

# Marlborough Marine Futures Survey Monkey 2017 Final Results September 2017

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## Introduction

This report provides the details of responses to the idea of a Marine Park in the Marlborough Sounds.

Phoenix Facilitation Limited surveyed interested people about their reactions to different concepts on the idea of a Marine Park for the Marlborough Sounds on behalf of the Marlborough Sounds Integrated Management Trust. The Trust wanted information on reactions to the public discussion document it had released prior to the survey and which was also presented and discussed at public forums.

The survey was open from June 2017 to the end of August 2017. In that time, 227 responses were received.

It was apparent from responses, and from some comments at the Forums, that a number of people have provided views without having read the accompanying public discussion document. Some interested parties forwarded the invitation to participate in the survey with the survey link but without the document. Therefore, some survey responses are detailed comment on the specific proposals, while others were a gut reaction to their *idea* of a Marine Park, without the knowledge and context of what was actually being proposed. The comments need to be read with that in mind. In essence, whilst the public discussion document suggested a multiple use marine park modelled on the Great Barrier reef many respondents assumed “marine park” was the same as a no-take marine reserve.

Below, we present a brief summary of the comments received, and then the statistics and full text for each of the questions asked. The responses have been roughly grouped under headings to make it easier to follow trends.

## Summary of submissions

### Who responded?

Respondents could identify with one sector or many. The majority of respondents identified as recreational fishers and environmentalists, and many were both. Smaller numbers of marine framers, commercial fishers, tour operators, iwi and farmers responded. More than half the respondents were resident in the area, and many from outside the region had interests such as holiday homes there. The level of involvement in the marine environment of the area ranged from daily to never visiting the area.

### Do you support a Marine Park or similar concept for the Marlborough Sounds?

Over 80% supported the concept of something similar to a marine park for the Sounds. Those in support wanted a park to do particular things, and not others, while a minority (11%) were strongly opposed to any change from the status quo.

Of those that supported the concept, half preferred a special multiple use management area, while a third wanted a Marlborough Sounds marine park with the primary purpose of conservation.

### Recreational fishing

More respondents (46%) favoured recreational fishing zones within a multiple use management area than wanted a recreational fishing park (32%) in the form proposed by the Minister for the Environment.

### Administration

If a marine park or similar were established a majority (51%) favoured a special management body while others were about equally split between DOC, MDC and MPI.

### Zoning

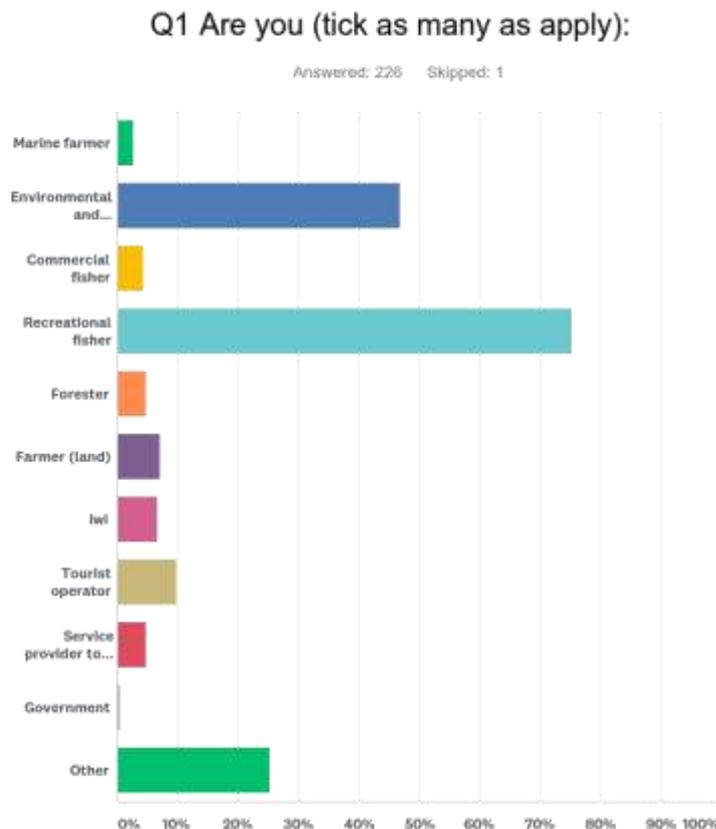
More than half of respondents supported the zoning proposals in the discussion document but a sizeable minority (44%) were not convinced.

### Marlborough Sounds Integrated Management Trust

Less than half the respondents expressed confidence in the Marlborough Sounds Integrated Management Trust to lead the process. This was complicated by the proportion of people who had not read the discussion document and who thought it was being proposed for the Trust to manage the area; which was not the case. However, there was a clear call for more transparency and engagement by the Trust.

Detailed results are provided below.

## Question 1: Are you

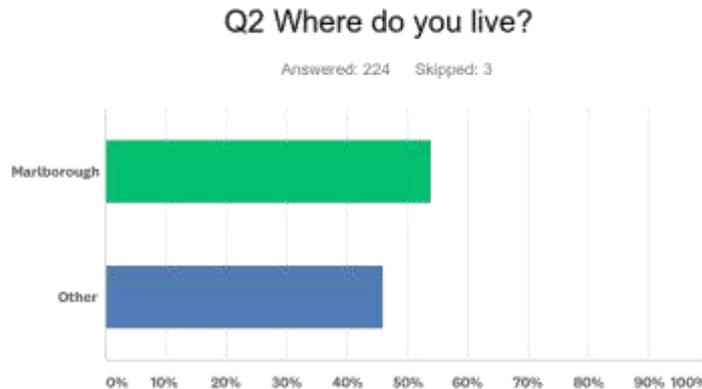


### Other:

- Local resident(whanau), land owner (Maori lands and general), interests=treaty settlement issues(cultural); policy, methods, outcomes,
- Teacher - bio study with college students, recreational kayaker and swimmer
- Retired farmer
- Resident
- Community member
- Sounds Resident
- Private launch owner
- Resident
- Bach owner
- Endeavour Inlet resident
- IT Product Manager so no commercial interest in the Sounds
- Bach owner
- Bach owner
- Home owner in Port Underwood
- General Public
- Private land owner
- Resident
- Fisheries Consultant to Kina Industry Council
- Permanent Resident
- Sorry but I am really unhappy, I can't believe there is not a option in this section or 2 or 3 that says do you live in the Sounds. I live permanently in the Kenepuru Sounds and should it not be important what the people who live here think, too much priority is given to the marine industry in the Sounds and too little consideration for the people who live here.
- Land owner

- Land owner. Holiday home owner
- Resident
- Fisheries Management Scientist
- Commercial skipper
- Bach owner
- Bach owner
- Recreational sailor
- Sounds Resident
- Recreational user
- 35 year boater and regular Sounds user
- Boatie
- Property owner
- Lifestyle block
- Marine engineer
- Yachtsman
- Launch owner
- Resident
- Sailor
- Yachtie
- Boat owner
- Enjoy cruising on the Sounds
- Launch owner, frequent travel from Havelock
- Recreational launch owner
- Recreational boatie
- Cruising yachtsman
- General "boatie"
- Sailor and company director
- Sounds property owner
- Resident of Pelorus Sound
- Bach owner
- Industry Representative
- Property owner in the sounds
- N-Viro Anchoring and Mooring Systems
- Ngati Toa Ngati Koata Ngati Kuia
- I fish for healthy food for my family and to save money
- Land owner
- Resident
- I live on the marina foreshore and act as a real estate agent in the Sounds
- I have a yacht at Waikawa. I am therefore a recreational visitor and user.
- Conservationist
- Bach owner
- Resident at Ruakaka Bay
- Scientist working at CRI (owned by Crown, but not strictly "Government").

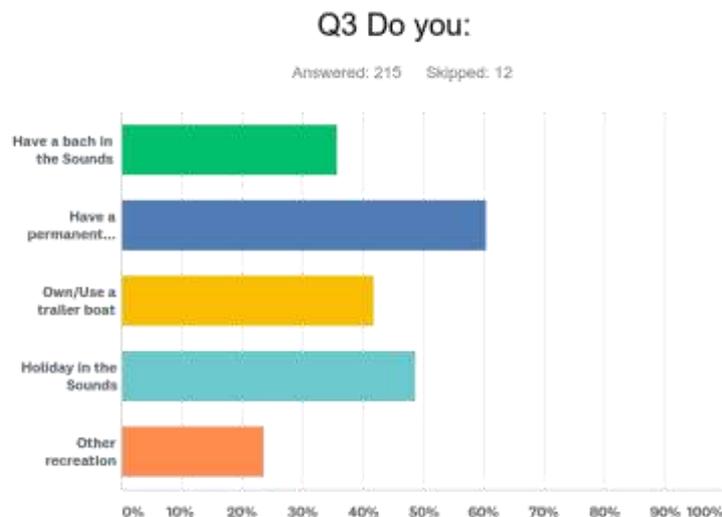
## Question 2: Where do you live?



### Other:

- Nelson (24)
- Wellington (16)
- Christchurch (23)
- D'Urville Island (4)
- Picton (3)
- Permanent resident
- Duncan Bay, Tennyson Inlet
- South Canterbury
- Queen Charlotte Drive
- Perth, WA
- Port Underwood
- Blenheim
- Marlborough Sounds (2)
- I have properties in Ruakaka Bay as well as Nelson
- Hastings
- Christchurch, but have a house in Picton (will move there)
- Cheviot
- Lower Hutt
- West Coast South Island
- Dunedin
- Lower Hutt
- Kenepuru Sound
- Havelock
- Canterbury (2)
- Tasman (2)
- Auckland
- Live in Porirua, from Nelson, heart is in the Sounds.
- Mapua
- Wairarapa
- Titirangi - Auckland
- I am from Marlborough and still own land there, I live in Wellington now but Marlborough is my home.
- Mana
- Richmond
- Whanau lived in the Sounds for 7 generations
- Golden Bay
- Ruakaka Bay, as well as Nelson

### Question 3: How do you use the area?



#### Other recreation:

- I live there
- Weekend recreation fishing, swimming, kayaking.
- I live in the Sounds
- Live permanently
- Day-trips in the Sounds
- Live and recreate in the Sounds
- Home in the Sounds
- Walking, fishing (occasional)
- Live in the Sounds
- Port Underwood
- Bach in Port Underwood.
- Walking
- Paddle, dive etc
- Hunting
- Live permanently in the Sounds
- I live here
- Permanent sounds resident
- I live in the Sounds
- Sailing, rowing
- Sounds resident
- Fishing
- Live permanently in the Pelorus Sound
- Don't have holidays
- Sea kayak
- Permanent resident
- Fish and dive and explore
- I also work as a commercial skipper for a major water taxi company.
- Cruise on our yacht
- Yachting
- Sailing
- Cruising on other people's boats
- Marina berth holder
- Fishing/Diving
- Keel Boat/Yacht
- Havelock compound
- Fishing

- Havelock
- Live permanently in the Sounds with mooring
- Landowner
- Have family there, spend as much of my free time there as possible.
- Live beside the Pelorus Sound
- Cruising
- Launch owners
- Have a launch currently in Nelson but historically and in future at Havelock Marina
- Live permanently in the Sounds
- Yachting
- Yacht in Nelson
- I sail regularly in the Sounds
- Owner of marine farms
- Live aboard yacht when cruising in the Sounds
- Iwi events

