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PROPOSED MARINE RESERVE IN LAMLASH BAY

Question 1: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to establish a Marine Reserve in Lamlash Bay?

Answer to Q.1. Without reservation I agree with the proposal

Question 2: Do you think there would be any a) positive and b) negative implications should the reserve be established in Lamlash Bay?

Answer to Q.2. The question of positive & negative is always raised. In 1976 New Zealand put in its first marine reserve, we now have over 20. These cover 7.6% of our territorial waters. More are in the process of being implemented. The target has been to have 10% in MPA's by 2010. The result of the NZ experience has been that the most ardent detractors of MPA's in the beginning are now the most enthusiastic supporters. For example commercial fishing tour boat operators spent over \$100.000nz fighting the Poor Knights Islands marine reserve; they now admit they were wrong as more of them are employed taking diving trips there and have the benefit of better fishing outside the reserve boundaries.

In any case we need to leave something to future generations – hopefully in a better state than we have left it in at the present.

Question 3:

Are there any other points which you would like to make in relation to the proposed Lamlash Bay Marine Reserve?

I look forward to a network of nationally important marine protected areas in Scottish waters, U.K waters and indeed the seas and Oceans of the entire planet.

For details of Aotearoa-New Zealand's M.P.A.'S SEE THE WEB SITE:

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/templates/summary.aspx?id=33776>

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2. I am responding on behalf of: “Citizens Environmental Advocacy Centre Inc.”

Our responses can be made public.

We give permission to be contacted.

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