put a dummy fishing area North East of a local area known as "Youngla Wreck" we all stated that this was Vitally important to us all, and they increased the green area in include this area, when in fact None of us fished this area. This gave us the impression that NO TRANSPARITY was in this program.

During this process we also said that NO spearfishing around Cape Upstart, this was accepted on R.A.P but low and behold in April/May 2005 GBRMPA change this area to allow spearfishing to take place. Why can't they allow us to Net in some arrears of Bowling Green Bay of the can do it for one sector why NOT ALL SECTORS.

I believe that GBRMMPA should NOT have a fisheries sector, this is managed by DPI&F, DEH and other CRC and QLD Government Departments which do an excellent job. They lied to all about RAP, e.g. the TOTAL COST, AREARS CLOSED, ALMOST 70% closed to the commercial sector in one way or another.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission

Yours truly,
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