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**MEMO**

**To: All ANSA Branches**  
**Date : 28 January 2013**  
**Subject: Commonwealth Marine Reserve Draft Management Plans**

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Recreational fishing has been wrapped up under the definition of an extractive activity in terms of Australia's interpretation of the IUCN classifications which puts recreational fishing in the same league as commercial fishing and offshore mining etc. As an extractive activity we are not allowed to fish in marine reserve waters designated as IUCN11. This classification applies to most of the waters within the new network of marine reserves and has serious ramifications for all recreational fishers particularly those in Northern Queensland and Western Australia. Even though most of the IUCN 11 designated waters are a considerable distance from shore and not readily accessible by the majority of recreational fishers the denial of access to recreational fishing for no justifiable reason is unjust and discriminatory to recreational fishers whose activities would have negligible impact on the environment and the fishery.

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#### **How to provide comments**

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----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Marine Reserves <MarineReserves@environment.gov.au>

**To:**

**Sent:** Monday, 14 January 2013 12:21 PM

**Subject:** Invitation to comment on draft management plans for Commonwealth Marine Reserves (closing 14 February 2013) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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