

# LIBRARY

Department of Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions

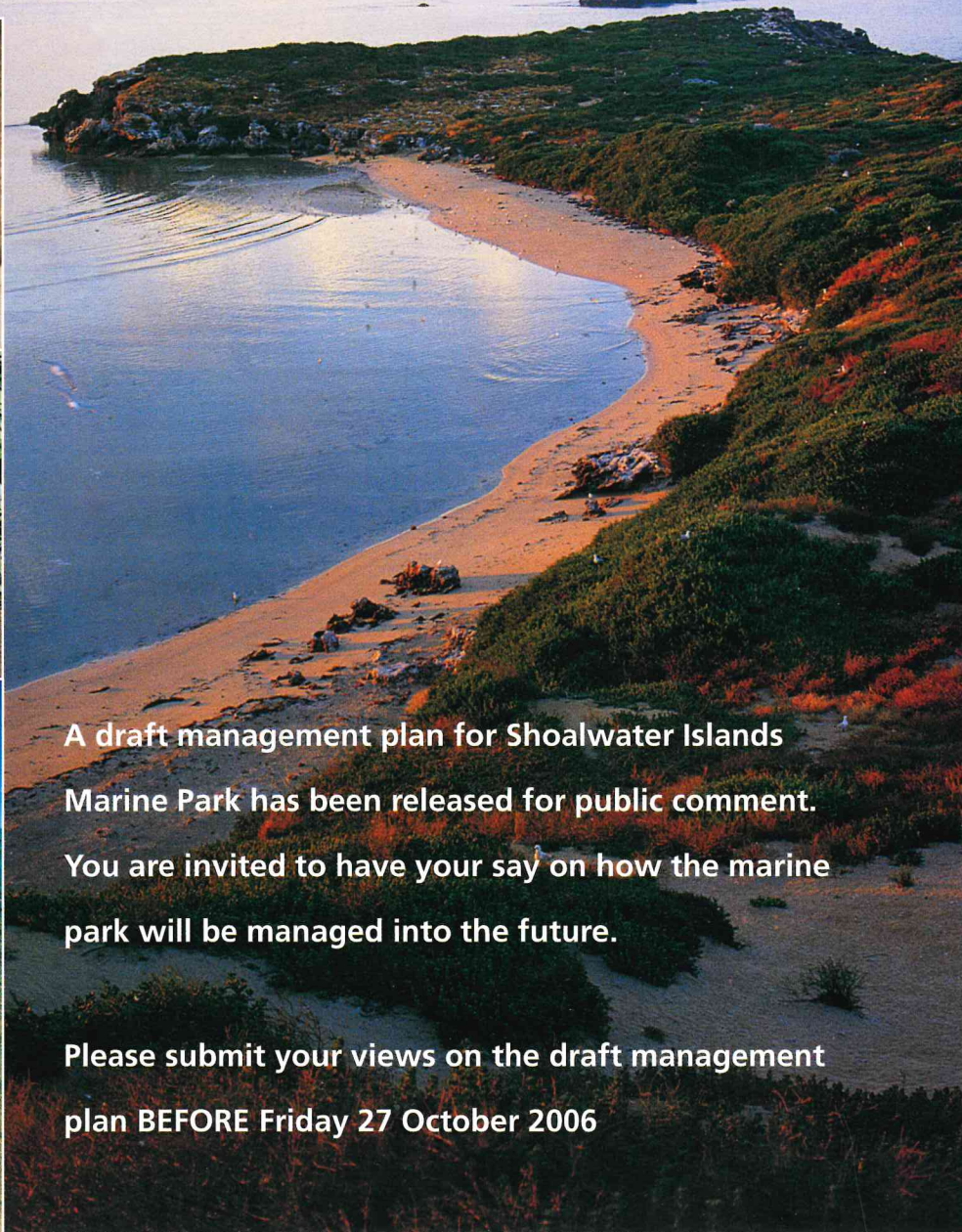
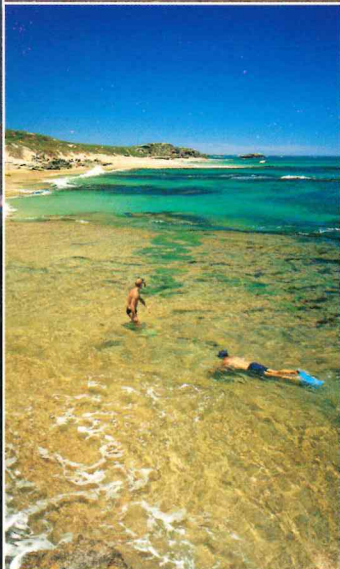
This PDF has been created for digital preservation. It may be used for research but is not suitable for other purposes. It may be superseded by a more current version or just be out-of-date and have no relevance to current situations.



