

WATER OPERATIONS MANUAL

CALM, FISHERIES WA, TRANSPORT, WA POLICE SERVICE

Purpose

This Manual has been developed to direct the activities of the on-water operational staff of the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM), Fisheries WA, Transport and the WA Police Service in the exercise of statutory powers.

The objective of the Manual is to provide improved delivery of on-water operational services to the community by the consistent and coordinated administration, interpretation and enforcement of maritime and related laws.

Background

Following a review of the on-water operations of State Government agencies which was commissioned by Cabinet, the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM), Fisheries WA, Transport and the WA Police Service have formed the Marine Operations Council.

The purpose of the Marine Operations Council is to optimise inter-agency cooperation and collaboration between CALM, Fisheries WA, the WA Police Service and Transport in marine operations matters to deliver improved services to the community in the most cost efficient and effective manner.

The Marine Operations Council members are Dr Syd Shea (Chief Executive Officer, CALM); Mr Peter Rogers, (Chief Executive Officer, Fisheries WA); Assistant Commissioner Mel Hay, (WA Police Service); and Mr Reece Waldock, (Executive Director Maritime, Transport).

The Council is putting in place a number of arrangements which will meet the broader objectives which have been described above. In the near future the agreements which form the basis of the work of the Marine Operations Council will be formalised by an Inter Agency Agreement which will be signed by the Chief Executives and the Portfolio Ministers.

This Manual is to meet the immediate need to establish a clear and explicit framework within which the on-water operational staff of all agencies can operate. The Manual has been approved by the Marine Operations Council for use in summer 1998/99 and will be reviewed in the light of experience gained over this period.

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Lead Agency Framework

As part of its drive to provide improved and more cost effective services to the community, the Council has determined that agencies will operate within a **Lead Agency** framework.

The **Lead Agency** for each particular area of activity/task will have prime responsibility for

1. defining the policy objective(s) to be achieved within the relevant operational area;
1. determining the strategies to be pursued to achieve the objective(s);
1. establishing a framework within which the various strategic components of detection, enforcement and education can be carried out by all collaborating agencies;
1. establishing performance indicators ; and
1. establish performance monitoring arrangements including reporting to the Council at both the

Collaborating Agencies are those agencies which will also be working a particular area of activity/task and will work within the framework established by the **Lead Agency**.

This Operations Manual is the first stage of implementation of the Marine Operations Council agreements and sets out the operational procedures which all agencies have agreed to follow.

Operational Partnerships

The Marine Operations Council sees improved service to the community as the major benefit that it can achieve. The Council will be do this by establishing a framework within which the four agencies and their staff can work cooperatively and collaboratively. The intent is for all staff to be clear on what their major roles are, how they can assist staff of other agencies, and what the appropriate policies and procedures are for them to follow when they are dealing with particular matters.

The **Lead Agency Framework** has been adopted by the Marine Operations Council as the way to encourage operational partnerships between the four agencies. The Council has agreed on the operational areas of activity for which each of the four agencies will take the lead role. These are listed below. Each **Lead Agency** has established clear and explicit policy and operational frameworks which will minimise opportunities for inconsistent interpretation and/or application of particular legislation. **Collaborating Agencies** have agreed that these policies and procedures which are outlined below form the only basis on which they will work in that particular operational area.

The Marine Operations Council is keen to encourage increased collaboration between the agencies. Government is also keen to develop these arrangements while retaining the separate roles and identities of the different agencies. However it is essential that the agencies separately and together work to provide improved, coordinated and seamless services to the community. The recent Cabinet decision to support further development of the concept of a joint State Marine Operations Centre at Mews Road in Fremantle is a significant indicator of the direction that Government wishes our agencies to take.

Lead Agency Definitions

The areas of operation within which each of the agencies will take the lead role are outlined below.

CALM

The Department of Conservation will be the Lead Agency for

1. **Management of Existing Marine Reserves.** This include the provision of facilities, biological surveys, species and habitat management and monitoring, management and monitoring of visitor use, public education and awareness programmes, management of concessions, compliance auditing of licensees, patrolling and surveillance, law enforcement and emergency responses, as well as onshore activities such as liaison and management planning other than matters pertaining to fishing and pearling.
1. **Assessment and Planning for New Marine Reserves.** This includes all those activities associated with the survey and assessment of resources and uses in areas which might become new marine reserves, liaison with stakeholders, and planning for the creation and future management of the area.
1. **Conservation and Protection of Wildlife.** This includes all those activities associated with scientific research, survey and monitoring of species and their habitats, licensing of taking of wildlife, management of human interactions with wildlife (eg whale watching), public education and law enforcement.
1. **Management of island and coastal conservation reserves.** This includes all those activities associated with management for conservation values, tourism/recreational uses and commercial uses. This includes threatened species management, feral animal control and weed control, licensing of tourism operations and shacks, and involvement in standards for and management of oil and mineral industry operation, aquaculture and pearling shore bases.

Fisheries WA

Fisheries WA will be the Lead Agency for

1. **Compliance Audit of Fisheries Legislation** This includes all those activities associated with the inspection, detection, public education and awareness, investigation and prosecution and enforcement activities relating to compliance with commercial and recreational fishing rules and quotas, the pearling industry, the aquaculture industry, managed fishery boundaries, vessel and gear inspections and in marines reserves and the Shark Bay World Heritage Area. This also involves underwater inspections and recovery of evidence for offences under the *Pearling Act*.
1. **Abrolhos Islands** This includes all those activities associated with the management of the Abrolhos Islands Reserves and planning for the proposed Abrolhos Islands Fish Habitat Protection Area
1. **Commonwealth Fisheries Enforcement** This includes all those activities associated with the investigation and apprehension of foreign fishing vessels on behalf of the Commonwealth
1. **Intelligence Gathering** This includes all those activities associated with the collection of fisheries related intelligence.
1. **Fisheries and Marine Research** This includes all those activities associated with scientific research surveys and monitoring of fish species of importance to commercial and recreational and the pearling and aquaculture industries and the monitoring of impacts of human activity on fish habitats

Transport

Transport will be the Lead Agency for

1. **Marine Safety Standards** - This means all those activities associated with the setting and enforcement of standards for the safe construction, crewing, equipping and operation of commercial and recreational vessels in state waters. The focus is on those activities which relate to the safe operation of vessels.
1. **Safe Boating in Navigable Waters** - This means all those activities associated with the management, monitoring and enforcement of on water activities in order to safeguard public safety. The focus is on those activities which relate to the safe operation of vessels.
1. **Marine Safety Education and Training** - This means all those activities associated with the training and qualifications of persons, and the promotion of safety in the commercial marine industries and recreational boating.
1. **Marine Incident and Accident Investigation** - This means all those activities associated with the investigation and, where appropriate, prosecution of incidents which may contravene legislation administered by Transport.
1. **Aquatic Events** - This means all those activities associated with the coordination and management of aquatic events such as boating regattas, the Whitbread Race and the Avon Decent.
1. **Marine Oil Pollution** - This means those activities associated with the management of marine oil pollution incidents, and includes the planning, preparation and operational control.

