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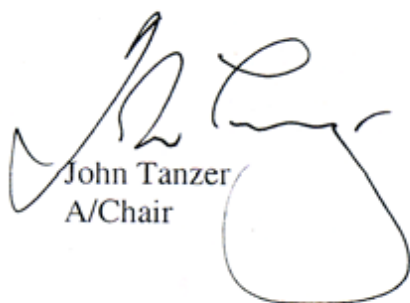
Dear Mr Lowe

I am writing to thank you for facilitating the GBRMPA Officers, Martin Russell and Mandi McKaig to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> Lizard Island Black Marlin Classic Briefing on Saturday 13 October 2007. This opportunity enabled introductions and discussions with game boat skippers and crew, and helped progress a good working relationship between the Authority and the Lizard Island Game Fish Club.

My Officers advise me that the Classic is being conducted in a professional manner and the impact of game fishing in the Marine Park is being actively minimised. The Classic is by far the world's largest and most important black marlin fishing event, and I commend you and your Club for taking the initiative to move this event into a catch and release only tournament. We look forward to working with the Club to ensure this fishery is ecologically sustainable in the Marine Park.

If you have any issues or clarifications, please don't hesitate to contact Martin Russell, Senior Manager, Fisheries Issues Group, on (07) 47500873 or email [m.russell@gbrmpa.gov.au](mailto:m.russell@gbrmpa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

  
John Tanzer  
A/Chair

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Cc. Mr Frederick MacLean, General Manager, Voyages Lizard Island.