#### Question 4: How often do you go into the Marlborough Sounds – land and/or sea?

- 2-3 times (total 4-5weeks) on water and 1 on land
- I live there
- 5 times a year
- By land and boat approximately twenty times.
- I live on the land and kayak the Sounds
- 3 to 4 times
- one week a month
- Every three weeks
- Once a week fishing and out for lunch more in Summer
- 2 visits per month
- Monthly
- 4 times a year during holiday time.
- 6 times a year
- 3 to 4 times each year
- Every week
- Once a fortnight
- I Live in the Sounds
- 365 days a year
- Daily
- Regularly
- A few times a year
- Three times a year for a total of 6 weeks
- Every day, I live here
- At least once a month
- Typically 6-10 times per year
- Not less than 7 days a month boating
- Once (for approx 4 weeks) per year.
- Live in Queen Charlotte Sound (Anakiwa), have a bach in Port Underwood that would be most days.
- 3-4 times a year
- Every two weeks on average
- I live there and am generally always there
- 2-3 times a year.
- Bi Monthly
- Monthly
- 7 to10 times per year

- At the moment 6-8 weeks of the year but that will change with impending retirement to 6/8 months annually
- Live there
- Approximately for one month a year
- 6 times a year
- 8 to 10 times a year
- Daily
- 2-4 times per year
- 8 times per year
- 10 weeks per year
- Once or twice a month
- We live here, and sightsee around the entire Sounds.
- Every day
- I go every 2-5 years. My clients commercially fish there daily
- Three times a year for about three days each, usually on a boat these days.
- 6 months a year
- Every 2nd weekend
- Half a dozen times a year
- We live in the Sounds
- Most weekends and most of Xmas period
- I live here permanently.
- 365 days a year both by land and sea
- We live here and use car and boat transport
- Twice monthly
- 20+ times a year
- Regularly
- 20 times pa
- Weekly
- Every day
- Approx 120 days per year
- Every week
- Monthly
- Daily: I live there
- 6 - 8 times a year
- One or two times a month
- Approximately 80 days per year
- Live in Havelock, use my boat as weather permits. Normally go out 3 -4 times per month.
- 24 times per year
- Monthly
- Weekly
- Always there
- Never
- Every two to three weeks I would be in the Sounds, fishing, hunting or at the family batch.
- Daily
- Every month
- Permanent
- Once every month or two
- Twice a month at least
- From October to May, almost full time. From June to September approx. 50% of the time.
- 4 times a year
- Monthly
- Twice a year.
- As often as I can - most weekends
- Approx fortnightly summer. Less than monthly winter
- Approx 7-8 times each year
- 6 times a year

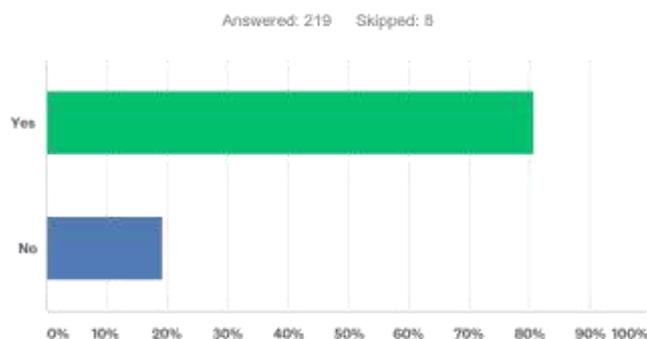
- Sea - 3 times per year. Total 1 month
- Often
- We live here.
- Every year
- 2 to 3 times a year
- 4 weeks per year
- Every 2-3 weeks we head away in our launch based in Havelock, and stay at least several days.
- Monthly
- Live in Sounds
- 50 times a year
- Several times a year
- Every month
- 5 to 10 times a year
- Once a month approx.
- A lot
- There for 6 months over summer
- Monthly
- Monthly
- Daily
- 20 to 30 times per year
- Around 50 days a year
- 6-8 times a year
- Once a month
- Once a month.
- 60 days
- Twice to three times annually
- 30+ weekends per annum
- Twice monthly
- Until recently every 6 to 8 weeks
- Permanent resident
- 6 Times a year
- 6 weeks per year
- Annually
- Twice yearly
- Four to six times a year
- Daily
- Every 2 months
- With the restriction may be twice a year in to the sounds proper
- 6 times per year
- Every day
- 4 times a year
- Annual
- 4 to 5 times a year.
- Approx every 4 weeks
- Reasonable often
- Live permanently
- 30 days
- Every 4-6 weeks in the Summer, with the road closed, not as much during the current Winter
- Several times a year
- Twice a month
- Often, maybe 10 times per year
- We have lived in the Sounds (both Queen Charlotte and Pelorus full time for 10 years. We spend approx. 10-12 weeks on our boat at sea (yacht).
- Sailing. 2 months every couple of years
- 12 times per year

- 5 per year
- I live here
- Monthly.
- 20 times per year
- Monthly
- 10 times per year
- Monthly
- 12 Times per year
- 1 to 2 times per fortnight
- 4-6 times/month; 4-12 days.
- A lot
- Most long weekends
- three months or more
- Weekly
- at least once a month for several days at a time
- We live in Duncan Bay Tennyson Inlet and cruise the Sounds regularly.
- 5-10 times a year
- Twice a year. Would be far more often if no work constraints
- Frequently as residents
- We are there every day
- Possibly 18 trips/ year with each trip of about 10 days and one trip of 6 to 8 weeks including dependent on the weather Able Tasman National Park.
- Every day
- Once every 2-3 years for a few weeks at a time.
- Over a year we would spend 6-8 weeks in and on the Sounds
- 60-80 days per year
- 4 months of the year
- Approx. 75 times per year
- Around every 6 weeks
- 6 times a year
- Monthly more in summer
- Used to go once a month
- Several times a year
- 10 to 15 times a year
- Almost every day
- Daily
- 2-3 weekly for 1-2 days
- 20 times per year
- Spend about 9 months of the year here
- Daily
- 12x year
- Our members go every day
- Once or twice a year.
- 2-3 times per year
- Once a month - for longer over summer
- About 3 times a year
- Every working day and then some by sea
- Two or three times per month
- Several times a year
- We live there and we provide jobs there
- Once every 2 weeks and more over summer
- Almost every day for fun and once a month for food
- Monthly
- Most holidays for pleasure and most days from October to April each year for work.
- 10-15 times a year
- Daily

- 50 - 60 days a year
- Often
- Every day
- Permanent resident
- Daily
- I live there, so as often as possible
- 200 plus days per year
- At least a dozen times per year
- At least three weekly
- All year round
- At least monthly if not weekly
- 10 times a year.
- Weekly
- Over 9 months of the year, due to work commitments.
- ca.10x /year
- Monthly approx.

## Question 5: Do you support a Marine Park concept for the Marlborough Sounds?

### Q5 Do you support a Marine Park or similar concept for the Marlborough Sounds?



#### Comments:

#### Support Marine Park in principle with further definition

- My wife and I absolutely support a Marine Park and believe it should have been done right at the start.
- Marine Park that allows recreational fishing.
- Strongly support concept similar to Great Barrier Reef.
- Having the clear objective of creating a Marine Park is a good evolution from previous discussions.
- With limitations and areas.
- I support marine parks provided they are placed in several smaller areas rather than a blanket marine park over a wide ranging area.
- I support a Marine Park that is NOT too restrictive. Recreational fishing should be permitted and the Sounds generally used for recreation and pleasure. Commercial fishing should not be permitted - BUT - contrary to that, marine farms appropriate to the environment should be permitted to a limited level providing that they do not impact unduly on the environment and recreational use.
- But stick to the zoning - don't over-ride by salmon industry or MPI minister.

- Providing our members rights are protected.
- Yes if it retained rights for recreational fishers. All commercial fishing should be banned from the Sounds.
- Absolutely support the concept as long as moderation is foremost - e.g. Kapiti Island is half reserve and half open and this seems to work very well both anecdotally and from the evidence The South Coast of Wellington is great in concept but is pretty much a blanket over the entire normal recreational fishing and diving area inshore on that coast.
- I do support the concept because it is important to preserve the environment in the Marlborough Sounds. The issue is balancing the rights and interests of iwi. Iwi would like to see the area protected but at the same time be able to use the resources in the Marlborough Sounds sustainably.
- A Maritime Park including land and seas.
- As long as it doesn't favour one group only - iwi.
- Anything is worth trying over our current approach.
- Yes, but only for the Inner Sounds. The Outer Sounds don't need marine protection.
- Yes, provided it has an Act of Parliament to give it teeth.
- Yes, as long as it is not overly complicated, which the current proposal looks like it could easily become. Make things too complex and people will not be able to understand all the differences in rules and will intentionally ignore them. This will be a particular problem for people visiting from outside of the region where things like landmarks etc are not familiar to them.
- Implemented correctly, and intelligently, it is in all probability the most desirable option catering to most needs.
- Would support if proposals were not restrictive to our activity of sailing, mooring/ anchoring and fishing.
- It certainly will anchor the image NZ is supposed to have and provide an environment that can be monitored and studied for centuries by our children. They will thank us.
- Yes, I support a Marine Park in the Marlborough Sounds. I have been visiting the Sounds for 27 years since I was a young child. In this time I have witnessed: a King Shag going crazy with frustration and starvation because of a large fishing hook caught in its mouth; the bones of a dolphin on a beach, wrapped in the remains a set net; van loads of people collecting undersized shellfish from the foreshore; the rapid disappearance of Sea Slugs and Kina in the Pelorus area; the shrivelled remains of sea horses which have been caught in a set net. Please, something needs to be done...
- With reservations.
- It is long overdue. the degradation of the sounds is unacceptable.
- As long as it is beneficial to the environment and ecosystems within the sounds.
- the Marlborough Sounds is a National Treasure. I believe that a Marine Park would enhance the sounds and help protect it for the future. Also I am certain that there is more benefit to be had from tourism and recreational use than by commercial exploitation.
- Marlborough Sounds are a unique part of NZ and have, for too long, been raped and pillaged. it is time to allow the original biodiversity to become re-established,
- In theory yeas but it cannot unfairly favour the Iwi over other residents & users of the Sounds.
- Possibly depending how restrictive it is and if it prefers Maori am against it
- I think this is a great idea for the sustainable future of the Marlborough Sounds.
- Sooner the better before it is totally pillaged by both commercial and recreational fishermen, or sludged up so bad from forestry runoff that nothing can breed or grow on the bottom.

- But...depends on the fine print. Don't try and lock it up for a few sectors of the community
- Makes good sense to protect fish stocks
- We have an opportunity to do something great for all time before any further damage is done to the environment.
- Yes. No better way to protect our marine environment.

### For some areas

- Marine reserves shifting areas of no fish for 6 years.
- Along same concept as existing marine reserves (Long & Maude Islands), but larger areas.
- I would like to see a number of reserves or no take zones
- Imagine that there would be no fishing if it covered all of the Sounds. Would prefer a number of smaller parks
- Maybe in restricted areas
- Within the Tory channel northern entrance headlands. Not open water.
- we think that the area is too large.