WA Police Service

The WA Police Service will be the Lead Agency for

1. **Sea Search and Rescue Operations** - This means the operational planning of and implementation of sea search and rescue incidents, and the training of sea search and rescue volunteers.
1. **Protective Services** - This means all those activities relating to the Police role in providing security and protection of VIPs.
1. **Underwater Search and Recovery** - This means all those activities associated with the underwater search and recovery of evidence, underwater search and rescue and body recovery.
1. **Prevention and Control of Crime** - This means all those associated criminal activities such as stealing and other offences against property and persons. The focus is on those activities which the courts would rule as simple offences, crimes or misdemeanours regardless of whether they were committed in association with a boat or not.
1. **Coronial Inquiries** - This means all those activities associated with providing the necessary support to the Coroner in enquiries regarding death associated with water activities.
1. **Control of Public Behaviour** - This means all those activities associated with the control of boats involved in public demonstrations such as against nuclear warships.

Prosecutions Policy

In support of the collaborative arrangements and to enhance the effectiveness of agencies' operational services to the community, it is important to have a prosecutions policy which is clear and consistent between all agencies. The policy outlined above is intended to ensure that

1. the overall policy thrust of particular agencies in administering their legislation, in particular the balance between education and enforcement, was consistent with the prosecution activities of all collaborating agencies;
2. a consistent policy of enforcement of particular statutes and sections of those statutes was applied across the state;
3. the effectiveness of agencies' detection effort was maximised by combining it with appropriate prosecution processes and policies; and
4. on matters of joint prosecution the communication links between relevant agencies must be maintained until the prosecution is finalised.

The agencies have now agreed that they will pursue the following policy with regard to prosecutions.

- *The agency responsible for administering a particular piece of legislation has responsibility for determining the enforcement policy associated with that legislation, including consideration of the balance between education and enforcement activities, and providing that policy to all collaborating agencies.*
- *All agencies will abide by the prosecution policy determined by the agency administering particular legislation.*
- *As a general rule, all prosecutions will be undertaken by the agency responsible for administering the legislation, and no agency will prosecute using the legislation administered by another agency without the written agreement of that agency.*
- *The agency administering particular legislation will retain the right of veto for infringement notices issued by all collaborating agencies under that legislation, but will only cancel them under the following circumstances*
 - ⇒ proceeding with the infringement notice would be inconsistent with the agency's overall policy and programme in that particular matter and severely jeopardise those policy outcomes; or*
 - ⇒ the infringement notice is considered unlikely to succeed; and*
 - ⇒ The collaborating agency which issued the infringement must be advised of the decision to not proceed and the reasons why.*

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

General Area of Activity	Task	Types of offence	Operating Procedures and Rules	Contact for advice assistance & decision
Marine Reserve Management All those activities associated with the management, monitoring and enforcement of on water and onshore activities in order to ensure protection of marine reserve resources. The focus is on those activities that relate to the passive and intrusive use of the natural resources of reserves other than matters pertaining to fishing and pearling.	Enforcement of marine reserve regulations and CALM Act provisions pertaining to marine reserves.	All offences relating to prohibited activities in marine reserves that are currently dealt with under the CALM Act, CALM Regulations and National Park Regulations. NB. Offences relating to wildlife in marine reserves is dealt with under "Wildlife Conservation and Protection" activity.	Fisheries and Water Police officers are ex-officio rangers for the purpose of marine park provisions. Transport officers may be authorised as honorary rangers in relation to marine park provisions. There is no legislative provision for Fisheries, Police or Transport officers to be authorised as CALM officers for effecting marine nature reserve or marine conservation area provisions. Officers authorised under the CALM Act to apprehend offenders will do so in accordance with this guide. Authorised officers shall not initiate operations primarily aimed at the enforcement of marine reserve legislation but may take action when a marine park offence is opportunistically detected in the course of their normal duties. All officers authorised under the CALM Act who detect offences against provisions of the CALM Act and allied regulations will submit a breach report to CALM at Como. Information reports (IRs) on any suspected illegal activity detected will be submitted to CALM at Como. CALM will evaluate the evidence relevant to all CALM Act and Regulations offences detected by authorised officers and will decide whether or not to prosecute the alleged offender(s) (refer Marine Operations Council's Prosecution Policy).	1. District Manager 1. Programme Leader Nature Conservation 1. District Wildlife Officer District Manager

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Marine Reserve Management	Prosecution Briefs	<p>All offences relating to prohibited activities in marine reserves that are currently dealt with under the CALM Act and National Park Regulations.</p> <p>Prescribed marine reserve offences.</p> <p>NB. Modified penalties are proposed, but currently not applied to marine reserve offences.</p>	<p>Authorised Officers of participating agencies who detect or suspect that a CALM Act offence has occurred will record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the offence or incident • details of the vessel(s) involved, including names and contact details of masters and crews; • details of any other witnesses; • location of the vessel(s) at the time of the offence or incident; • take records of interview and evidentiary statements and forward them to CALM. • take photographs or video as appropriate <p>Information regarding offences, alleged or proven, against provisions of the CALM Act and associated regulations can be released by CALM only (refer Marine Operations Council's Prosecution Policy).</p> <p>Officers of participating agencies authorised to issue Infringement Notices have discretion, in cases for which a modified penalty is prescribed and depending on the circumstances of a particular offence, to prepare and submit a breach report, rather than issue an infringement notice.</p> <p>Such action would be appropriate, but not limited to situations where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The offender is a persistent offender who has been prosecuted/infringed previously for the same or a similar offence. 	<p>District Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Manager • Programme Leader Nature Conservation • District Wildlife Officer

