

**This page was prepared for the Kamo High School Marine Reserve Supporter's group. Supporters of your campaign can be welcomed, encouraged and guided... It is absolutely okay for you to provide information to help submitters and have their say.**

## **Tips on writing a submission of support**

Thank you for your response and support for the Kamo High school marine reserve application. Below are some notes on making a submission of support for the marine reserve. Remember submissions have to be in by xxxxx date.

Some comments on making a submission:

First it is OK to simply put in your submission, "***I support marine reserves generally and would like to see the KHS Marine Reserve Application approved***". These simple submissions are very important to enable us the Applicant to establish that the proposal has popular support a condition that normally required for approval of the marine reserve to be gained.

Beyond this first statement you can look at the purpose and/or benefits of marine reserves generally or specifically for the Kamo High School application. These are covered in a list below. From these benefits and purpose statements you can construct your own positive statements to support the application. You do not have to provide technical evidence for your submission, it is fine to voice your opinion etc.

More info is available at:

List web sites xxxxxxxx

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### **Benefits of Marine Reserves (from Sobel 1996)**

#### **Protect Ecosystem structure, Function and Integrity**

- keep biodiversity intact at all levels
- protect food web
- safeguard ecological processes
- maintain trophic structure
- protect natural population structure
- retain keystone species
- sustain species presence and abundance
- prevent loss of vulnerable species
- preserve natural community composition
- eliminate second order impacts
- maximize system resilience to stresses
- avert cascading effects
- maintain physical structure of habitat
- preclude threshold effects
- preclude fishing gear impacts
- avoid incidental damage
- retain natural behaviors and interactions
- maintain high quality feeding areas

#### **Improve Fishery Yields**

- protect spawning stocks
- increase spawning stock biomass
- raise population fecundity
- enhance reproductive capacity
- increase spawning density
- provide undisturbed spawning unaltered sites
- ensure viable spawning conditions
- boost egg and larvae production
- provide export of eggs and larvae
- enhance recruitment
- supply spill-over of adults juveniles
- reduce chances of recruitment over-fishing
- decrease over-fishing of vulnerable species
- mitigate adverse genetic impacts of fishing
- reduce inadvertent and bycatch mortality
- protect diversity of fishing opportunities
- maintain sport trophy fisheries
- simplify enforcement and compliance
- help reduce conflicts among users
- provide information from unfisher populations necessary for proper management of exploited stocks
- improve management and increase efficiency with limited resources and information
- insure against stock collapse due to management failures and inadequacies and speed recovery
- increase understanding and acceptance of management
- facilitate stakeholder and user involvement in management

#### **Expand Knowledge and Understanding of Marine Systems**

- foster understanding *of* natural systems
- provide experimental sites for natural areas
- permit knowledge continuity *of* unaltered site
- retain inventory *of* natural systems
- enable study *of* relatively intact ecosystems
- allow study *of* natural behaviors
- provide long term monitoring areas
- reduce risks to long term experiments
- offer foci for study
- enhance synergy from cumulative studies
- allow research, monitoring, data collection, and learning that require natural sites
- provide controlled natural areas for assessing anthropogenic impacts, including fisheries

#### **Enhance Non-Consumptive Opportunities**

- enhance and diversify economic activities
- improve non-consumptive recreation
- improve peace of mind
- enhance aesthetic experiences
- increase wilderness opportunities
- promote spiritual connection
- foster sustainable employment opportunities
- diversify and stabilize economy
- enhance conservation appreciation

- create public awareness
- reduce room for irresponsible development
- foster constructive social activity
- encourage holistic approach to management
- provide otherwise unavailable educational opportunities