### Oppose

- What is proposed is excessively aspirational and long term when a cheaper alternative exists. Getting in behind the Govt's proposal re a rec only fin fish park. Here the heavy lifting is done by Govt with arguably a better and certainly more sure result.
- Unless the benefits to all can be proven and not just stated without proven data.
- Not to introduce further regulations but to encourage responsible use and respect for the area.
- We don't support until Ngati Koata receive the marine and coastal area title.
- Only if some specific areas.
- An issue I am prepared to consider after our Takutai Moana application has been settled and we are in a place to make a decision.
- I go to the Sounds for a break from petty bureaucracy. It is a big part of the magic of the Marlborough Sounds. I find that the greater majority of Sounds users already respect and look after the Sounds environment.
- I don't see that it will be of benefit to the country as a whole.
- The concept of closing an area forever is contrary to tikanga for many reasons two being that every garden needs to be weeded and every tree improves from pruning. The traditional cultural practices of kaitiakitanga and rahui are much better options.
- I believe existing legislation is adequate and should be used to create a recreational marine park.
- Great ideals but totally impractical to implement. It's way too complicated and the costs won't be justified. To fund it and manage it will require taxing users and appointing a police force, forget it, find something simple utilising current resources.
- I feel this would be another layer of bureaucracy which would allow people with significant self interests to gain more power and autonomy.
- No.

- Reason 1: The four spatial components of the plan are NOT entirely supportive of iwi/hapu/whanau concerns, concerns of which being as highlighted through the Treaty Settlement process. The plan appears to be primarily RMA s6 conservation [environment] focused, which is fine, but the contents do not show where the plan gives due consideration, relating to the rest of RMA s6, in particular the bottom 'cultural well-being' section of; (1) RMA s6(e) the relationship of Maori and their customs and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga;- and (2) the management process of RMA s7a:- and (3) The principles of the Treaty of Waitangi RMA s8:- and (4) that each iwi/hapu/whanau are Kaitiaki of their separate rohe/zones/overlays or whichever spatial method they deem appropriate.[Location/rohe] (5) as in a partnership, any new statutory laws, should contain, the 'cultural framework structure' "Manawhakahono a Rohe" which contains the legislative components of RMA(s6(e),s7(a),s8), for active engagement at all levels (6) and have the potential for 'contribution by Maori to local planning' local Government Act 2002, to be able to give affect Treaty settlement outcomes, RMA 'participation agreements', cultural impact assessments etc Reason 2 The level of consultation, is sadly lacking, re outer sounds residents Reason 3 because of reason 2: with respect to retaining 'riparian rights' in the ownership of such landowners[RMA s6(d)] D'Urville Island(general & Maori land) and it's islets(Maori land). There has been no consultation, or provisions mentioned. So therefore a maritime park is NOT supported around D'Urville Island or its surrounding Islets Reason 4 Parts of the meetings seem to be not reflective in public newsletters Reason 5 re reason 4 above " 'Recreation fishing' not supported to be part of any Marine Park.... as indicated at the July meeting" at Waikawa boating club. It was also noted that it would also be subject to location
- We don't believe that we need them. There is more than enough fish out there thanks to the quota system and small bag limits, there is a need to police the areas and regulations that we have already not bring in more.
- Massive increase in red tape, bureaucracy and more lines on a map. Massive make-work scheme for otherwise-redundant planners etc.
- The Marlborough Sounds is already residential and commercially farmed and forested. There are many people relying on income generated here and have done so for generations. Unfortunately most of us are too busy to attend your consultation/s with businesses to run and children to look after. We have invested everything here in the Sounds trying to eek an income and yes, achieve a lifestyle. The MDC is strict with regulations and monitoring, and is very environmentally aware, why add another layer of bureaucracy at tax/rate payers' expense. None of us want to destroy our environment, we need to look at better ways of managing forestry and farming. And the MDC should also focus on improving its own waste water treatment systems as Picton Harbour is yet again filled with sewage. Is that not more important right??
- Snapper are nearly nonexistent in the Kenepuru along with Flounder, no sea weed is longer here and the sea floor is muddy and barren.
- MDC oversees the sounds and applies already strict conditions on activities therein. Further commercial development in the area is highly unlikely to occur.
- There are more than enough reserves around our coast line. If one is established here it puts massive pressure on the surrounding area
- There are enough Acts of Parliament regulating and controlling the Marlborough Sounds already in place.
- This seems like an opportunity for yet more government interference
- It is yet another sink for money and seeks to divert management from current appropriate legislative basis to a new quango based approach. It could be considered akin to the opposed moves to utilise s360 provisions of the RMA.

- The whole thing is a complete mockery if "traditional" rights are retained. Conservation is more important than anything else. Those demanding rights under the treaty need to recognise that the world has moved on, stop being so selfish and recognise that, for the greater good, everybody has to be treated the same.
- Not as proposed, no. to

### Other

- I don't think residents, iwi, fishers, holiday-makers, stake holders should have more say over Sounds management than the public at large.
- Fish stocks are being threatened with the increased sediment in the waters which is coming directly from forestry activities.
- It's a very large and very unique marine environment that shows the scars of continual over exploitation of both land and sea environments and it needs protection into the future to ensure future generations can have at least a similar experience of the Sounds as the current generation (for now - there are many proposals in play that threaten further degradation).
- I think there is good reason to have marine protected areas as long as recognition is given to all participants and in that instance commercial access if taken ought to be compensated.
- All dredging, commercial and recreational should be banned. Recreational bag limits should also be lowered across the species.
- This area is very valuable for educational use with younger students studying Science and seniors studying Marine Studies and Biology, but is currently degrading and due to this is becoming less useful. harder to access "good" areas to study.
- I also support a reduction in pine logging on the hills which after harvesting, causes a major degradation of the water and sea bottom quality, especially in the Pelorus Sound. I also support a complete stop to commercial fishing of any kind in the Sounds.
- There should be zero commercial fishing using nets in the Sounds. A very important breeding ground for snapper at the head of Kenepuru has become virtually sterile from over fishing. Recreational fishers should have a much lower quota.. The bird life of both marine and land native birds should be given complete priority to any decisions made.
- The word "Marine" describes the environment and "Park" describes a recreational area. Similar to the prior term of "Marlborough Sounds Maritime Park" which is the historical title of a free booklet that could be obtained by visitors, residents and tourists of the Marlborough Sounds.
- I have been going to Port Underwood for 61 years and I have seen first-hand the degradation of the marine ecosystem in this time. I feel that if is nothing is done soon there will be very little left for our children to enjoy in the years to come
- For the time the RMA has been in place, the marine protection for the sake of certain habitats and to accommodate uncertainty has been appalling. Procrastination on the trust deed we have about the management of the environment with the future generation would be an interesting judicial challenge. The sounds marine habitats, the communities of marine life within them, the processes that drive marine ecosystems, the full extent of threats to marine biodiversity from human activities and broader environmental changes have not yet been identified and/or classified. However, what we have identified in Marlborough that its marine biodiversity is not in good shape, particularly in the Sounds. The significant issues are: fewer fish, not as many species, serious loss of biogenic habitats, sedimentation in estuaries smothering thousands of hectares of seabed and biosecurity incursions. It is fascinating that talking about Marine Reserves is still perceived in many circles (including those with well willing ears to a somewhat better future) as a 'dirty' word.
- No Dredging. It permanently damages the scallop/sea bed.

### **Recreational fishing focus**

- It would focus on recreational use for future generations.
- No commercial fishing.
- Not a recreational fishing park
- Support recreational fishing area
- Believe we need to exclude commercial fishing activities as recreational fishery and tourism has far wider employment impacts for the greater region. Commercial fish / mussel farming in the current space and present levels should continue.
- No commercial in the Marlborough Sounds!
- No commercial fishing in the sounds, or strict boundaries and times for what would be allowed and where, but the existing marine farms are ok

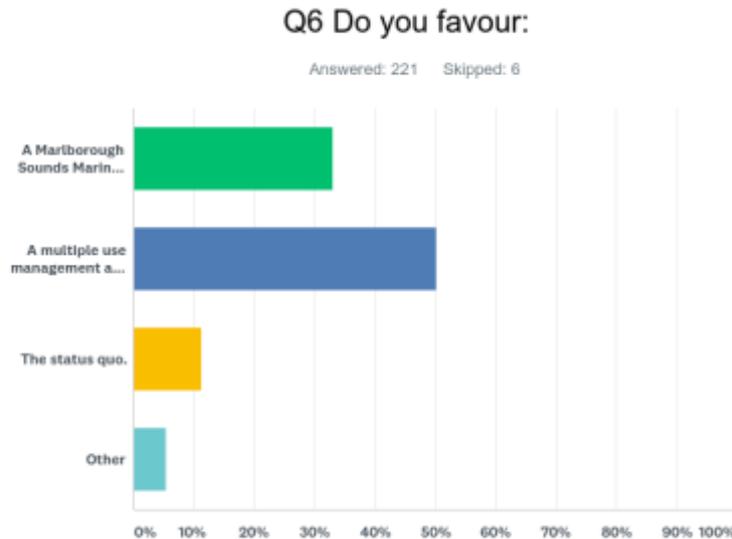
### **Needs more definition**

- Depends on where and to what extent.
- Depends on what and where it is, and size, and what restrictions. Silly poorly worded question.
- This question is difficult to answer without understanding the details of what any Marine Park might look like; the scope, purpose, tools etc.
- Need more information to support Marine Park.
- Would like to see prospective spots before committing.

### **Bigger**

- Y / N is a leading question and you get skewed results from it. I for instance support a similar concept. A concept like the SOUNDS PARK, as the whole Living space, marine AND LAND here, more than any other place, belongs together and thus should form a SOUNDS PARK, covering the watersheds at the very least and reaching out over the continental shelf to the deepest part of Cook straight half way to WGTN. Deep water influx via Tory channel is part of the Sounds living system. The concept of a "PARK sounds" invigorating to people and a space that requires awareness and care to maintain. Thus I am all for a SOUNDS PARK !! (but against a divided marine park !)
- We support a Marina Park BUT also terrestrial activities (like forestry, agriculture, residential activities, roading, foreshore structures, tourism etc) and their impact on the Marlborough Sounds need to be included. Need to set limitations for these activities in relation to the carrying capacity of the Marlborough Sounds' ecosystem.

## Question 6: Do you favour a park, management area or the status quo?



### Other:

#### Land and water

- I would support a Marine Park if it included the land and water areas as a whole and supported recreational uses such as beaches, boating, recreational fishing and any low impact commercial uses.
- As above but with more control to encourage responsibility by all.
- For the last 100 years the area has been heavily over exploited for fishing, marine farming, forestry and other poor land uses (including inappropriate farming practises) that have seriously degraded the environment and the marine resource well beyond what is sustainable. Poor land use has led to silting up of reefs and marine habitat and over exploitation of flounder, scallop, blue cod fisheries and has led to fishing closures in recent years. This would never have happened if the area had been responsibly managed for sustainability, but with the current degraded state of the area after years of supposedly sustainable management we now have no faith whatsoever in "sustainable management" regimes.
- The land and seas to be suitable zoned to ensure the long-term sustainable use of all.