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Marine Reserve Management	Prosecution Briefs	Prescribed marine reserve offences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The original offence is aggravated by a further offence such as the use of threatening or abusive language to an officer. The offence has had serious consequences, such as the loss or serious damage to a significant natural asset. The officer concerned regards the offence as being of an otherwise serious nature <p>An Infringement Notice may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Chief Wildlife Officer and a Prosecution Brief prepared in cases where a persistent offender has been issued with an Infringement Notice (refer Marine Operations Council's Prosecution Policy).</p> <p>Authorised officers have discretion, depending on the circumstances of a particular offence, to issue a Caution rather than an infringement notice, but an IR will be forwarded to CALM.</p> <p>Authorised Officers of participating agencies who detect offences that are more appropriately handled by CALM will inform CALM by the most expedient means available.</p> <p>Marine reserve users may be checked for compliance whilst they are within the boundaries of the marine reserve. If a matter requires follow-up investigation, it will be passed on to CALM at the earliest possibility.</p>	District Manager

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Marine Reserve Management			<p>All officers are requested to advise CALM of any relevant issues of which they become aware. CALM will follow up in consultation with collaborating agencies and other parties as necessary.</p> <p>CALM may seek advice from participating agencies in the process of determining appropriate management regimes. All Officers of participating agencies who detect or suspect that a Marine Reserve offence has occurred will record the appropriate details and refer the matter to CALM for investigation.</p> <p>Officers of participating agencies may be requested to assist by completing data report forms provided by CALM when assisting CALM.</p> <p>All officers are requested to advise CALM of any damage or deterioration to facilities they have observed within marine reserves and also provide advice regarding any community comments about facilities of which they become aware.</p>	District Manager
Marine Reserve and Marine Wildlife Education and Awareness All those activities associated with raising community understanding and awareness of the purpose of marine reserves and the protection of their natural resources.		NA NA NA	<p>Field Officers of participating agencies may be requested to assist by completing data report forms provided by CALM.</p> <p>CALM will provide the necessary data collection forms to all authorised officers who may be requested to complete and return them to CALM.</p> <p>Participating agencies wishing to contribute to marine reserve education should refer their ideas to CALM. CALM will consider these in formulation of marine reserve educational campaigns, displays and briefings. Agencies are encouraged to participate in joint displays. Participating agencies desiring to contribute to marine wildlife education should refer their ideas to CALM. CALM will consider these in formulation of marine wildlife educational campaigns, displays and briefings.</p>	District Manager District Manager Supervising Wildlife Officer

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Marine Wildlife Conservation and Protection All those activities associated with managing the interaction between people and wildlife, biological surveys and monitoring, species management, compliance auditing of licences, law enforcement, emergency wildlife incident management and management planning.	Administration of CALM Act and Wildlife Conservation Act and advocacy of legislative change.	N.A.	Field officers may be requested by CALM to assist in specific projects. Field officers are requested to advise CALM of any issues of which they become aware. CALM will follow up as necessary. Field officers may be requested to assist in the development and implementation of specific marine wildlife management strategies in accordance with CALM policy. Field officers may become aware of a legislative anomaly or wish to seek an interpretation.	District Manager
Marine Wildlife Conservation and Protection	Enforcement of Wildlife Conservation Act and Regulations pertaining to marine wildlife.	All offences relating to prohibited activities involving taking protected fauna and possession of protected fauna. "take" includes disturb and molest as well as kill or capture.	Fisheries and Water Police officers are ex-officio wildlife officers for the purpose of marine wildlife provisions. Transport officers may be authorised as wildlife officers in relation to marine wildlife provisions. Wildlife provisions apply in all State waters and are applied in all marine reserves. Officers authorised under the Wildlife Conservation Act to apprehend offenders will do so in accordance with this guide. Authorised officers shall not initiate operations primarily aimed at the enforcement of marine wildlife legislation but may take action when a marine wildlife offence is opportunistically detected in the course of their normal duties. All officers authorised under the Wildlife Conservation Act who detect offences against provisions of that Act and allied regulations will submit a breach report to CALM at Como. Information reports (IRS) on any suspected illegal activity detected will be submitted to CALM at Como. CALM will evaluate the evidence relevant to all Wildlife Conservation Act and Regulations offences detected by authorised officers and will decide whether or not to prosecute the alleged offender(s). (Refer Marine Operations Council Prosecutions Policy.)	District Manager

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Marine Wildlife Conservation and Protection		All offences relating to prohibited activities involving taking protected fauna and possession of protected fauna.	<p>Authorised Officers of participating agencies who detect or suspect that a Wildlife Conservation Act offence has occurred will record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the offence or incident • details of the vessel(s) involved, including names and contact details of masters and crews; • details of any other witnesses; • location of the vessel(s) at the time of the offence or incident; • take records of interview and evidentiary statements and forward them to CALM. • take photographs or video as appropriate 	District Wildlife Officer
	Compliance auditing of licences	Unlicensed operations Failure to comply with licence conditions	<p>Information regarding offences, alleged or proven, against provisions of the Wildlife Conservation Act and associated regulations can be released by CALM only.</p> <p>All Officers of participating agencies who detect or suspect that a marine wildlife offence has occurred will record the appropriate details and refer the matter to CALM for investigation.</p>	District Manager
	Emergency wildlife responses	NA	<p>All Officers of participating agencies who become aware that a marine wildlife emergency (oil spill, mass stranding) has occurred are requested to record the appropriate details and refer the matter to CALM as soon as possible.</p> <p>In the event of a mass stranding of whales or dolphins, authorised officers should attempt to secure the area and prevent members of the public from pushing animals back to sea or interfering with any carcasses.</p> <p>Preliminary first aid may be appropriate.</p>	District Manager

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Management of coastal and island conservation reserves. All those activities associated with the management, monitoring and enforcement of onshore activities in order to ensure protection of island and coastal reserve resources. The focus is on those activities that relate to the passive and intrusive use of the natural resources of reserves. <i>Policy and planning activities will not generally involve field officers from other agencies unless they have been given a designated role under a formal process.</i>	Provision and maintenance of facilities and signs	NA	All officers are requested to advise CALM of any damage or deterioration to facilities they have observed on island and coastal reserves and also provide advice regarding any community comments about facilities of which they become aware. CALM will follow up consultation with commercial and recreational stakeholders as necessary.	District Manager
	Visitor use monitoring and human impact assessment.	NA	Field Officers of participating agencies may be requested by CALM to assist by completing data report forms provided by CALM.	District Manager
	Pest eradication	NA	Field Officers of participating agencies who become aware of a pest issue are requested to record the appropriate details and refer the matter to CALM as soon as possible.	District Manager
	Development and implementation of management plans and strategies to ensure ecologically sustainable use of coastal and island resources.	NA	Participating agencies are requested to advise CALM of any policy development issues of which they become aware. Field officers may requested to assist CALM in the implementation of specific marine wildlife management strategies in accordance with CALM policy.	District Manager