# Shoalwater Islands Marine Park

## Draft Management Plan 2006

### have your say



A draft management plan for Shoalwater Islands Marine Park has been released for public comment. You are invited to have your say on how the marine park will be managed into the future.

Please submit your views on the draft management plan BEFORE Friday 27 October 2006



Department of  
Environment and Conservation





## Shoalwater Islands Marine Park, a unique marine reserve on Perth's doorstep

The Shoalwater Islands Marine Park includes plants and animals that are a mixture of tropical and temperate species, carried into the marine park by the Leeuwin Current from the tropical north and by the Capes Current from the cool temperate waters of the south.

The Shoalwater Islands area is dominated by sandy beaches and rocky shoreline habitats and includes a range of different marine habitats including seagrass meadows, subtidal and intertidal reefs, and the deep silty basin of Warnbro Sound.

The Shoalwater Islands area has a high diversity of seagrasses, and seagrass meadows cover approximately 15 per cent of the total area of the marine park. Seagrass meadows are important habitat and nursery areas and support a high diversity of marine species including important recreational and commercial species such as the western rock lobster.

Subtidal and intertidal reefs are characterised by diverse algae communities, including species such as kelp. Subtidal reefs attract a wide range of fish and colourful assemblages of sponges and soft corals and mobile invertebrates such as crustaceans, echinoderms and molluscs. Intertidal reef platforms support large populations of animals such as abalone, whelks, chitons and large turban shells.

The habitats of the park are important for the feeding, resting and breeding of little penguins and other sea and shore birds. The bottlenose dolphin is the most common marine mammal in the park, although male Australian sea lions use some of the islands as haul-out areas. Southern right whales, humpback whales and some species of marine turtles are occasional visitors to park waters.

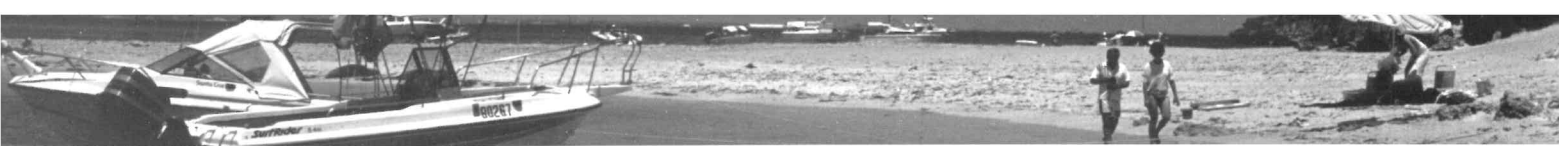


### The commitment to protecting our marine environment

Western Australia is progressively developing a marine conservation reserve system to protect its unique and special marine habitats, wildlife and ecosystems. The reserve system aims to protect representative examples of the full range of marine biodiversity in the State and also to preserve areas of scientific and special interest. WA's marine conservation reserves form part of the National Representative System of Marine Reserves and the establishment of the State's marine conservation reserve system is a key environmental commitment of the WA Government.

