

Dear Sir,

I write regarding the proposal to establish a Marine Reserve with a No Take Zone and a Fisheries Management Area in Lamulash Bay, Isle of Arran.

I first came to Arran as a child on holiday with my mother during World War II, and have been coming to this wonderful island on holiday over many years. My husband and I moved here permanently in 2001.

When I first heard about the proposed Marine Reserve and No Take Zone, my spirit soared in delight. I am absolutely 100%

in favour of this, and I shall list some of my past experiences along with my fears that certain fishermen's organisations are trying to scupper the whole proposed project.

One has only to see the great damage to marine life and fish stocks in Lamalash Bay over the past 30 years, caused by over-fishing by commercial boats which take vast amounts of marine life including that on the seabed, to mourn over the conditions now.

Lamalash Bay in the past was very different. I know, because I have always loved sea angling, and fished in Lamalash Bay, particularly in the 70's and 80's with great pleasure and plentiful catches. Arran in those days, also had a sea angling festival which sadly has been defunct for many years.

Arran Seabed Trust and COAST have worked tirelessly over a long period of time to try to establish this Marine Reserve and No Take Zone, and it would be a tragedy if, now, certain fishermen's organisations were allowed to scupper these wonderful plans.

Please - this must not be allowed to happen. Please may Lamalash Bay, Isle of Arran be a pioneer in marine recovery for the future.
Yours sincerely, (Mrs) Janice Christison.