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Management of coastal and island conservation reserves	Compliance auditing of licences	Unlicensed operations Failure to comply with licence conditions	All Officers of participating agencies who detect or suspect that an on-reserve licence offence has occurred will record the appropriate details and refer the matter to CALM for investigation.	District Manager
	Enforcement of marine reserve regulations and CALM Act provisions pertaining to island reserves.	<p>All offences relating to prohibited activities on island reserves that are dealt with under the CALM Act and the Wildlife Conservation Regulations.</p> <p>NB. Offences relating to wildlife on island reserves is dealt with under "Wildlife Conservation and Protection" activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing sand or humus • Cut tracks • Tow or operate a vehicle • Misconduct • Carry or operate a firearm or explosive • Allow a dog or other animal on a nature reserve • Light a fire 	<p>There is no legislative provision for Fisheries, Police or Transport officers to be authorised as CALM officers for effecting island nature reserve or conservation area provisions.</p> <p>All Officers of participating agencies who, in the normal course of their duties, detect or suspect that a nature reserve or conservation area offence has occurred are requested to record the appropriate details and refer the matter to CALM for investigation.</p> <p>Whilst participating officers hold no authority in this area of jurisdiction, they are able to act as witnesses by collecting evidence and interviewing suspects.</p> <p>All officers who detect offences against provisions of that Act and regulations should submit a breach report to CALM at Como. Information reports (IRs) on any suspected illegal activity detected will be submitted to CALM.</p> <p>CALM will evaluate the evidence gathered by authorised officers and will decide whether or not to conduct further investigations or if sufficient evidence exists to prosecute the alleged offender(s).</p>	District Manager

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Includes all activities associated with the management of Abrolhos Island Reserves and planning for the proposed Abrolhos Island Fish Habitat Protection area

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Abrolhos Islands	Proposals and developments relating to the Abrolhos Islands reserve including construction of buildings and jetties, visitor access and tourism and recreational use.	N/A	All officers will advise Fisheries WA of any issues of which they become aware. Fisheries WA in conjunction with CALM will follow up action with relevant stakeholders as required.	Regional Manager - Geraldton
	Issues pertaining to the development of the Abrolhos Islands Fish Habitat Protection area	N/A	All Officers of participating agencies who detect or suspect that an offence against the Fish Resources Management Act or associated legislation has been committed should record:	Abrolhos Island Manager - Program Officer
	Marine Park Compliance Issues	All offences by recreational and commercial fishers against the Fish Resources Management Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the offence or incident • details of the names and contact details of all persons involved in the offence; • details of any vessels/vehicles/aircraft involved in the offence • details of any other witnesses; • location of the occurrence of the offence • any other details considered relevant <p>Forward this information to the Regional Manager – Geraldton for action from Fisheries WA</p>	

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Audit Compliance of vessels and fishing gear (recreational)	Boarding and inspection of recreational fishing vessels for compliance with Fish Resources Management Act (FRMA) and supporting legislation	All offences relating to the take or attempted take of fish by recreational fishers involving the use of a recreational vessel	<p>Fisheries WA Officers are authorised to issue infringements and conduct prosecutions and to seize any fish, fishing gear or equipment (including vessels) which are the subject of the offence.</p> <p>Fisheries WA policy is that infringement notices are not issued in the field but are submitted by the investigating officer to the relevant Supervising Fisheries Officer for approval, prior to mail service to the recipient.</p> <p>Officers of participating agencies who detect a possible offence against the FRMA will complete the relevant details on the Infringement Evidence Form and where possible take photographic evidence of any fish or fishing equipment involved in the suspected offence.</p> <p>In addition the following details should also be recorded and submitted with the infringement evidence form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the offence (time, location, offence, no of fish etc.) • details of offenders (name, address and DOB etc) • details of all vessels • details of any witnesses <p>These details are to be passed on to the Supervising Fisheries Officer of the relevant region for action by district Fisheries district staff.</p>	<p>Metro</p> <p>Duty Officer</p> <p><u>Supervising FO's</u> Mid-West Gascoyne South North</p>

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Audit Compliance of vessels and fishing gear (commercial and aquaculture)	Boarding and inspection of commercial fishing vessels, aquaculture lease sites and associated vessels for compliance with Fish Resources Management Act (FRMA) and supporting legislation.	<p>All offences relating to the take or attempted take of fish by commercial operators, involving the use of a commercial vessel.</p> <p>Offences against the FRMA by aquaculture licence holders or employees of such licence holders.</p>	<p>Legislation relating to the management of commercial fisheries is complex and penalties are severe, involving fines, loss of gear and catch along with other administrative penalties such as loss of licence.</p> <p>Only Fisheries WA officers who have been appropriately trained and are resourced with the appropriate measuring equipment are authorised to issue infringements, gather evidence for prosecution action and seize any fish, fishing gear or equipment (including vessels) which is the subject of commercial fisheries offences.</p> <p>Fisheries WA policy is that infringement notices are not issued in the field but are submitted by the investigating officer to the relevant Supervising Fisheries Officer for approval, prior to mail service to the recipient</p> <p>All action taken in relation to commercial fisheries offences will be carried out in accordance with these guidelines and the Fisheries WA prosecutions policy.</p> <p>Officers of participating agencies who detect a possible offence against the FRMA involving a commercial operator should in the first instance contact the relevant Supervising Fisheries Officer. If unable to establish contact or if on the advice of the SFO, participating officers will complete the relevant details on the Infringement Evidence Form and where possible take photographic evidence of any fish or fishing equipment involved in the suspected offence.</p> <p>In addition the following details should also be recorded and submitted with the infringement evidence form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the offence (time, location, offence, no of fish etc.) • details of offenders (name, address and DOB etc) • details of all vessels • details of any witnesses <p>These details are to be passed on to the Supervising Fisheries Officer or the duty Fisheries Officer at the Metropolitan Fisheries Office or relevant region for action by Fisheries WA staff.</p>	<p>Metro Duty Officer</p> <p><u>Supervising FO's</u> Mid-West Gascoyne South North</p>