The *Shoalwater Islands Marine Park Draft Management Plan 2006* has been developed in consultation with the local community and other interested parties to provide a framework to conserve the area's natural, social and cultural values for current and future generations.

This brochure summarises the key information in the draft management plan, including the proposed zoning scheme and permitted uses. There will be a three month public comment from the date of formal release, and your views on the draft management plan are sought.



# A wonderful place to visit

The marine park's pleasant Mediterranean climate combined with its accessibility from Perth, its frontage to Rockingham and its sheltered waters have resulted in the area being a popular place for a variety of water sports including scuba diving, sailing, snorkelling, water-skiing and windsurfing. The marine park's panoramic vistas of azure waters, offshore islands and beaches make it a pleasant area to live and visit and access to this coastal resource is highly valued by the community.

Recreational fishing is a popular activity in the area and is likely to continue to increase as urban expansion continues. Recreational fishers target a range of species and employ a variety of methods including line, spear and net fishing, and scuba diving and potting to catch western rock lobster.

Tourism in the marine park is increasing and the demand to establish commercial operations is expected to increase. Commercial dive charters and boat tours undertaking wildlife observation and other nature-based tourism activities cater for local and regional communities as well as national and international visitors. The marine park is complemented by the iconic destination of Penguin Island.

The habitats of the marine park support valuable commercial fishing industries. Activities include rock lobster, abalone, crab and line fishing.



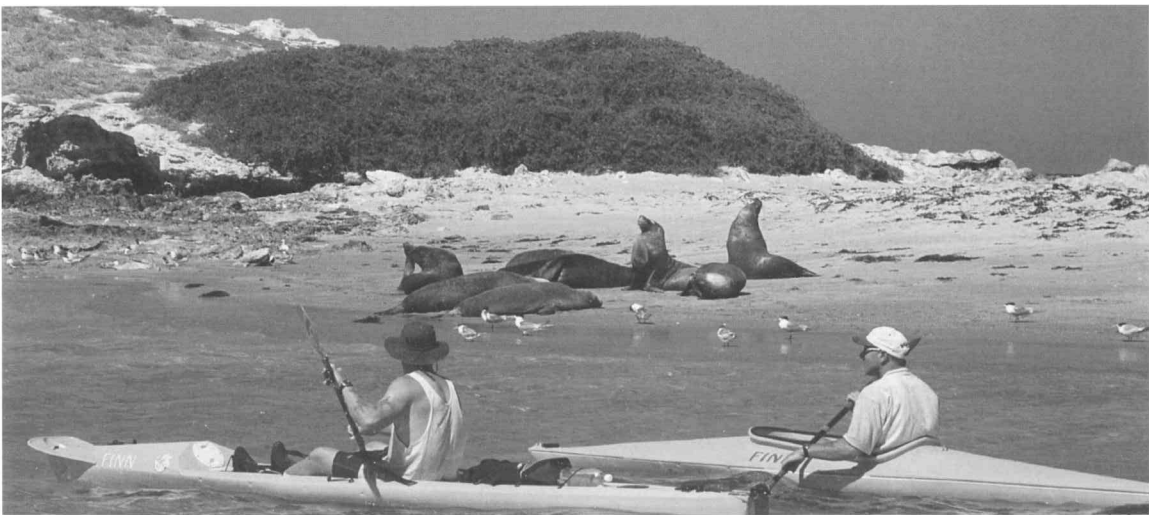
# Why a marine park?

The Shoalwater Islands Marine Park was reserved in 1990 as an A Class reserve. It is legally entrusted in the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority (MPRA), a seven member non-government committee appointed by the State Government to provide advice on the establishment and management of WA's marine conservation reserve system.

The final management plan will be developed, taking into consideration the public comment received on this draft management plan. The final management plan is prepared on behalf of the MPRA, and the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has the lead responsibility for implementing the final management plan.

