

## Marine Park: Upper Spencer Gulf

Note: these comments should be read in conjunction with the feedback map.

Zone	Comment
А	Reduce the proposed zone to the current boundaries of the existing Whyalla-Cowleds landing Aquatic Reserve. Replace the Aquatic Reserve with a sanctuary zone, enforce compliance of zone and still allow for crabbing at Eight Mile Creek.
В	Enlarge this zone to a 7 km wide circle and move it slightly north to avoid transhipment and anchorage points. This zone is being increased as a compromise for the reduction of zone A. The circle shape will suit the off-shore zone, with no land boundaries, making it easy to navigate with a GPS with the zone being located in a 3.5 km radius out from one central co-ordinate.
C	This zone was supported as a compromise zone that allowed access for popular fishing grounds at and around Black Point while expanding the sanctuary zone to the east, along the rocky shore line habitat that supports the cuttlefish aggregation. This zone was only supported with the condition that the current PIRSA cephalopod closure could be reinforced through the marine parks management plan to ensure that it continues.
Ι	Reduce this zone to a 7km long and 1km wide band down the centre of the gulf to avoid priority commercial and recreational fishing grounds.
J	Reduce this zone by removing all the waters west of the mangrove shore line. Include the mangrove-lined tidal creeks as shown, with the eastern boundary running to the south eastern side of Fifth Creek. Extend zone south of Port Davis Creek to cover samphire and tidal creeks, while zoning to allow fishing from the Port Davis jetty and north west along the creek. Seek to add additional land currently area outside the existing Marine Park 10 boundary.
E	Majority support from the MPLAG membership (and gallery) was given to the Miranda community proposal, which specifies removing the Yatala Harbour Aquatic Reserve and replacing it with a sanctuary zone that is aligned to allow for beach fishing in front of the Miranda township, and extends the boundary of the existing aquatic reserve west as a compromise position. Southern boundary running to the existing netting closure. The membership requested that shore based fishing (rod and line only) be allowed in the zone in front of Blanche Harbor Coastal shacks only.
F	Support the proposed zone if the eastern boundary is reduced west to the mangrove line and no restrictions are placed upon the deeper water that is used by small boats and is an area that kids use for fishing due to its protection.
G	Support the proposed zone if the southern boundary can be moved north and aligned with the Old Salt works fence line.
Н	Support for extending the proposed zone to include more seagrass meadow communities and to make the boundaries align with easy landmarks. On the condition that this boundary will allow the mouth of Chinaman's Creek to stay open to fishing and that the preliminary zone E is reduced.

These included taking into consideration all the restrictions within Upper Spencer Gulf Marine Park. These include:

- Four defined shipping channels;
- Four ports with no anchoring allowed;
- Eight transhipment points located within the park which are potentially non-anchoring when ships are present;
- Aquaculture leases and zones;
- Oyster leases in One Shack Bay;
- Cultana Defence Area which is restricted;
- Total netting bans north of Douglas Bank, Cowleds Landing, Germain Bay;
- Razorfish collection ban in front of Blanche Harbor and Commissariat Point shacks from October to March;
- Shellfish closure in Germain Bay for health reasons;
- Minimal shore access points throughout the park due to mangrove coastline and lack of tracks;
- Large intertidal shorelines reduce the area of the park available to fishing. With the distance from the high to low water mark sometimes being up to 4km and often over 2km. With the majority of fishing activity occuring in the deeper waters there is already a significant natural restriction due to the large intertidal zone.