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Audit compliance of fisheries, aquaculture and pearling licences and fisheries law enforcement within marine parks and marine reserves.	Recreational Infringement Notices and Prosecutions	Offences relating to the take of fish by recreational fishers within Marine Parks and Marine Reserves	<p>All action taken in relation to these offences will be in accordance with these guidelines.</p> <p>Officers from Fisheries WA and CALM who have been authorised will issue infringement warning notices for minor offences. Where an infringement notice imposing a modified penalty or prosecution action is warranted the Supervising FO of the relevant region is to be consulted prior to action being taken.</p> <p>Officers of participating agencies who detect a possible offence within a Marine Park will complete the relevant details on the Infringement Evidence Form and where possible take photographic evidence of any fish or fishing equipment involved in the suspected offence.</p> <p>In addition the following details should also be recorded and submitted with the infringement evidence form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of the offence (time, location, offence, no of fish etc.) • Details of offenders (name, address and DOB etc) • Details of all vessels • Details of any witnesses <p>These details are to be forwarded to the Supervising Fisheries Officer of the relevant region for action by district Fisheries staff.</p>	<p><u>Supervising FO's</u></p> <p>Mid-West</p> <p>Gascoyne</p> <p>South C/O Busselton Office</p> <p>Metro</p> <p>North</p>

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Education and Community Awareness Programmes and displays.	Formulation of educational strategies to enhance community awareness of fisheries legislation and promote the responsible fishing ethic.	N/A	<p>Participating Agencies should refer any community awareness and education initiatives to Fisheries WA for consideration and inclusion into existing community awareness campaigns.</p> <p>The potential for joint agency displays and educational programmes exist in all regional centres.</p>	Manager Community Awareness
Fisheries Intelligence Gathering	Maintain relevant information on fishers and fishing vessels including location and activity of vessels & crews.	Various	<p>From time to time Fisheries WA may request locational information on targeted vessels. All participating agencies will be advised of any targeted vessels and reports of any sightings of those vessels are requested.</p> <p>Reports should include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • location, date & time • vessel & crews activity • crews details if possible • associated vessels • associated vehicles & trailers • any other relevant information <p>Participating agencies from time to time may require locational information on fishing vessels. Where possible, Fisheries WA will respond to written requests for information on fishing vessels and crews subject to statutory constraints.</p> <p>Fishing and catch information provided under the FRMA is deemed "confidential " with consequent penalties for its unlawful disclosure. Information on specific fishing vessels cannot be obtained by participating agencies except under circumstances where lives may be in danger.</p>	<p>Supervising Fisheries Officer Fleet Planning and Compliance Technology</p> <p>Manager Central Support Services</p> <p>Sup. FO – Special Investigations Section</p>

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Fisheries and Marine Research	Preparation and development of fisheries and marine research programmes and conducting individual research projects. Collection of data for fisheries and marine research projects.		Fisheries WA may request assistance from participating agencies, when appropriate, to assist in the completion of fisheries research programmes. This assistance may range from the transport of officers to certain areas to assistance in collection of data in some form.	Manager Regional Services Director Fisheries Research
Audit Compliance of vessels and fishing gear (pearling)	Inspection of Pearling vessels, Lease sites and associated vessels for compliance with the Pearling Act, Ministerial Guidelines, translocation policy and supporting legislation.	All offences relating to the take, hatchery production or farming of Pearl Oysters.	Pearling Legislation and protocols are complex and penalties severe, involving fines, loss of equipment and pearl shell along with other Administrative penalties such as loss of quota. Only Fisheries WA Officers who have been appropriately trained and resourced with specialised equipment are appointed as an Inspector under the Pearling Act. Officers of participating agencies who detect a possible offence against the Pearling Act or supporting legislation and guidelines will record the following details and submit the information to the Supervising Fisheries Officer in Broome for action by Pearling Inspectors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the offence (time, location, offence, no of fish etc.) • details of offenders (name, address and DOB etc) • details of all vessels • details of any witnesses • any other relevant information 	Supervising Fisheries Officer - Broome
Audit Compliance of vessels and fishing gear (Foreign fishing vessels)	Boarding & Inspection of foreign fishing vessels for compliance with Australian Fisheries Management Authority Legislation	All offences relating to State or Commonwealth fisheries legislation involving foreign fishing vessels	Presently there is no authorised foreign fishing vessel activity permitted within the Australian Fishing Zone (AFZ) except for Indonesian traditional fishing in the MOU area offshore of the north west coast of WA. Officers of participating agencies who detect foreign fishing vessel activity should contact Coastwatch or the AFZ section reporting the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vessel name, call-sign, nationality, colour and description • Details of activity • Location and time of sighting 1. Direction and speed of vessel	Coastwatch Operations Desk - Canberra AFZ Section Fisheries WA Perth AFZ Section Fisheries WA Broome Coastwatch - Broome

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Marine Safety Standards All those activities associated with the setting and enforcement of standards for the safe construction, crewing, equipping and operation of commercial and recreational vessels under State jurisdiction. The focus is on those activities which relate to the safe operation of vessels.	Consultation with commercial and recreational stake holders on marine safety matters.	N.A.	All officers will advise Transport of any issues of which they become aware. Transport will follow up consultation with commercial and recreational stakeholders as necessary.	Manager, Marine Operations
	Liaison with Commonwealth and other State and Territory agencies on marine safety policy matters.	N.A.	All officers who become aware of marine safety issues, should refer such matters to Transport. Transport will seek advice from participating agencies and will take account of such advice. Transport will advise and assist in role as member of the National Marine Safety Committee.	
	Development and implementation of strategies to enhance the safety of the WA commercial and recreational boating public.	N.A.	Participating agencies will advise Transport of any policy development issues of which they become aware. Authorised Officers will assist in implementing safety strategies in accordance with Transport policy.	Manager Marine Operations
	Administration of all WA marine legislation and advocacy of legislative change.	N.A.		