#### Closed areas

- Closed areas for number years mixed with permanent reserves.
- No commercial wet fish or scalloping inside the Heads. Catch take numbers and size as current.
- No commercial fishing.
- I really think the current system of closing fishing for a period each year works very well. helps build up stocks of fish again. I also think that the some Marine Parks should be moved from one area to another over a period of time so as there becomes a larger area of conservation utilisation and many more areas have a chance to recuperate. I realise more difficult to manage but with good publicity and plenty of information through the same channels as at present with our fishing and other conservation rules. Shouldn't be an impossible task.
- The Sounds especially Pelorus Sound has suffered due to over fishing and pine forest operations. It needs a chance to recover.

## Utilisation

- I also acknowledge the need for sustainable use by business and their benefit to the region when done in balance with the environment. It is important to keep business sector engaged and on board with this proposal.
- Once the ecology is stabilized, sustainable utilization could be implemented.
- We all believe in sustainability unfortunately the green movement often thinks commercial is not green and often recreational think they should have unimpeded access. Both views need to be moderated and access has to be truly shared with equal responsibilities for sustainability.
- People who live in the Sounds have to make a living and have a sustainable lifestyle. Activities like fishing and forestry need rules that will help both activities and still be viable.
- While I am principally motivated by a desire to protect and enhance the natural environment of the Sounds, I am careful about giving too much weight to a "primary purpose of conservation". That can too easily lead to ossification; i.e. simply freezing the status quo, and preventing useful and sympathetic development. Example: the Sounds are dotted with holiday homes as you know. If the primary purpose is conservation, it is too easy to simply prevent any more from being built, which simply privileges those who already own one, makes them more valuable, and prevents anyone else from entering that activity. In addition, I have a wild crazy idea that a recreational settlement similar to the "Cinque Terra" in Northern Italy would work well in the Sounds; by clustering together holiday homes into a compact mini-community rather than having them spread out for miles; and giving enough magnitude to support a café and other recreational facilities. Look at Punga Cove for a sort of example. That proposal could almost certainly expect to be prevented by a too heavy emphasis on conservation. What I do want to do is limit industrial-scale land use activities that seem to demonstrably harm the environment, such as exotic commercial forestry.
- There should be room for some commercial activity which there already is but that should be limited. Given the recent and overdue research on the impact of mussel and salmon farming perhaps that point has been reached. Any business whether foreign or NZ owned which is detrimental to the Sounds should not even be on the table.
- Depending on how restrictive it is on recreation
- I think the primary purpose should be conservation, but with some areas set aside for sustainable utilisation.
- Groups should still be able to undertake current activities but in a more sustainable manner

## Cost benefit

- Benefits must be proven before decision is made.

## Iwi based

- Iwi based marine and coastal title for iwi.
- Takutai Moana status with related customary protections in place.
- Mataitai, Taiapure and/or Rahui are better options.

## Management agency

- Dependent on the quality of the management personal. At least 50% or more of the management personal should hold a tertiary degree in an appropriate field of education with experience in the local area.

## A bit of each

- A combination of Marine Park and multiple use management area.
- A combination of 1 and 2.

### Recreational focus

- Managed recreational fishing, no commercial take apart from paua, limited marine farming, no salmon farming at all.
- A properly managed bag limit system for specific areas. A 2 cod limit around Okiwi / French Pass / D'Urville / Stephens is madness. There is so much cod out there it is impossible not to catch them so the mortality rate is way higher than it needs to be. You need to ask people who live and fish the area ALL the TIME AND IGNORE the BULLSHIT OPINIONS of people from other areas who never fish here.
- Recreational use only.
- A recreational fishery with current commercial aqua culture activities limited to levels permitted to 2016 levels. This to include relocation of the King Salmon farms as already published. Long term the tourist dollar will far exceed the employment impact of the commercial fishery.

### More science

- There are two main fisheries in jeopardy that need to be managed sustainably, blue cod and scallops. Deploy more science for both to measure the bio mass and what a sustainable catch is. Cod are simple, adjust the cod fishing season to the science and ban any form of commercial cod fishing as well as iwi privilege, we are all New Zealanders. Scallops are easy as well, ban all commercial activity and any other scallop catching method that destroys their habitat particularly dredging.
- Sustainable use controlled by rigorous science.

### Long term management

- It is really important that you start by formulating a 500/1000 yr. sustainable management plan, it won't be cast in stone and like all plans will evolve with time. Sustainable concepts developed for the conservation land needs to be mirrored for protection of the fish and benthic biodiversity. All forms of dredging must be banned along with netting, only then will the ecology recover. New laws for sustainable rec and customary fishing must be trialled and if found over time to be unsustainable then the Sounds needs to become a Marine Reserve. Many of us hunter gatherers are resigned to the fact that this is inevitable long-term. Main aim needs to be to move all aquaculture out of the Sounds to either off shore or land based operations. Ensure that iwi representation is not by iwi Trusts who are involved with aquaculture because they are compromised. Should be hapu based.

### Conservation focused

- Conservation has to be paramount in any long-term decision making process, as without "conservation" we have nothing to offer future generations. The damage that previous thinking has done, such as the clearing of the natural bush for pasture around 80 years ago, the planting of pine trees, the over fishing of all species within the Sounds area, has proved that local or quasi-governmental bodies who are subject to concerted lobbying from vested commercial interests do not/cannot make rational decisions.
- Multiple use, conservation but with sustainable use.....ONLY if the two conflicting purposes here are possible. This is a tough ask and is so difficult to quantify, subjective. Past experience has shown that economic value will always come out on top, maybe since it's easier to measure and seemingly of greater importance to our central government.
- The Sounds are in such a mess that it should be conservation only. As with the question above, it has to be a rule that covers everyone - no exceptions.

### Neither

- We already have scenic reserves and conservation areas, no fish zones and management of the fishery.
- No see comments at 5.

- The changes to the planning regime which you seek are pointless. The discussion document implies that there is a problem which can be solved through rearranging and enlarging the planning regime. This is dressed up under buzzwords such as "multiple-use" and "sustainability", but this isn't fooling anyone. There is no problem in the Marlborough Sounds which requires the nonsense espoused in the Discussion Document.
- The RMA already keeps things in check, we don't need more "management". Yes there is a need to stop commercial fishing and stop EVERYONE from dredging for scallops - of course it destroys the bottom of the sea. I do believe that we should establish more marine reserves in the Sounds and that should be no take zone for everyone but not a whole marine park. We need aquaculture, it protects our wild fish population and their methods are constantly improving.

### **Fundamental change**

- Both concepts "conservation" and "sustainable utilisation" are ill defined, rubbery and thus ineffective and divisive. "Conserving" biodiversity decline - "utilising sustainable" fishing gear for sustainable profits?? For almost 30 years they've been bandied about with little to show for. We need an entirely new approach carried not by self-interest but by an understanding of oneness with the Sounds and with each other, an understanding that without intact Sounds living spaces there won't be a future for its people and least of all yet another layer of self-serving bureaucrats.

### **Marine Park**

- Again with reservations - "sustainable use" will be difficult to assess and implement on the scale proposed.
- I favour a formal status for the Marlborough Sounds that protects it now and into the future. It must be a status that ensures the conservation of land and water and ensures the two are not at cross purposes. The Sounds are a national treasure and deserve this recognition.

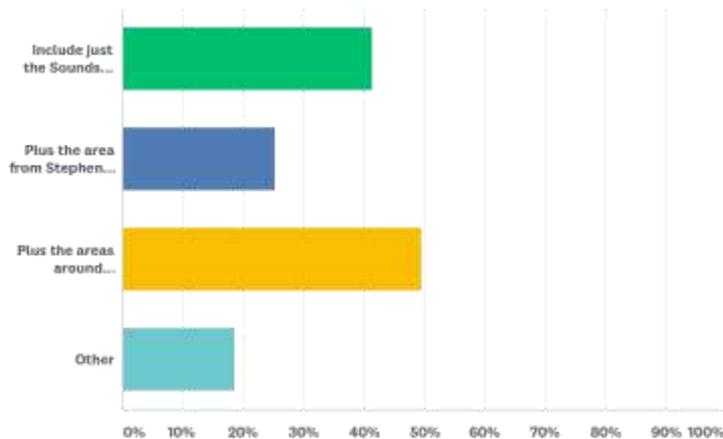
### **Sustainability**

- Whatever is adopted needs to be focused on providing a healthy and sustainable environment for the public of NZ. I do not have a problem with recreational fishing provided it is regulated to maintain sustainable stocks.
- We are no longer at a point of sustainable utilisation the marine industry has impacted on the inner Sounds/Kenepuru ...
- define 'sustainable utilisation' in a manner that supports utilisation (commercial and otherwise), not stops it - as would appear to be the agenda of many parties to this concept.
- All uses of the Marlborough Sounds depend on a healthy ecosystem, specifically a healthy marine ecosystem. Seeing the continuing degradation of the marine ecosystem (scallops, blue cod, declining fishing, declining biodiversity and important ecological areas), it is clear that M.S. is overexploited, specifically marine farming (salmon and mussels), commercial fishing (scallops, flounder, blue cod, paua). We need Marine Reserves, not more marine farms.
- I am not sure how one can have "sustainable utilization" in such a delicate area.
- No dredging. Scallops by diving only. Limited cod season/catch and 25% of the inner bays, no fishing zones. Limiting forestry to reduce silt.

## Question 7: If a special area or Marine Park was created should it?

### Q7 If a special area or Marine Park was created, should it:

Answered: 210 Skipped: 17



#### Other:

##### No Park

- Nothing.
- Not any of the above.
- None of the above.
- About half an acre.
- None of the above.
- Status quo.
- No marine park. Rules become restrictive.
- leave it as Status Quo and police the rules that are already there
- A special area or Marine park is not necessary.
- Status quo
- The area does not need another layer of nonsense
- NO MARINE PARK IS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- No marine park is my preference
- Like I said no were
- It should not be created.

##### Smaller

- Just some marine reserves.

##### Inside the heads

- The Sounds is from the Heads inwards. It will be far easier to get support for a Marine Park if it is just for the Sounds area. I am guessing that support would also come from commercial if this was the case.
- The main area is the Sounds themselves but I would be open to extending it to other areas mentioned if experts advised that was beneficial.
- Start with the Sounds inside the Heads, monitor it and then make decisions based on the success or failure.
- Proposed boundaries are ridiculously large and no way for example is Cape Campbell/Cloudy Bay part of the Sounds. Focus on the area everyone means, the Sounds.

### Just Queen Charlotte

- Inside Heads for Queen Charlotte and keep Pelorus as working Sound.

### Government proposed boundary

- As a minimum the area proposed in the Govt's rec only fin fish park.

### Exclude D'Urville

- No Marine Park should be around D'Urville Island.

### All Marlborough

- As per proposed MEP boundaries.
- All area covered by District Plan, area surrounding French Pass should be a Marine Reserve, rec fishing allowed in Outer Sounds, Totaranui and Hioere need to be trailed but if rec fishing is found to be unsustainable they should be locked up.
- 12 mile zone to accommodate the new frontier of open ocean PRIOR to exploration.

### Cloudy Bay and Port Underwood

- I believe it should include Port Underwood too (if this is not one of the areas already covered by the suggestions above). Fisheries populations are notably declining and there is an increase in recreational and commercial fishing. By not including Port Underwood it would only place more stress on an area that already has pressure on its resources.
- Needs to include Cloudy Bay and Port Underwood.
- Except Cloudy Bay. Inclusion of D'Urville, Arapaoa, and Port Underwood is logical because they are clearly part of the same landform of drowned valleys. But Cloudy Bay is not. That is a clearly different landform, related to the Wairau River Valley and its winemaking land use. The proposed park should end at the southern end of Port Underwood.
- Not Cloudy bay as the catchments need to also be included.

