

Q10: Exploration of the establishment of potential local inshore marine reserves

Would really like to see this occur in the near future. Would like to see some sections of our coastline from Rings Beach to Otama highlighted now. Then further discussion had with our Community.

I would like to see an area of rocky shore protected from harvesting marine sea and plant life. The rocky shore used to be alive with species and is now very barren. I would like my grandchildren to experience the rich marine life that used to be along this shore line.

To protect the genetic diversity of species, we need to institute a series of marine reserves up our coast line. I propose that approximately every 6 kms, we have a 1sq km "no take" reserve. This will provide a measure of 'restoration' of how things used to be.

Defiantly need something around our area.

Nice idea, but other priorities

I wonder whether this I can or should be within the scope of a Community Plan

I'd like to see inshore fishing limited to "person" powered, ie no outboards. Limited to row boats, kayaks. This would also mean there'd be more fish to be caught off the beach, opening fishing up to those without boats.

This would be a fantastic initiative for the inshore areas even to say 2km offshore, and if we have the foresight to do this now - even better for generations to come.

Marine Reserves should attempt to protect and preserve examples of outstanding local coastline and marine life.

Would like to know more about the look of this plan as regards our recreational fishers before I decide on this .

Supporting our penguins and wildlife and giving us a point of difference for tourists - snorkelling, diving etc.

the sea is overfished already commercially,by creating more reserves we could at least have recreational fishing possible in the future

Not too sure about this one - I would have to see the boundaries first

Fish stocks are improving every year so the existing system appears to be working.

I don't understand this question.

Opposed. Police commercial operations... dont punish the recreational Fisher.

Our poor fish having to deal with that huge number of boaties! Yes let's protect them

One cannot object to it in principle, but it is an idea that is easy to overdo. The establishment of a marine reserve is a DOC responsibility, and is hard to get fishing industry and recreational fisher support for. Policing is another vexed issue and I do not want district council rates used to fund any such effort. DOC would doubtless love it, but we should not rush into this.

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Not needed at Kuaotunu as there are facilities at Whitianga

I would support 500m out off Blackjack Coast from the Kuaotunu Reef to Otama point.

Too many people launching from here - fishing spots are being hammered, so a reserve might not be a bad idea.

I wonder if the reef at the eastern end of the beach would be a candidate for a marine reserve. It would be great to have a protected area locally where kids could go snorkeling and see an abundance of marine life. I'm so so on this one - I believe in the need for marine reserves but I am not sure our waters are good candidates.

success from existing reserves speaks for itself

Look at goat island reserve. restrict the plunder of shellfish. No chance of legal sized paua in the last 20 years.

I think it would be a shame if people couldn't fish off the beach or gather shellfish

Personally I can't believe the decimation of marine life over the past 30 years

We need to look after our marine stocks and give them a rest. Marine reserves provide relief and create breeding stocks. a no brainer!

Would need to know exact areas you talking about to make comment,too vague

Around black jack

Would love to see the Blackjack coast a marine reserve.

We would be very supportive but not to impede land based fishing areas.

Out of scope

we owe it to nature to give back

Putting a fishing ban on inshore areas would increase the fish stocks and mean less dead young penguins (loads last season that were starving)

This is probably a good idea for development and protection of fish stocks and for tourism potential.

Id like all fishing banned along the beach fronts out to a 500m off shore zone extending from the black Jack hill outcrop through to Matarangi Beach. I have no issue with controlled fishing, just do it well out from the beach. And no commercial fishing at all.

But I feel we should sort out the many current issues in our community we have before we take on a marine reserves battle.

Please!

OK if closed for a while and then re-opens to allow the fish to re-stock

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Essential! Its a no brainer. Blackjack reef is an obvious location. Whangapoua Harbour should be off limit to commercial fisherman. This is a very important breeding ground.

Let's get the process started . Seachange

Have a "KURTAXE" like in Germany where every tourist pays and we keep the place clean and tidy as it is!

Would be fantastic

For preserving our marine life in the long run

Anything to stop over fishing and preserve our off shore areas.

Would like to see more information on this first, what are the proposed areas etc

This is part of how I visualise the Kuaotunu of our future.

Protect our coastline. Increasing knowledge and use of our area also means more boats (pollution), fishing (overfishing/pollution), collection of shellfish (degradation of beds, abuse of quotas). Establishment of marine reserves in the area is essential to balance this. There was recent reporting of a plan to bring agriculture to our side of the Peninsula with target areas close to Kuaotunu. I strongly oppose this and would like our community to also do so.

I do not know much about this but I do think it is important to protect marine life and stop over fishing

Yes yes yes...

after 5 years perhaps open it up again and change the location

The reserve in Hahei, despite resistance to it back in the day, reaped rewards within a few years of its inception... overflow of fish population noticeable and wonderful snorkelling now with "smart fish" who know the boundary.