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Safe Boating in Navigable Waters All those activities associated with the management, monitoring and enforcement of on water activities in order to safeguard public safety. The focus is on those activities which relate to the safe operation of vessels	Boarding, if necessary and inspection of vessels under WA jurisdiction for compliance with provisions of State marine safety legislation and allied regulations.	All offences relating to the safety of commercial and recreational vessels, their crew and other persons aboard them	Officers will be authorised to issue WAMA Infringement Notices when the Director General of Transport is satisfied that they have achieved sufficient marine safety knowledge and experience.	Supervising Marine Officer
			Operational Managers of collaborating agencies and Transport Manager Marine Operations will consult on these matters.	
			All officers authorised under the WA Marine Act (WAMA) to issue WAMA Infringement Notices, will do so in accordance with this guide (refer Marine Operations Council Prosecution Policy)	Senior Marine Officer, Pollution and Investigations
			All officers authorised under the WA Marine Act (WAMA) who detect offences against provisions of the WAMA and allied regulations will gather and submit evidence to the Transport Investigations Officers who will prefer charges in accordance with this guide and the Marine Operations Council Prosecution Policy.	Supervising Marine Officer
			Only Transport can release information regarding offences, alleged or proven, against provisions of the WAMA and associated regulations	

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Commercial Vessels	Prosecution Briefs	All offences relating to the safety of commercial and recreational vessels, their crew and other persons aboard them	<p>Officers of participating agencies authorised to issue Infringement Notices have discretion, in cases for which a modified penalty is prescribed and depending on the circumstances of a particular offence, to prepare and submit a prosecution brief, rather than issue an infringement notice.</p> <p>Such action would be appropriate, but not limited to situations where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The offender is a persistent offender who has been prosecuted/infringed previously for the same or a similar offence. • The original offence is aggravated by a further offence such as the use of threatening or abusive language to an officer. • The offence has had serious consequences, such as the loss or serious damage to a vessel or the serious injury or death of persons involved. • The officer concerned regards the offence as being of an otherwise serious nature <p>An Infringement Notice may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Manager or Supervising Marine Officer Marine Operations and a Prosecution Brief prepared in cases where a persistent offender has been issued with an Infringement Notice.</p> <p>Manager or Supervising Marine Officer Marine Operations will discuss the offence with the issuing officer prior to preparing the brief.</p>	

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Commercial Vessels	Commercial vessel Infringement Notices	<p>Offences by Commercial Vessel masters or owners against provisions of the WA marine Act or Regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating out of survey, out of survey area or contrary to survey conditions. • Major deficiencies in safety equipment • Incorrect crew qualifications or numbers. • Failure to report a casualty. 	<p>Only Transport Marine and Regional Officers can issue Infringement Notices imposing modified penalties for commercial vessel offences.</p> <p>Officers so appointed have discretion, depending on the circumstances of a particular offence, to issue a Caution rather than an infringement notice.</p> <p>However, these offences will normally warrant issue of an infringement notice.</p>	

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Commercial Vessels	Reporting of Commercial vessel offences.	Offences against survey and crew certification provisions of the WA Marine Act and regulations.	<p>All officers of participating agencies who detect or suspect that a Marine Act offence has occurred in relation to a commercial vessel are requested to record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the offence or incident • details of the vessel and any other vessel(s) involved, including names and contact details of masters and crews; • details of any other witnesses; • location of the vessel(s) at the time of the offence or incident; and • complete and forward to Transport a Maritime Complaint Form (copy attached) 	Supervising Marine Officer
Marine Incidents and Accidents	Reporting of Incidents such as the collision or grounding of vessels.	Possible contravention by the master/driver of any vessel, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea; or incompetence, negligence or misconduct of the master of a commercial vessel(s).	<p>All officers of participating agencies who are on the scene or are summoned to the scene of a marine incident will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record the above details; • If trained to take records of interview and evidentiary statements and provided that persons involved in the incident are able to be interviewed, take and record such interviews and statements; and forward them to Transport. • Assist the masters of all vessels involved to complete a Transport Marine Incident Report Form and forward it to Transport. <p>In the case of collision between vessels, evidentiary statements should be taken from the masters of all vessels involved.</p>	Senior Marine Officer Pollution and Investigations

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Commercial Vessels	Cautions	Minor offences against survey and crew certification provisions of the WA Marine Act and regulations.	<p>Authorised Officers of participating agencies may issue Cautions in respect of any commercial vessel offence Transport should be advised of the relevant information using the data sheet supplied.</p> <p>Commercial vessels may be checked for compliance with legislated or regulatory provisions and cautioned whilst plying at sea or whilst alongside. However, in general, unless a vessel is at sea, has been observed or can otherwise be proved to have returned recently from sea, no offence is committed.</p> <p>Accordingly, a caution issued whilst a commercial vessel is alongside must clearly show details of the notional offence and the relevant regulation or section of the Act, to enable the Senior Marine Clerk Prosecutions to make a valid and useful prosecutions database entry.</p>	Supervising Marine Officer
Commercial Vessels	Deficiency Notices (Form MA5)	A safety deficiency in the machinery, hull or equipment of a commercial vessel.	<p>Serious commercial vessel survey non-compliances may also warrant the issue of a Deficiency Notice (MA5) requiring rectification prior to sailing.</p> <p>Only a Transport Marine Surveyor, Marine Officer or Regional Transport Officer may issue a Deficiency Notice in respect of a commercial vessel.</p> <p>All officers of participating agencies who detect such deficiencies are requested to inform Transport by the most expedient means available.</p>	

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Recreational Vessels	Cautions in lieu of Infringement Notice	Any type of recreational vessel offence	<p>Private vessels may be checked for compliance and cautions issued whilst they are under way, alongside; or immediately prior to launching or following recovery from the water.</p> <p>However, in general, unless the vessel is under way, has been observed or can otherwise be proved to have recently returned from sea, no offence is committed. Accordingly, a caution issued in respect of a vessel alongside, about to launch or recently recovered, must clearly show details of the notional offence and the relevant regulation or section of the Act, to enable the Senior Marine Clerk Prosecutions to make a valid and useful prosecutions database entry.</p> <p>All Cautions must clearly show the details of the offender and offence; and the reason why the caution option was selected. In circumstances where the person cautioned has been previously cautioned or has committed a similar offence, this will assist the Supervising Marine Officer Marine Operations (SMOMO) to determine whether or not to convert a caution into an infringement or brief.</p> <p>SMOMO will discuss the matter with the issuing officer before making a final decision.</p>	Supervising Marine Officer
	Issue of Cautions and offer of option to attend a Safety Lecture to drivers of Recreational Vessels in lieu of Infringement Notice.	Recreational vessel offences subject to modified penalties	<p>Marine and Regional Transport Officers, Police Officers and other Authorised Officers have discretion depending on the circumstances of a particular offence to issue a Caution; or, <i>if the offence occurs in the metropolitan area</i>, offer the option of a Safety Lecture - rather than issue an Infringement Notice.</p>	