### Include the land

- Must also contain land catchments of Sounds if it is going to make a difference.
- All areas of the Sounds should be included That is to say all areas of the waters and all areas of lands and those land areas that potentially affect waters entering any of the Sounds.
- A SOUNDS PARK should encompass the whole Living space, marine AND LAND. Here more than anywhere else both sea and land belong together, form one living system, one depends upon the other. A SOUNDS PARK should cover the watersheds and reach out over the continental shelf to the deepest part of Cook straight half way to Te Ika a MAUI

### Bigger/biggest

- Marine parks can never be too big.
- The biggest area possible, wherever blue cod or scallop habitats are. Extend the area half way out into Cook Strait. The smaller the area the greater the management and opportunity to abuse. Think macro!
- The D'Urville Island and Croisilles Harbour areas as a whole are under a phenomenal and increasing amount of pressure as more and more people use these areas every year. They are joined by the same waterway and there is absolutely no sense in making rules that end at, say, Stephens Passage or French Pass when people frequently in the same day will use areas on both sides of these boundaries. It is best to extend the boundaries to cover the entire popularly used areas at the first time so rules are set clearly from the beginning, not adding further areas on an ad-hoc basis later on.
- AS much as possible, we have such a beautiful spot and it is worth preserving
- A larger protected area is better than a smaller one, as it is all interconnected.

- As bigger area as possible and maybe parts of the other areas.

### Utilisation

- Allow commercial fishing and additional aquaculture development for sustainable utilisation.

### Science based

- Question cannot be answered in absence of supporting data. Without scientific data questions and decisions will be based on lack of knowledge or worse prejudice get benefit data versus cost.

### Specific areas

- Specific controlled areas.

### Decide after consulting and assessing

- This would need to be decided after proper consultation and setup with iwi, industry and DOC. It's easier if all areas can monitor the success and use of any area.
- Specific areas that are genuinely worked out collaboratively between all parties. Maori, conservation, commercial, recreational, and local and central government.
- Enlarged areas need separate assessment.
- Include just the Sounds inside the Heads Tentatively have ticked the above as being 'NOT OUTSIDE THE HEAD' rather than the sounds inside the heads BUT IN ALL CASES - CONSULTATION SHOULD BE WITH THOSE APPROPRIATE TO LOCATION (1) True consultation should be with the local people, the local iwi/hapu/whanau/others that are local, to each specific area of Marlborough Sounds, to decide, on what spatials are best suitable to their vision for competing interests and the sustainability of, is imperative and THE MANDATE (2) deciding who should have the mandate for management (ie MDC or another body) is a point that should not be missed. That giving a mandate, albeit a cultural mandate of [MAORI] RMA s6(e), that includes RMA s7[management] OUTCOME as SUBMITTED: (3a) as a resident, a landowner, whanau member, of D'Urville Island and its surrounding Islets, a marine park, around D'Urville Island and any of its islets, DOES NOT get my support, FOR REASONS that the Plan does NOT CONSIDER CULTURAL OVERLAYS. (3b) the full extent of the level of hierarchy for iwi/hapu/whanau participation is an unknown (3c) all of above 5,6,9,10,13
- Would need to understand why one area was favoured over another & the benefit of this area to the Sounds as a whole ie: it is not an area that is utilised etc.

### Other comment

- The Ngati Koata application when successful will cover most of this area.
- No commercial fishing.
- Depends where the greatest need is and same opinion as Question 6
- I cannot comment on the outer sounds as I am not familiar with the conditions there

### Unsure

- Not sure.
- I'm not sure. I would need a map.
- This question is difficult to answer without understanding the details of what any Marine Park might look like. It's pointless posing such a question in the abstract.
- I would have to speak with our iwi members to see what they recommend.
- Unsure as can see pluses and minuses for all options

## What can be policed

- Whichever area is able to be policed. Any Marine Park needs resources to enforce legislation, otherwise why have it. Our current legislation restricting no of shellfish gathered, fish caught, etc are not policed and flouted by many, eg. Whitebait catch....why have regulations if the local & central govt do not support this with staff? Toothless legislation is of little use and evident in many areas of our community over the last 15 years as pressure on natural resources has increased.

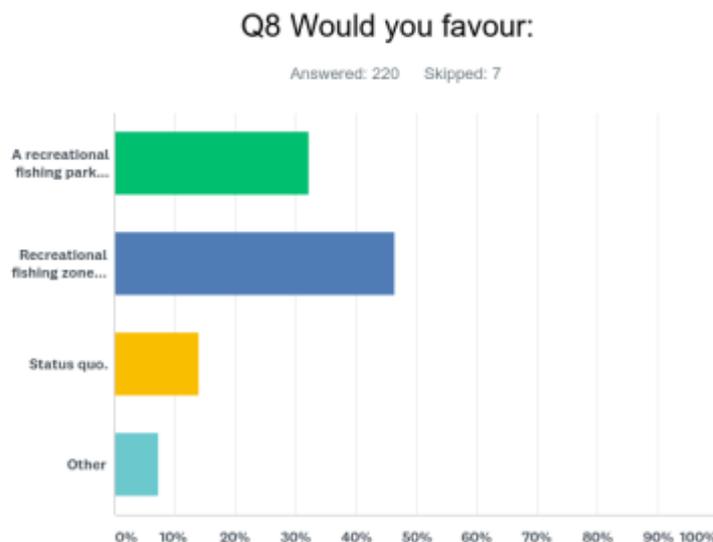
## Depends

- It really depends on the rules/constraints to utilisation proposed. If sustainable utilisation and acknowledgment of all stakeholders rights and obligations is recognised, then the boundary is less relevant.

## Public land

- Areas predominantly bounded by public land

## Question 8: Would you favour a recreational fishing park or zoning?



### Other:

### Status quo

- Leave as is.
- The current rules will and do work but need to be policed not just to catch offenders but to encourage all users to obey and to be aware of the rules etc.
- The current rules are building fish reserves- the Sounds offer the traditional kiwi right to gather fish at a low cost to kiwi families.

### Cost benefit

- Get benefit cost data first.

### Not a recreational fishing park

- The idea that excluding commercial fishing will be the answer is flawed, recreational fishing pressure in the Sounds is far more of an issue, this doesn't take into account the environmental changes that have taken place esp. over the last 50 years or so, the place is a mess compared to a few decades ago, I have been a user of the Sounds for the past 40 years, I have been involved in both recreational and professional fishing in that time, one of the

biggest changes I have noticed is the huge increase in the number of people competing for fish and space (both on and off the water).

- Any fishing parks or any other restriction must apply to recreational and commercial users equally.
- What's a fishing park???
- As I have said the first two are impractical, the third will mean eventual annihilation of blue cod and scallops. Other is simply get some new rules as I have suggested and manage it.
- Recreational fishing should not be part of this MPA
- Recreational fishing zones/parks are contrary to the wording and intent of the Fisheries Act. They are a cop-out to those who refuse to implement appropriate fisheries management practices.
- This question negates the last - no recreational fishing park - just a vote buying distraction
- This is a bullshit leading question. Increased levels of recreational fishing is much of the problem, too many of us working over what has become too small an area. How does more of the same fix that ??

### Iwi

- Anything in other areas but not in the Ngati Koata rohe.
- Takutai Moana status.
- A cultural fishing area with all fisherman being required to report catch.

### Monitoring and no-take

- Has to be very tightly monitored. We'd like to see no-take zones implemented as well.

### Marine Park

- A Marine Park whose core priority is restoration of the area to its former natural state with carefully regulated access for recreational fishing and tramping. Commercial activities should be relegated to lower priority (especially marine farming and fishing) and governed by strict independent scientific review.
- Again, any Marine Park should be a tool for integrated management. To seek views on specific management regimes in isolation is premature.

### Zoning

- Specific areas.
- The entire region to be suitably zoned for all users and uses.

### Science

- Based on best science.

### Management

- It doesn't matter if activity is undertaken by any particular sector it's how it's done and how it's controlled that matters.
- In the past the fishing regulations have been set at far too high catch numbers due to the belief that the area possessed an unlimited resource. Let me give you an example, during 2006/7 I replaced my vessel. On cleaning out the old vessel I came across a 1975 tide-table with the cod catch rules at the time. The number of cod at that time one could take was 48, with no size limit. What, may I ask, would one do with 48 cod, two fishermen/women could take 96 Cod!!!! When I related this to a well known local charter fisherman, his comment was that "Well everyone thought that if you minced up the cod and put it under a lemon tree, it

grew wonderful lemons". I jest you not. Everyone thought there existed an unlimited resource.

- I am interpreting fishing as gathering finfish, not shellfish.
- This would need to be monitored by Fishery Officers. I know of and have seen others ignoring the previous recreational fishing rules.
- Recreational fishing displays observation of impact - but it should be monitored and education programmes in place (rather than policed).
- Would favour appropriate constraints being placed on recreational fishing that promotes sustainable utilisation. i.e. licensing, change of the attitude 'that recreational fishers have the right to catch the last fish'. The measure of successful days fishing does not have to be 'a chilly bin of fish' for the home freezer.
- but same rules for everyone.
- The Sounds provide a relatively safe & secluded, as well as sheltered waters for recreational fishers. If a fair & reasonable take limit is imposed on those recreational fishers then that should go a long way to rebuilding fish & shellfish stocks within the Sounds area.

### **No commercial fishing**

- I find it difficult to believe that the Sounds can sustain commercial fishing anyway. The commercial fishers can fish in the open sea to the north, and across in Tasman Bay. Leave the confined waters of the Sounds to recreational fishers in mostly smaller boats that cannot venture outside into the open sea.
- Commercial fishing is thrashing a declining resource and is unsustainable. The way that rec and customary fishing is growing every year with more and more boats with sophisticated technology will become unsustainable in my estimation, their tenure could however be extended with closed seasons and creation of rec fishing zones.
- As long as once the rules are in place they cannot be later over-ridden or ignored by one group of people. For example there is no point in setting rules around, say, a recreational fishing area, and then having these rules not apply for iwi claiming customary use rights or having a hui permit to gather extra amounts of seafood. Creating specific areas for various uses may also have a detrimental effect by increasing the amount of pressure occurring in certain areas by concentrating people within them rather than in the wider Sounds as whole. The Sounds is currently not coping with the amount of pressure that it has, so concentrating things in smaller areas while leaving others untouched, will severely harm those smaller areas. Commercial fishing of all types needs to be completely banned within the Marlborough Marine Park area. The reality is that there is a very small amount of commercial wet-fish fishing that occurs here so only a small number of commercial fishers would be displaced, and currently fish stocks are struggling just to cope with the recreational demands being placed on the Sounds. The commercial scallop fishery has decimated the Marlborough Sounds (along with excessive recreational pressure) and the destructive methods of the commercial scallopers have had long lasting effects on the ability of the fishery to recover. Scallop fishing in the entire Marlborough Sounds Marine Park area should be by hand gathering methods only, e.g. scuba or free-diving.
- I don't think there should be any commercial fishing done for whatever reason inside the Marlborough Sounds. Small charter fishing is okay but no way large commercial fishing businesses. Far Outside the Sounds area in open water is okay.
- Commercial fishing of any sort should be banned within the inner sounds. They have the ability to go further and should not be cleaning out the areas that families can take their kids fishing.

