## **Visitor Usage Trends for Swan Estuary Marine Park**

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A "snap-shot" survey (involving 12 volunteers over a single day) and site-based visitor questionnaire were used to describe the distribution, activities, perceptions of conditions and management preferences of visitors to this Marine Park. This seminar will focus on one feature of this survey work: using questionnaire data to decide when visitor dissatisfaction warrants management action.

## Visitor Usage Trends in Shoalwater Islands Marine Park

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An aerial survey and analysis of existing visitor use data from boat patrols, visitor surveys and planning documents were used to describe the distribution of visitors and their activities in Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. The resultant analysis and trend data over 9 years provides valuable information for management and planning for the Marine Park.

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