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Marine Incident and Accident Investigation All those activities associated with the investigation of incidents and accidents; and where appropriate, prosecution of persons involved who may have contravened legislation administered by Transport.	Receipt of marine accident and incident reports and decision as to whether the circumstances of the incident will or will not be investigated.	Offences under the WA Marine Act and regulations. Matters of incompetence, misconduct or serious negligence by certificated Masters, Skippers and Engineers.	All reports of marine accidents and incidents should be forwarded without delay to the Transport Investigation Officer. Transport will normally investigate the circumstances of all reported marine accidents and incidents of a serious nature. Reports may be made verbally or on a Transport Marine Accident Report Form. Any officer should cause a Transport Marine Accident Report Form to be completed by the master(s), skipper(s) or driver(s) of the vessel(s) involved as soon as possible, preferably at the scene of the accident or incident. Any officer who is present at the scene of a serious marine accident or incident, will if practicable, take witness statements or make records of interview (under caution) with persons who, at a later date, Transport may wish to take administrative or prosecution action against. All Officers authorised under the WA Marine Act (WAMA) who detect offences against provisions of the WAMA and allied Regulations and wish to prefer charges, will submit such evidence as they have been able to gather to the Transport Investigations Officer.	Senior Marine Officer, Pollution and Investigations
Aquatic Events. All those activities associated with the co-ordination and management of aquatic events such as boating regattas, the Whitbread Race and Avon Descent	Consultation with event organisers in relation to vessel safety requirements and the control of spectator craft at aquatic events Preparation of operations plans, acquisition, allocation and direction of resources for the control of spectator craft at aquatic events.	Relevant Navigable Waters Regulations. Area restriction gazettal notices.	Transport will advise participating agencies of impending events which may involve their resources. For example, Water Police may need to consider matters such as VIP security and anti social behaviour. Transport will request where necessary, the assistance of participating agencies for the control of spectator craft at major aquatic events.	Superintendent, Fleet Operations

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Marine Oil Pollution All those activities associated with the management of marine oil pollution incidents, including planning, preparation and operational control.	<p>Training of Port Authority, other government department and oil industry personnel in marine oil pollution combat techniques and equipment use</p> <p>Formulation and promulgation of the WA Marine Oil Pollution Emergency Management Plan.</p> <p>Evaluation and approval of individual agency marine oil pollution management plans.</p> <p>Control of marine oil pollution combat and recovery operations in WA waters</p> <p>Reporting of Marine pollution incidents</p>	<p>Provisions of the Pollution of Waters by Oil and Noxious Substances Act.</p>	<p>Any officer becoming aware of a marine oil pollution incident is requested to advise Transport as a matter of urgency. Transport will assess the spill or cause the spill to be assessed before further action is taken.</p> <p>Officers of participating agencies may become involved in the ordinary course of their respective duties during major incidents</p>	<p>Senior Marine Officer Pollution and Investigations</p> <p>Chairman State Committee</p> <p>Manager Marine Operations</p>

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Sea Search & Rescue Operations All those activities associated with operational planning of sea search and rescue incidents, and the training of sea search and rescue volunteers.	<p>Consultation with the marine industry, government agencies and other stake holders to ensure the requirements of;</p> <p>Preparedness Response & Recovery</p> <p>as required under the lead Combat responsibilities of Policy Statement 7</p> <p>Liaison with Commonwealth and state agencies to standardise training.</p> <p>Training of support agencies and volunteers in combat techniques and equipment use.</p> <p>Control of Sea search and rescue incidents in the metropolitan area, Two Rocks to Mandurah. Provide advice and assistance to regional areas as required.</p> <p>Formulation and promulgation of the WA Marine Search and Rescue Plan.</p> <p>Evaluation and approval of incidents to activate insurance cover for volunteers.</p> <p>Maintain a 24 hour Co-ordination Centre to deal with Sea Search and Rescue Incidents as they occur and provide a single point of contact to the community</p>	N/A	<p>The Water Police are responsible for Marine SAR in Western Australia involving Fishing Vessels, Pleasure Vessels, other Commercial Vessels and Shipping within Ports of the State.</p> <p>Police may request the following assistance:-</p> <p><u>May Day Calls</u></p> <p>Respond and assist as required by the West Australian Marine Act.</p> <p>Notify Police</p> <p>Be prepared to provide Police with information on the May Day Call</p> <p>Be prepared to attend to the out comes of the call, control other search craft as directed, manage the search area as directed, search and rescue.</p> <p><u>Pan Pan Call</u></p> <p>Respond to the call if in a position to do so.</p> <p>Notify Police.</p> <p>Be prepared to provide Police with relevant information on the call.</p> <p>Be prepared to act as on-scene controller for coordinating Police.</p> <p><u>Overdue Vessel Reports.</u></p> <p>Relay information to Police.</p> <p>If confirmed be prepared to assist with tasks to locate the overdue.</p> <p>Should a search result, you may be required to act as on-scene controller.</p> <p>Maintain a communication link with Police.</p> <p><u>Vessels Requiring Assistance</u></p> <p>Assist if in a position to do so, and advise Police</p> <p>If not is a position to assist, contact Police so that the necessary assistance can be arranged.</p>	<p>Water Police Co-Ordination Centre.</p> <p>Radio Contact</p> <p>Call: Water Police Base.</p> <p>Marine VHF Channels 9,20 & 16</p> <p>27MHz</p> <p>27.880</p> <p>27.900</p>

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			<p><u>Flare Sightings</u> Same action as May Day Call</p> <p>Only Police can release information on statistics, trends, patterns and operational information on SAR</p>	
<p>Protective Services/High Risk Operations. All those activities relating to the Police role in providing security and protection of VIPs & High Risk Operations.</p>	<p>In consultation with federal agencies and International Councils provide security and protection to visiting VIP's</p> <p>High risk tactical security operations requiring water borne resources or support.</p> <p>Consult with other agencies for resource support and expert advice.</p>	Offences against the Person	<p>If assistance is required, other agencies may be required to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with closure of Navigable Waters. • Provide a floating operations platform. • Assist with the movement of personnel and or equipment. <p>In any event or operation, personnel from outside agencies would not be placed in any area where they is any perceived threat.</p>	Water Police Branch.