The DEC was formed on 1 July 2006 through the amalgamation of the former Department of Environment and the former Department of Conservation and Land Management.

The Shoalwater Islands Marine Park was reserved to protect its unique ecological, educational and scientific values, while providing for and where appropriate managing sustainable recreational and commercial activities. Management of the marine park is based on a multiple-use approach that will focus on conserving this important marine environment through a variety of strategies including zoning, education, compliance, public participation, research and monitoring.





## What is the draft management plan?

The purpose of the draft management plan is to provide a framework for the protection of the marine environment and the inherent educational and scientific values, while providing opportunities for a wide range of recreational uses, nature appreciation, tourism and fishing to occur in a sustainable manner.

A vision statement, which represents the local and broader community's future aspirations for the conservation, use and management for the park, has also been developed. This draft vision statement will provide a broad direction for future management.

The draft management plan includes, or specifies:

- an overall vision for the park;
- a zoning scheme and the activities permitted in each zone;
- a list of generic strategies including education and interpretation, public participation, patrol and enforcement, visitor infrastructure; research and monitoring; and
- a list of the ecological and social values of the area which include specific strategies, management targets and overall objectives for each value.

The draft management plan is an outcome based plan, which means that the DEC and the MPRA will assess the management plan's effectiveness against the specific targets for ecological and social values listed in the plan. The ecological and social values that the draft management plan identifies are:

### Ecological values

- Geomorphology
- Water and sediment quality
- Seagrass meadows
- Subtidal reef communities
- Subtidal soft bottom communities
- Intertidal reef communities
- Australian sea lions
- Cetaceans and turtles
- Seabirds, shore birds and migratory waders
- Little penguins
- Benthic invertebrates
- Finfishes

## Draft Vision for the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park

In the year 2016, the marine flora and fauna, habitats and water quality of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park will be in the same or better condition than in the year 2006.

The area will support and encourage public use and enjoyment and will be considered to be an important social and cultural asset to the local community and the public of Western Australia.

DEC welcomes comments on ALL aspects of the draft management plan, including the vision, the generic strategies, the ecological and social values and targets, as well as the zoning scheme.

### Social values

- Indigenous cultural significance
- Maritime cultural significance
- Marine nature based tourism
- Commercial fishing
- Aquaculture
- Recreational fishing
- Recreational boating and water sports
- Coastal and island use
- Seascapes
- Scientific research
- Education



## How was the draft management plan developed?

Planning for the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park first began in 1994 with the establishment of a planning team comprising representatives from State Government departments, the City of Rockingham and the Recreation Camps and Reserves Board.

In 1995, a draft management plan was released for a two month public comment period but public comment received indicated a significant concern regarding the lack of sanctuary zones within the marine park.

Since 1998, further community consultation has been undertaken to facilitate the development of a zoning scheme. This process involved meetings and workshops with user groups, including recreational

and commercial fishing representative groups, local community members and Native Title claimants.

In early 2006, a focus group representing a range of community interests, was also established to provide further input into the draft management plan.

The MPRA has considered the draft management plan and provided advice to the Minister for the Environment. Following government consideration, the draft management plan has now been released for a three month public comment period.

## The zoning scheme

Zoning is an important part of the management framework in multiple use reserves and is used to protect marine biodiversity as well as manage recreational and commercial human uses in an equitable and sustainable way.

The *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* provides for four different zone types in a marine park, these being:

1. Sanctuary zones – ‘look but don’t take’ areas which provide a high level of protection to plants, animals and habitats while allowing passive recreation and tourism activities, nature appreciation, scientific study and education.
2. Recreation zones – these zones provide for conservation and recreation, including recreational fishing where this is compatible with conservation values. Commercial fishing, pearling and aquaculture are not permitted in these zones.
3. Special purpose zones – these zones are managed for a particular priority use or commercial activity (e.g. wildlife conservation or pearling). Activities incompatible with the specified priority purpose are not permitted in these zones.
4. General use zones – this zone comprises those areas not included in sanctuary zones, special purpose zones or recreation zones. Conservation of natural values is the priority of general use zones but a range of other sustainable activities are permitted provided they do not compromise ecological values of a reserve.



