

Discussion Document Questionnaire Results

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Doubtless Bay Marine Protection Group

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Section One

• I permanently reside in:

Auckland 7
 Mangonui* 51 Includes Cable Bay, Cooper's Beach and Hihi
 Taipa 15
 Peria 14
 Kaitaia 6
 Kaeo 3
 Whatuwhiwhi 14 Includes Tokerau Beach
 Northland 3
 Taratara, Ahipara, Bay of Islands - one each

• **I have lived there for:** The results for this question may need revisiting to identify Doubtless Bay locals. however, only the 7 Auckland residents don't fit in this category

1-5 years 18
 5-15 years 45
 15-30 years 30
 Over 30 years 18

Question	Yes
I am a fisher (diving and spear fishing included) in Doubtless Bay.	89
I am a sailor (including power boats) in Doubtless Bay	70
I am a recreational diver/snorkeller in Doubtless Bay	66
I harvest shellfish in Doubtless Bay	87
I use the beaches for walking, swimming, surfing, recreation or other "no-take" activities	108
I am a commercial operator in Doubtless Bay	8

• I use Doubtless Bay in other ways (please state):

Visitor 2
 Looking at view 9
 Dog walking 2
 Conservation of DOC reserves 2
 Photography 2
 Also mentioned: Rowing, Teaching resource, Cafes, kayaking, camping, swimming, research, retirement, collecting seaweed, Beach patrol for dead seabirds, making a living, quad biking, inspiration for art, offshore fishing

Section Two 2

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Preference	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I believe that there is increasing pressure on marine resources in Doubtless Bay.	65	36	6	5	2
People should be concerned about the quality of the marine environment in Doubtless Bay.	78	34	0	4	1

It is important that there are areas of completely natural marine environment for the purpose of research and education in Doubtless Bay.	68	25	9	9	5
There are already areas in Doubtless Bay that have completely natural marine environments for the purpose of research and education.	3	21	24	40	18
Fish stocks have declined in Doubtless Bay.	44	45	11	9	4
There should be more local control over the fishery in Doubtless Bay.	54	42	10	7	3
I would follow a voluntary code of fishing practice suggested by an elected Doubtless Bay management committee, developed in consultation with the community.	41	47	14	7	5
There have been changes in the Doubtless Bay marine environment in the time I have been here.	36	47	20	9	3
Kina barrens in the Doubtless Bay area are much more extensive now than they were.	32	35	35	7	2
It is of concern that kina barrens indicate that predatory species such as large snapper and crayfish are in decline.	50	34	16	9	3
Local people should have a say on how much commercial fishing happens in the Doubtless Bay area.	83	26	1	2	2
It is of concern that fresh water feeding Doubtless Bay frequently does not comply with water quality guidelines.	71	24	14	3	1
Marine Reserves will enhance the surrounding fishery with more fish and more biodiversity.	67	29	4	11	2
More water quality monitoring by the Northland Regional Council (NRC) is necessary in Doubtless Bay?	64	33	12	4	1
The NRC should regularly publish water quality test results in local newspapers?	59	36	15	3	1
The NRC should take more steps to improve catchment and water quality and restore water quality.	68	36	6	4	0

Section Three

Question	Yes	No
Would you support a Marine Management Plan for the Doubtless Bay area?	104	10
Do you think a representative, locally based management group should help make all the key decisions for such a Marine Management Plan?	94	19

Would you like to see Maori and Pakeha work together more closely for the benefit of the Doubtless Bay marine environment?	101	11
Do you think it is important to have some areas of Doubtless Bay completely protected in Marine Reserves?	86	21

For YES answers to:-

How much marine area in Doubtless Bay/Tokerau would you like as a reserve or network of smaller reserves?

Percentage	Number
1%	1
3%	1
5%	7
10%	14
25%	7
50%	10

Includes non standard answers, 1 at 5-10% and 1 at 30%

• What marine protection tools would you support in Doubtless Bay?

Water pollution/monitoring	23
No-take during spawning	20
Monitoring / management	19
Local code of fishing practice	6
Scallop dredging ban	11
Education/Research	14
Reserves/Protection	79
No Reserves	1
Commercial fishing bans	26
Min./Max size changed	17
Cut limits of fish taken	10
Ban netting	9
Competition controls	1
Ban aqualungs for crayfish	2

In this chart some of the responses were grouped eg. If they suggested using a rahui reserve - it is grouped along with reserve/protection.

A few respondents had more than one suggestion - all were included in the tally.

• Is there a specific place or places you think should be protected as marine reserve/s? Why?