## Rahui

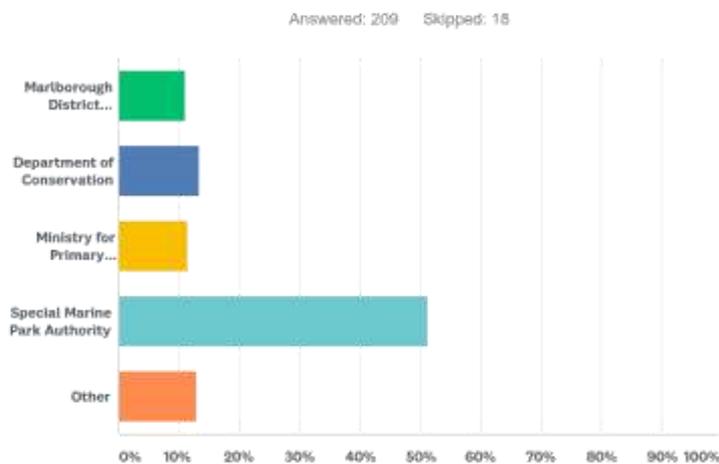
- The flexible concept of Rahui should be developed further and applied, based on good communication, networking and mutual understanding of species breeding and feeding habits, living space dynamics and what each one of us can do to strengthen living space and community.
- But all fishing needs to be banned for the next 5 years to give stocks chance to recover, including scallop beds

## Network

- Unsatisfactory if these are too small
- This seems like a reasonable compromise of Sounds use and Sounds recovery
- Definitely no support for spatial separation recreational/commercial - these are shared fishing grounds and there must be a shared responsibility to manage fishing.
- Patchwork of permanent protected areas and fishing zones.
- Certain areas set aside for recreational fishing as well as well placed marine reserves.
- Should have a variety of zones located in the inner and outer sounds so that recreational fishing can be carried out by all kinds of recreational groups in all boat sizes
- Some recreational fishing areas, some marine reserves and no dredging and no nets. Nets are the worst, limits and size restrictions are a joke if you allow people to use nets.
- Zoning as per the gbrmp

## Question 9: If a Marine Park was established, should it be administered by....

Q9 If a Marine Park was established in the Marlborough Sounds, should it be administered by:



## Other:

### No Park!

- We do not want a Marine Park.
- The users are doing just fine.
- Don't have a Marine Park. This survey is bias towards a Marine Park.
- We don't need any of them!

- There does not need to be an additional layer of administration/governance added to the management of the Marlborough Sounds.
- Status quo.
- No marine park.
- You don't have an option for - We don't need this, leave it as Status Quo and police the rules that are already there
- A Marine Park should not be established in the Marlborough Sounds
- None of the above. The first three are incapable of functioning properly to do the tasks without self interest. A Special Marine Park Authority would be another conduit for tree huggers.
- Not necessary None of the above

### **Marine Park Authority**

- MPI and Special Marine Park Authority that needs to be adequately funded and have 'infringement teeth' to ensure compliance in the area.
- No government involvement. A Marine Park Authority would need funding and as we already fund the District Council this would be the most practical.
- A Special Marine Park Authority whose membership was made up of stakeholders and from these no stakeholder group should have a controlling interest or power of veto.
- A combination of iwi, MDC, DOC (maybe as a Special Marine Park Authority).
- Comprising stakeholders from conservation, recreation, local bodies, iwi, boating clubs etc with a statutory authority providing special status for the area and a clear set of defined objectives.
- The Park Authority/Board to ensure proper governance according to the Charter created by the establishment of the Marine Park.
- In consultation with Dept Conservation and Ministry of Primary Industries and Council
- With actual on site management by the current authorities.

### **No bureaucrats! Fair representation!**

- Never bureaucrats. Representative body without environmental bias and without enthusiastic amateurs as members.
- The management must be a fair representation of peoples' interest and not influenced unequally by any commercial group.
- Wouldn't trust the MC as far as I could kick them. The Government Departments involved are a bunch of bureaucratic idiots.
- No Government Department ... it needs to be handled if the proposed plan goes ahead by a private commissioned agent. If left in the hands of government conditioned employees it will fail before it begins. Making up rules is easy ... policing those rules ????
- Non political focus that represents all interested in making a Marine Park work.
- Must include local residents, not just commercial fishing interests so that representation is equitable
- Dynamics of political interference have clearly demonstrated that the laws of sustainable management are cannon fodder not able to survive the dynamics of political change and reality. MPI (being top dog) is fundamentally undermining the legislative context for sustainable management in support of today's gains. MDC and DOC and future generations are clearly the victims of this failing hierarchy. As such, a strong administration for such a proposition as a Park should happen outside the realm of government agencies.

- Apart from the fact that this new department and act will take years to take effect the department of conservation has traditionally had people who passionately care and want to make a difference for conservation of species and habitat. Their role has been slowly eroded to become tourism caretakers. Any new authority at all would have to be elected by the people otherwise it would just become another puppet of the government. There is too much greed with very few who benefit. It's time to make a stand for the Sounds where the dollar should take a second place. To be a refuge for nature and people who value it for it's true worth which is living with the peace of knowing that it's people and wildlife can live together in harmony. The government gained many votes from its policy of no commercial fishing in the Sounds the Bay of Plenty and Zero has happened other than more bureaucracy and procrastination. Meanwhile the fisheries deplete year on year. You don't need to take years to research the depletion ask any old timer or fisherman in the Sounds.
- The organisation involved has to have some 'teeth' and power. And ability to be fair and consistent from the start. This will gain the organisation credibility and support.
- It needs to be administered by a range of people who have the best interests of the Sounds at heart rather than a dictatorial approach to conservation. There needs to be at least one person with business acumen. The purpose of the of this must surely be 2 pronged- preserve the Sounds for years to come but there must also be a financial benefit to Marlborough & particularly Picton. With the exception of the MDC none of the others have any desire to see a financial benefit.
- other groups may be conflicted by competing demands
- with representation from EVERY sector.
- Keep DOC and the Councils out of pure management. It needs to be managed and run by the residents with support from the councils.
- :...all people that have agreed and engage to maintain the SOUNDS life supporting capacity for their kin and future generations. Most people would agree and already live here! This is the only confirmation that needs to be sought from the Sounds community. It is then up to everyone to engage to establish how this will be best be achieved and for each one of us to figure out how we can best contribute. The people here don't need another "authority" just because all other "authorities" have failed to understand and realise RMA Ss 5, which is all about empowering its population to make SOUND life-supporting decisions. An authority implies that people who should be engaged to achieve a SOUNDS PARK outcome will be charged for being treated as environmental illiterates, whereas in reality, only people embracing the life-supporting capacity concept for the entire SOUNDS as the bottom line of any activity will achieve the outcome a wise organising group ought to be seeking to establish through this process.
- Don't care - though don't build another levy gathering authority - utilise existing resource.
- Users of the Marlborough Sounds voted by users of the Marlborough Sounds

### Iwi

- Should be managed by iwi.
- The Takutai Moana will be administered by Ngati Koata.
- Iwi Fisheries Forum.

### Unsure

- Don't know for sure.
- I don't know what other, but creating a Marine Park Authority just creates a further level of bureaucracy that is not needed or required. Existing Government Departments would be more suited by expanding their staffing and doing the work, rather than trying to create some new authority from scratch which takes time and loads more administration.

## Marlborough District Council/DOC

- A Marine Park Authority operating under the Marlborough District Council.
- Should be joint venture between MDC and DOC. MPI are mainly comprised of bureaucrats in Wellington and have no idea what happens in the Sounds.
- The Marlborough Sounds are too big and important for MDC to manage. They already have a big land area to serve.
- DOC or MDC or a specific MP authority under MDC/DOC..... whichever org. has sufficient allocated funds for this specific purpose, that does not get eroded away each year and turn into a partially-voluntary role.
- My preference would be that the mandate should stay with MDC Key reason: to, allow Maori, to give effect to Treaty outcomes
- Not the council as they may have vested interests in the Sounds, i.e. Pine forests
- Not in favour of another layer of cost and different decision makers. Strongly opposed to DOC or Marine Park Authority. MPI doesn't have width of remit or knowledge to manage all the proposed aspects. MDC is least disruptive, but why not let the environment plan do its work?
- Marine parks should be seen in a similar light as other national parks hence DOC is the logical administration with appropriate additional funding.

## The rub

- And there in lays the rub.

## Guardians

- A good example is the Guardians of Fiordland. Thus use a collaborative group of all parties that reports separately to MPI, MFE and DOC.

## It depends

- Any of the above subject to full analysis and agreement of users and community.
- It would depend on the scope of the Marine Park, the legislative vehicle to progress any controls etc. Again, it's premature to consider this in the absence of better definition on any Marine Park.
- I don't know the answer to this - The Poor Knights Reserve is a great example of a well controlled reserve - who manages this?

## Integrated Management Group

- It needs to be administered by an integrated management group, comprising of all the above. Don't forget to include iwi, stakeholders, and community conservation groups.

## Best practice overseas

- Adhering to best practice from overseas experience, but orientated towards NZ way of life.

## Ministry for Primary Industries

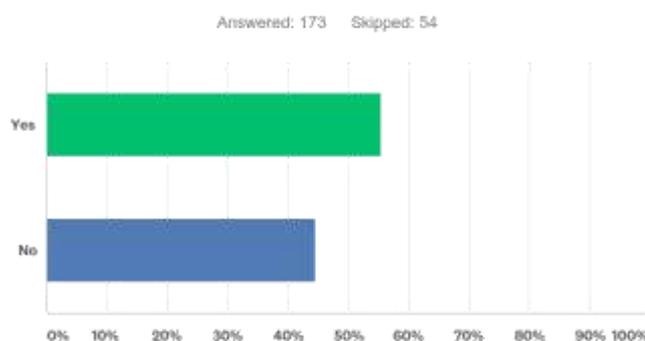
- If the primary purpose is shared fisheries outcomes and minimising impacts of fishing on the environment then definitely a role for MPI. The agency is empowered and resourced and should hit the ground running once specifications are agreed.
- MPI have already shown they are too pro large business e.g. salmon farms to be trusted, they appoint 3rd party companies to policy the fishing industry, but how can this work when the company appointed is owned by the fishing companies. The government/MPI over rule Marlborough District Council so whoever runs it must be independent of the whims of politicians...

## Unsure

- They already exist and have the necessary infrastructure in place. And I believe they would have a more balanced view.
- I don't know enough to answer this - only to say that if it was a special marine park authority, it should be driven locally, represent all interest groups and have the ability to make decisions that have 'teeth'. It should work closely with all the organisations nominated above - MDC, DOC and MPI but be independent of these.
- don't trust MPI, District Council don't have the experience. DOC would sell out to the highest bidder (seen them in action with dolphin licences. Not much left really.
- Whatever organisation would give us the best cover and value for the money it will cost
- Again, unsure, duplication is an issue but are any of the 3 existing agencies legally able to do this anyway?
- Marlborough District Council has overseen the mess that has become the Sounds for decades, Remember they permitted the exotic forestry expansion into unsuitable areas, and failed miserably to protect Tory Channel from the Fast Ferries till the damage had been done. As for their record on Biodiversity Protection, take a look at the Wairau Plains sometime ! DOC are incapable of anything but locking places up and leaving them. And a special marine park authority- just what the taxpayer and ratepayer needs, another expensive layer of bureaucracy making work for themselves. MPI for all their failings at least has existing legislation to use to do anything that you have proposed.
- How are others SUCCESSFULLY managed overseas? i.e. The great Barrier Reef. What is the best option? Unfortunately, if left to Government control or jurisdiction it will become a political football & subject to financial constraints such as DOC, or change, such as MPI.
- Not sure. Whoever has the best resources to be effective.