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Underwater Search and Recovery All activities associated with the underwater search and recovery of evidence, underwater search and rescue and body recovery.	Police Divers attached to the Water Police Branch, will; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • Conduct underwater searches for illicit drugs or items associated with criminal activity, • Recover bodies and human remains from the water or in submerged vessels or vehicles, • Investigate diving associated deaths, seize and test equipment associated with such deaths, • Provide a rescue capability to persons trapped below water. • Advise the Coroner 	N/A	Water Police request the following procedures be followed if other agencies become involved in any underwater activities or emergencies. <u>Missing Diver/s:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify Police • Secure the scene, (do not allow the scene to be disturbed) • Commence an expanding box search of the area in an attempt to locate visual signs of a diver/s • Ascertain diver/s details, type of equipment used, depth of water, diver duration, last known position. • Be prepared to coordinate on-scene operations as directed by a Police Controller • On arrival of Police provide outer perimeter support and control. <u>Emergency Situations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civilian divers should only dive in emergency life threatening situations. <u>Explosive Devices:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify Police • Secure the scene and place a safe exclusion zone around the area, close waters if necessary. • Evacuate the exclusion zone. • Police in partnership with Military Divers will provide operational response. • Provide outer perimeter support and control <u>Diving Associated Deaths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify Police • Secure the scene.(do not allow the scene to be disturbed) • Ensure that equipment used is not removed or interfered with. • Do not remove diving equipment from the body. • If possible photograph the body and equipment in situ. • Provide outer perimeter support and control. 	Water Police Branch, Radio Contact, Marine VHF, 16, 09, 20. 27MHz 27.880, 27.900 Police UHF, Channel 47 Dive Supervisor,

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<p>Prevention and Control of Crime</p> <p>All those associated criminal activities such as stealing and other offences against property, assaults and other offences against persons.</p> <p>The focus is on those activities which courts would rule as simple offences, crimes or misdemeanours regardless of whether they were committed in association with a boat or not.</p>	<p>Offences which are of a Criminal nature.</p> <p>Assistance to be provided by other statutory authorities</p>	<p>Offences against the Criminal Code, Police Act, Misuse of Drugs Act, Firearms Act, Liquor Act and other associated statutes</p>	<p>Where such offences occur police request that members of other agencies adopt the following procedures.</p> <p><u>Offences involving death or major injury which requires hospitalisation</u></p> <p>Where an offence results in serious injury or death of a person the statutory body normally responsible for administering the Act under which the primary offence occurred, shall jointly investigate, as criminal charges may result.</p> <p>If a member happens upon any such incident whether it concerns that members statutory responsibility or not, it is very important that the scene and equipment associated with that incident are preserved until Police Investigators and Scenes Of Crime Officers arrive, as the area may be regarded as a crime scene and should not be contaminated.</p> <p>It is essential that the area is protected and guarded to prevent any person from entering the scene until Police arrive. (This means all people including interested persons from other agencies and senior personnel. A detailed record in the form of a running sheet listing times and details of persons attending is to be kept).</p> <p>If possible suspect persons are to be held until the Police Investigation Team arrives and should not be interviewed.</p> <p>A complete list of witnesses and other persons at the scene is to be compiled for the information of the Investigation Team.</p> <p><u>Suspicious persons, drugs, firearms offensive weapons etc.</u></p> <p>In cases where drugs, firearms, offensive weapons or other persons of interest are located at any time. Police are to be advised immediately. Take note of the time, date, place, registration numbers and descriptions of vehicles, descriptions of persons and any observations made.</p>	<p>Perth Metropolitan Area Water Police Branch. (24 hrs)</p> <p>Statewide (except Perth Metro) 92221111</p>

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Coronial Inquiries All those activities associated with providing the necessary support to the Coroner in inquiries regarding death associated with water activities.	<p>Fully investigate and report on deaths occurring on the states waters and within the state coroner's area of responsibility.</p> <p>Fully investigate and report on circumstances surrounding persons missing or lost in the State Coroners area of responsibility.</p> <p><i>(The area of responsibility extends up to 200 nautical miles off-shore)</i></p> <p>Prepare and provide evidence at coronial inquests</p>	<p>Criminal Code</p> <p>Coroners Act and other associated statutes</p>	<p>Water Police act as the Coroners investigator into deaths that occur at sea and persons who are lost and not recovered at sea.</p> <p>In this instance other agencies who become associated with the loss or death of a person will need to co-operate with Police to ensure that a full a proper investigation is carried out. They also need to be aware that individuals may be required to give evidence at a Coroners inquest.</p> <p>Occurrences of interest would include;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drowning 2. Persons lost at sea and not recovered 3. Accidents or Incidents that result in the death of a person/s. <p>In such occurrences it is important that no investigations commences without the involvement of Police.</p> <p>If a member happens upon an incident that involves the death of a person or persons it is very important that the scene and equipment associated with that death are preserved until Police investigators and scenes of crime officers arrive. Notwithstanding the protection of life, as the area may be regarded as a crime scene and should not be contaminated. If possible nothing should be touched or moved until Police have attended.</p> <p>It is essential that the scene is protected and guarded to prevent any person from entering the scene until Police arrive. (This means all people including interested person from other agencies and senior personnel).</p>	<p>Water Police Branch</p> <p>Radio Contact Marine VHF Ch 09,20,16 27MHz, 28.880 27.900</p>

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Control of Public Behaviour All those activities associated with the control of boats involved in public demonstrations and other events where the public gather in large numbers or where the likelihood of anti social behaviour on boats may occur.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Disorderly Conduct Preventing people from going about their lawful business. Offence's against the Liquor Act. Assaults Unlawful Assemblies Provide awareness and prevention strategies through seminars and lectures, (Liquor Act, Police Act and other statutes)	<p>All offences associated with Disorderly, Conduct, Preventing people from going about their lawful business.</p> <p>Offences against the Liquor Act, Police Act, Criminal Code, Misuse of Drugs Act, and other relevant statutes.</p>	<p>Other agencies may be requested to assist Police by providing human and other resources at events where there is perceived threat to public order.</p> <p>Such assistance may involved the closure of Navigable Waters, Closure of Public Jetties, the seizure and retention of vessels. Escorting of vessels, physical presence or support.</p>	<p>Water Police Branch</p> <p>Radio Contact; Marine VHF; 09,20,16. Police UHF Channel 47 27MHz 27.880 27.900</p>

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CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT CONTACTS

Kimberley Region			Central Forest Region		
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