## Question 10: Do you support the zoning approach proposed in the public discussion document?

### Q10 Do you support the zoning approach proposed in the public discussion document?



### Comment:

#### No

- This looks like cementing in the status quo with no conservation or sustainable environment gains.
- Has ability to distort facts and or suppress them.
- Too hard to implement and manage. Get some new rules that support the sustainability of blue cod and scallops instead.
- However, it may be difficult to police. Many Sounds users don't know the areas that well and will get confused with the different zone boundaries and meanings.

- No - the thinking is that multi-zones are best for large areas, better for locals, but D'Urville island is not the inner Sounds (and we shouldn't be telling those in such areas, what they should be doing.) Overlays are obviously here...so should apply across all 'well-beings'...so need to be consistent here. My preference is for spatial overlays under RMA Irrespective of whether there are zones or not, there always be an overlay provisions
- leave it as Status Quo and police the rules that are already there
- It really depends on the rules. Proper rules make the zoning concept less relevant. Zones suggest some parties will have more rights than others.
- Zoning would have all sorts of unintended consequences, such as property value changes in areas which have been re-zoned.
- I do not support a Marine Park

### More information needed

- But need more information about how this fits with the preparation of the Marlborough Environment Plan, and the overlap with Council management of the coastal area.

### Zoning

- There should be no commercial fin fishing in the Sounds inside the Heads.
- The only place I feel is requiring management is the inner Queen Charlotte Sounds.
- A Marine Park Authority operating under the Marlborough District Council to decide.
- However, zoning does not solve problems there will always be boundary issues. Zoning needs to evolve over time.
- But include mooring zones.
- Zoning might be a suitable approach, but I don't support the concept of zoning set out in the discussion document. That description is definitive regarding the 10 uses to be zoned and relies on the IUCN MPA categories that may have little or no relevance to the Sounds. Any zoning needs to carefully consider several objectives and take account of the various rights and interests in the Sounds. It should also extend to terrestrial activities.
- The zoning is the key to the future of the Marine Park to be all inclusive but at the same time sensibly practical in allocation.
- In part.
- Partially. Zoning should not be used to mindlessly prohibit worthwhile uses that add value to the Sounds. We can see that zoning, as a tool in urban planning, simply leads to lots of employment for specialist people with degrees in it, and contributes little value to communities. I suspect that part of the current housing crisis for example is the result of rigid zoning. So I suggest we use zones for guidance rather than as rigid sets of rules.
- Zoning for rec fishing area but don't support aquaculture in any form, as the technology becomes available they need to be encouraged to leave the Sounds.
- But see comments above (repeated below) As long as once the rules are in place they cannot be later over-ridden or ignored by one group of people. For example there is no point in setting rules around say a recreational fishing area, and then having these rules not apply for iwi claiming customary use rights or having a hui permit to gather extra amounts of seafood. Creating specific areas for various uses may also have a detrimental effect by increasing the amount of pressure occurring in certain areas by concentrating people within them rather than in the wider sounds as whole. The Sounds is currently not coping with the amount of pressure that it has, so concentrating things in smaller areas while leaving others untouched, will severely harm those smaller areas.
- I would add that benthic protection zones or taiapure should extend to spring high water mark, to allow temporary or permanent protection of intertidal species. For example, provision for restoration trials of green lipped mussels in Pelorus Sound. This would require a

more precise definition of "fishing" (i.e. does it include hand-gathering of shellfish?). I would also add that seagrass restoration trials should also be attempted, and this may require a "preservation zone" (e.g. to minimise trampling) type approach or provision to minimise disturbance.

- Clashes between user groups less frequent, public able to see where what is allowed, so easier to follow regulations/ guidelines.
- As long as the zoning propositions are reflective of ecological and scientific reality where 'vulnerable and threatened' have a spatial context that is reflective of its state. Often the words used for these zoning proposals are giving the impression of the above but in reality are reflecting the maintenance of a social cohesive process. People need to be informed about these choices and underlying drivers for such decisions. Only with such clarity. Responsibilities and outcomes are acceptable.
- I think this will help protect some the unique species we have in the sounds
- But am against any seabed mining or exploration for hydrocarbons in any of the marine park (as these activities are often the "thin edge of the wedge") and progress should be focussed on use of other materials/technologies.
- Possibly- would need more detail. It would also need to be simple. The document seems to be rather complicated & would be hard to monitor
- With good consultation with all stakeholders. Commercial shouldn't be unfairly disadvantaged as our lives depend on access to our fishing grounds. But the sounds do need protection. Sedimentation is killing the seabed.
- There definitely needs to be some no take zones for fishing and also some no damage zones for sea bed areas of importance including anchoring, dredging etc
- Separating usage is just lazy and infers that everything is a competing use. Better to manage as a whole. Fishing is fishing , whether reccey, commercial or customary. Further despite what Lawless says in his report the GB Marine Park is a failure. It got zoned, stopped most fishing and the degradation continues. The problems are elsewhere but the state govt figured it easier to listen to enviro noddies and not deal with the big issues.

### Iwi

- This is a matter which can be coo insiders when the Takutai Moana status has been achieved.
- As mentioned above I support adaptive management based RAHUI concept that is free of information from any lobbied commissioned science. That instead is developed and implemented by the Sounds' tangata whenua and its community.

### Other

- Too much commercial activity.
- Need to reduce and or eliminate all commercial use.
- I do however support the concept of terrestrial catchment management and firmer controls on adverse impacts of terrestrial activities.
- I have sailed along the Australian Coast (Queensland) and experienced the way the Great Barrier Reef was administered. This is a huge area when compared to the Marlborough Sounds. The zoning there makes much more sense there than in the Marlborough Sounds. It was a healthier marine area, not overexploited as the Sounds is, easy to catch a fish there. There were no salmon farms or mussel farms. Their biggest problem was the runoff from the land, the sediment and pollution a serious threat to the health of the reef. In the Sounds mussel farming has to be considerably reduced, all commercial fishing stopped completely. Salmon farming has to stop, as it puts enormous quantities of nitrogen and phosphorus into the water column, just like the runoff from dairy operations polluting the rivers. Forestry should also be stopped anywhere near the water's edge, clear felling stopped, no forestry on steep hillsides, nitrogen pollution diminished.

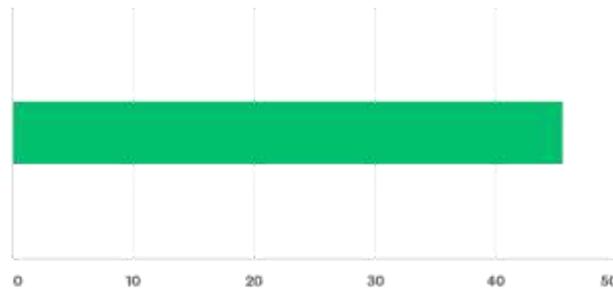
## Unsure

- Not sure as haven't seen the document.
- What is this?
- Unsure.
- Not seen.
- Don't know what it is!
- Not familiar with the proposal.
- No comment.
- Haven't seen it yet.
- Not sure.
- Don't know.
- Not sure.
- Not sure.
- Have not seen the document.
- What public discussion document???
- Unsure.
- Don't know.
- Haven't read the discussion document so can't comment.
- Not sure need to see but if it's the current one no .. it's far too complicated.
- Not sure.
- However, I'm unclear on where commercial fishing fits into this zoning scheme. As a recreational fisher I believe commercial fishing has depleted fish stocks within the Pelorus sound. The recreational fish take limits are reasonable (and justifiably) restricted and there are just not that many recreational fishers out there to keep fish stocks down.
- Not sure on this one but I do believe the public should have a say
- Not sure.
- Haven't seen it...

Question 11: How confident are you in the Marlborough Sounds Integrated Management Trust leading this discussion about a Marine Park in the Marlborough Sounds (1 being not at all confident, 10 being completely confident)?

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Answered: 212 Skipped: 15



Question 12: If you are not confident in the Marlborough Sounds Integrated Management Trust leading the discussion, who do you think should lead it?

#### Unsure

- Not sure.
- Don't know.
- Unsure.
- Unsure.
- Don't know.
- Still not sure but there has so far been a huge amount of talk and very little action having occurred. Meanwhile visitor numbers in the Sounds continue to increase, aquaculture continues to expand, forestry continues to be harvested and re-planted and recreational and commercial discharges into the Sounds keep on going. The Sounds is dying and there is nothing but talk.
- Not sure. There's enough people pushing their own barrows. We need less not more Managements
- Not sure, but there will be a lot of pressure from government and industry who want to keep the status quo as a minimum. This is not possible, as it destroys the sounds ecosystem, harms biodiversity and harms endangered animals like the King Shag and Hector's dolphin.

#### Ministerial appointed

- A Ministerial appointed group.
- It needs to be an independent statutory body similar to Guardians Of Fiordland.

## MSIMT

- MSIMT need to be there or thereabouts but it needs to acknowledge it does not represent many of the people/stakeholder groups nor does it carry a mandate on its own right. So "leading" needs to be tempered.
- More public disclosure is required of the representatives interests.
- Never heard of the MSIMT until now so not much confidence.
- I would like to see greater involvement from MDC and DOC.
- It would be good to have some more stakeholders represented to keep things real - Mana Cruising Club/other boating clubs, dive clubs, fishing clubs, commercial operators, scientific input etc the Blue Cod Management Committee had a good spread and with a good facilitator/convenor achieved some wonderful and sensible changes for sustainability for this one important species.
- The MSIMT is a useful starter in the process but the Marine Park Board should be established asap to drive this process and establish the structure of how it is to operate. The Board would be responsible and reportable to the Minister.
- National Government interference has repeatedly happened every time the community gets towards a general consensus. The Marlborough Sounds Integrated Management Trust needs to retain its transparency and any Authority set up needs to be completely independent of government interference.
- Top marks for the Facilitator.....110%
- All viable ideas and concepts have been tabled and discussed for some years. It is high time to cut the PCBS and thereby stop to reinforce divisions within the community (by f.ex. using leading questions and ill-defined and loaded terms).

## DOC

- Department of Conservation.
- A users group in accord with DOC.
- DOC.
- There are so many environmentalists who have studied at University that dream of a job in DOC where they can make informed decisions about the future of conservation. Their jobs have been traded for tourism roles within DOC .Why start yet another department when there is already one in place. If anything a new department of tourism which deals purely with problems around more visitors to sensitive areas should be established to let DOC get on with its job.

## MDC

- MDC
- MDC - our bureaucratic guardians, aka our elected representatives
- MDC IWI and representatives of the community
- Marlborough Council

## MPI

- MPI.
- Ministry for Primary Industries.
- MPI and MDC.
- MPI
- MPI/ government

- Look to an MPI facilitated forum of properly mandated representatives to work on an overall multispecies fish plan for a start. Then use the Forum to make the useless MDC do their job under the RMA and actually face up to address terrestrial issues. Then tell DOC to bug out when MPAs come up for discussion, they are NOT a management tool.

### **Elected/Mandated**

- People on the ground appointed by the people for the people. Not self appointed self proclaimed experts of what's best for the masses.
- Mandated representatives of extractive and non-extractive users groups; elected representatives of residents and ratepayers; iwi representatives; MPI senior fishery management and science personnel.
- I hope you have representatives from all areas of our community. The Kenepuru Residents Ass. For example, does not represent the views of everyone living here.

### **Marine Park Authority**

- Marine Park Authority.

### **Iwi**

- Iwi.
- Iwi.
- I don't know who you are and you have never approached Ngati Koata for our support. It is possible we can work together to protect this area after our application for Takutai Moana status has been achieved.
- Iwi.

### **Recreational interests**

- Recreational interests.

### **Residents associations**

- Residents associations
- A Marine Park Authority operating under the Marlborough District Council.

### **Status quo**

- If you think any change is needed sell your bach and leave, or don't holiday or boat in the area. Status quo.
- We don't believe that there is a need for discussion, the status quo should be kept

### **Nobody**

- Nobody.
- NA
- Not necessary
- Anyone from the area concerned who doesn't walk round with their head up their arse.
- No one. The status quo is fine
- No one. There is work to be done on MDC environment plan. This marine park concept is duplicative and a sink for time and resources

## Other

- You guys are doing an amazing job. I am somewhat apprehensive about the integration of all agencies with different agendas. To satisfy all wishes may provide an outcome that not necessarily is reflective of the dire state the sounds is at the moment. To maintain biodiversity, to work out theoretical principles and translate them into practical measures is one of the major tasks of the next years. The maintenance of biodiversity is closely linked to the survival of man on earth, and has thus been incorporated into the concept of “sustainable development. When will the management for the Sounds be reflective of this principle. A change in the national mind-set is fundamental for your success; to a more caring attitude of the marine environment is required to increase the level of understanding and appreciation of the complexity of marine ecosystems.
- Not sure but whoever leads it needs to be of a neutral position. Their role should be to provide all the facts while not influencing the decision one way or another through their bias.
- Not sure who is involved with the Trust
- We have no know knowledge of who is on the MSI management trust, so can not recommend some-one.
- It might be timely to ensure the Trustees of the MSIMT represent all interest groups for this next stage of the process.
- A new group.
- Nobody, it's not necessary, get some better science and better rules and utilise current resources.
- I don't think it is needed and the group leading have far too much self interest and self gain - if a Trust has to be put in place it has to be a group that is independent with person gain.

## Question 13: Do you have any other comments?

- The key is to focus on seabed and water quality restoration so as to provide quality breeding habitat for fish and other species with a view to sustainability and a managed harvest in the future. 2. Complete ban on commercial scallop take in the Sounds - the fishery has collapsed.
- It should have been made a park in the 1800's, but it is never too late, despite all the damage that has been done.
- Not been very well advertised e.g. boat clubs fishing clubs or marina news.
- So sad the Trust blew the opportunity offered by the rec only fin fish park proposal.
- It is hugely important that the group who are charged with managing a Marine Park actually have the framework to allow it to make a difference. The government need to step up here. If the masses ask for a recreational licensing system so that catch can be reported and yearly license fees used to fund progress (whether it be buying cod fingerlings or buying out harvesting rights on pine blocks etc) then the regulations need to allow this. If they don't then it will just be more of the same with the same results.
- Current RMA rules are not strong enough so we need urgent action both in the sea and on the surrounding land e.g. control of sediment, nitrogen, phosphate etc.
- This is an excellent proposal and I appreciate all the work that has gone into it. It would be good to have more information on how local and central government interact with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. How is pressure for economic development from central government managed? How is local government able to hand over some of its zoning powers? Seeking to avoid undue tension between authorities and duplication of effort.
- Iwi need to be totally involved in this process.

- Whatever decision is made it needs the ONGOING support of all involved and that support must be accompanied by full support of all mandated bodies and this means some financial support and commitment.
- To ensure commercial and recreational activities can be sustained equally within a park.
- No just get on with it.
- We do not think a Marine Park is a viable option to either the recreational fisher or commercial fisher. We feel that a managed approach to the fishery is the best approach.
- We invite you to come and talk to us. Ngati Koata Trust. Check out our website.
- I support a balance between public use, recreational fishing, commercial aquaculture, farming, and forestry, with the long-term environment being the main driver.
- Big business interests will win the day no matter how you sugar coat the so called public consultation process.
- I have made a living in the Marlborough Sounds for the last 50 years with passenger vessels, commercial fishing, and marine farming. During that time we have always worked in harmony with other users and this still applies. This Trust will not achieve anything more than all the other splinter groups that have been set up to manage the Sounds over the years that have achieved very little.
- I have no idea if I approve or not, as I have no idea what it is I would be supporting. Pointless questionnaire.
- Please educate not legislate.
- As long as it is not run by the greenies.
- Yes, good idea to have feedback as long as notice is taken of the comments and the bureaucrats don't just proceed with their notions. There are many groups within the Sounds and all their viewpoints should be taken into account.
- Happy to join the discussion.
- Involve the Pelorus Boating Club.
- The discussion document lacks detail on two key points. What is the scope of the park at the interface with the coastline- Mean High Water Springs, the coastal marine area etc? What control could the Marine Park concept have over land-based activities, or is its jurisdiction just over what happens below MHWS (or whatever the scope is). The document says "require complementary mgmt of land catchments" but this needs explanation as to means. Without these points clarified, the proposal is very indistinct to me
- Want to see existing use rights protected for all zones and users These decisions must be made by Marlborough residents.
- Love regular blog/updates/news/developments if you are up to having an email database or a Facebook group.
- I have said enough but will it have any sway?
- I would suggest some sort of scrutiny that should be placed on representatives of stakeholder groups as individuals can do more harm than good when incorrectly representing their organisations.
- I think this is a fantastic idea and I am looking forward to the implementation.
- Let's aim to ban all bottom dredging as soon as possible and make some more no fishing areas urgently.
- Good luck and keep me posted.
- If not integrated management then lock it up as a Marine Reserve, but sustainable fishing practises should be trailed first.
- Well done on your efforts to date, keep up the good work.

- Re Question 12. The Lack of confidence is not in the Facilitator, but actually in the process of consultation, and the scope. In Terms of 'environment, social, economic and cultural' consultation., then as separate components of the Marine Park, there has been no discussions about the mechanisms and how they may impact/or overlay on each other.
- Thanks for asking for input, (though late!) It is good to have the opportunity to add ideas to discussion of this group. Only with an informed and consulted community will you get a better decision and a more sustainable Sounds for the future generations.
- Instead focus on getting an agreement on an easily understood concept, a common vision as the bottom line, that alive community members will spontaneously agree with, such as an agreement of: Common Action to maintain the Life Supporting Capacity within our SOUNDS PARK, its land catchments and marine areas, where natural abundance is reclaimed with the active support of the entire community - building on existing initiatives and using Banks' description as a desirable goal: Re-establish abundance and diversity of a functionally intact SOUNDS living space for ALL.
- Want exotic forestry in Sounds controlled and reduced.
- Very happy for MSIM Trust as they hopefully are an independent group but In consultation with Dept Conservation and Ministry of Primary Industries and Council
- I live in the Sounds (Willow Bay) and can see the state things are getting into especially after heavy rain.
- Please something needs to be done to preserve what is left of the Marine environment, and this needs to be done quickly. I have been visiting the Sounds for 27 years since I was a young child. In this time I have witnessed: a King Shag going crazy with frustration and starvation because of a large fishing hook caught in its mouth; the bones of a dolphin on a beach, wrapped in the remains a set net; van loads of people collecting undersized shellfish from the foreshore; the rapid disappearance of Sea Slugs and Kina in the Pelorus area; the shrivelled remains of sea horses which have been caught in a set net.
- Local issues are not always best addressed by local solutions. I am more supportive of the expansive and 'holistic' approach to water and management.
- I think MPI need to leave this one to the locals who love and have pride and history with this part of the country, I think Salmon Farming needs to be removed and we need to nurture this fragile ecosystem back to its former glory.
- Need to get on with it. The environment is being harmed every day.
- Well done on getting this far.
- Taking it back to basics, keeping it easy for all to understand, and having a clear conservation strategy and focus is key to the success of such an initiative. NOTE: A strategy should be 5 words or less. :)
- The idea behind preserving the Sounds is an excellent idea on the basis that it limits the endeavours of the Commercial Business- fishing, Salmon & Mussels. It should however not limit the use by non-Iwi New Zealanders. All New Zealanders should have the same rights.
- Long term I favour the exclusion of commercial fishing from the sounds.
- All commercial fishing should be banned in Port Underwood.
- I'm pleased that something is being done. Any lack of confidence is not in the trust but in the political environment that it must operate in.
- Just seems that this is a witch hunt against commercialism.
- You should pack your bags and do something more useful
- Refine the current proposal and get it on the table. Don't wait for a "white paper"
- Started this Survey but it is to general and the permanent residents, as the most affected party/stakeholder, have been forgotten.

- Let's get on with it, don't let bureaucracy run it to a standstill. Nick Smith promised the earth last election, I don't trust him anymore.
- When are we going to honestly open our eyes and see what a really poor state the Kenepuru Sounds are in with regard to over fishing and poor fish stocks. There should be a total fishing ban now and it's time to really admit the negative impact mussel farms have had and continue to have. The water quality in the Kenepuru Sounds is terrible, this is not down to forestry and it's been very limited in the last 5 years.
- No need for another layer of bureaucratic nonsense
- The paper has insufficient recognition of iwi/Maori/tangata whenua. They are not just another stakeholder! Co- management equals 2 parties - who are they?
- Represent Marlborough Anglers and Surfcasters pub (president) and Clubs of Marlborough Fishing section
- The Trust has done some excellent work from what I can see coming to this fairly new - the input of Peter Lawless is excellent and the dialogue with Government is positive. The community now has to get itself on the same page and speak with one voice to the policy makers - that whatever the status finally agreed upon, something must be done to protect the Marlborough Sounds and now.
- For pity's sake let common sense prevail. Pen pushers sitting at a desk in Wellington listening to dickheads with massive egos is not the way to go.
- I am highly suspicious of any MDC-backed proposal that sounds high-minded, but ends up being an attack on property rights.
- Think this process is being shanghaied by commercial interests.
- Up to now the Queen Charlotte Sound was reserved for tourism and had some protection from overexploitation, but the Pelorus Sound has been thrown to the dogs, now even the Waitata Reach is under attack from up to five new salmon farms. Nothing is safe from exploitation in the Pelorus Sound, it is under serious threat and with it the King Shag.
- Great to have a robust local community focus in this process. Conservation should underpin the concept including recognition of the poor state of much of the Sounds habitats and need for not only protection of existing remnant areas but probably restoration and explosion of these areas also if long term ecological health is to be achieved.
- Try producing documents and reports that are not full of jargon.
- I believe that the people who are leading this have to take a long-term view and understand the damage that has been done by the status quo. i.e. forestry and commercial fishing within the Sounds area.