The draft management plan proposes the following zones for the marine park:

### *Sanctuary Zones*


There are three sanctuary zones proposed in the marine park: Seal Island Sanctuary Zone, Second Rock Sanctuary Zone and Becher Point Sanctuary Zone. These zones cover approximately six per cent of the marine park and include representative areas of seagrass meadows, sand and intertidal and subtidal reef communities. The Becher Point Sanctuary Zone also includes representative areas of offshore intertidal reef communities.

The zones will also provide scientific reference areas in northern, central and southern regions of the marine park. This will allow managers to detect changes in water quality that may result from activities in Cockburn Sound, the ocean outfall from the Woodman Point Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Peel-Harvey estuary outflow.

The zones have been identified by the community to be important areas for commercial tourism, recreational diving and nature observation. The boundaries of the zones have been located to minimise the impact on important recreational and commercial fishing areas.

The Seal Island Sanctuary Zone provides an important buffer area to Seal Island, which is the most important Australian sea lion haul-out area in the Park. Seal Island and Shag Rock are also important for seabird nesting.





Little penguins are likely to travel through the Becher Point Sanctuary Zone to reach their foraging grounds in Comet Bay.

### *Shoalwater Bay Special Purpose (Wildlife Conservation) Zone*

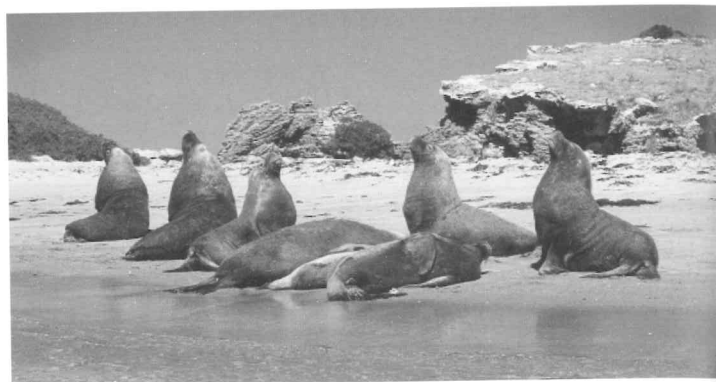
The primary purpose of this zone is to protect the significant wildlife conservation values of the area. It covers approximately seven per cent of the marine park and includes breeding and feeding grounds for migratory and resident seabirds, feeding areas for the Australian sea lion, and is also a buffer to the Seal Island Sanctuary Zone. This area has been identified by the community to be important for commercial tourism, commercial rock lobster fishing, recreational fishing, diving, nature appreciation and a variety of surface water sports. These activities will be permitted in this zone but activities that have the potential to impact on wildlife values will not be permitted, including unattended line fishing, all types of netting and spear fishing.

### *Murray Reef Special Purpose (Scientific Reference) Zone*

The primary purpose of this zone is to provide an area where relatively natural, undisturbed processes can be studied free of significant human influence. This zone covers approximately three per cent of the marine park and provides the opportunity to improve the understanding of the marine park's ecology and to obtain scientific data that can be used to determine the impacts of extractive activities or other environmental impacts that are occurring in other areas of the marine park.

All extractive activities, except for commercial and recreational rock lobster fishing, will be excluded from this zone. Rock lobster fishing should not compromise the aim of the zone as the fishery targets one species, involves minimal by-catch or habitat destruction and has a high level of management. However, it is also recognised that the flow-on effects of rock lobster fishing (such as how removing this species will affect other species or the environment) are unknown at present and these will be investigated. The effectiveness of this zone will then be reviewed on the completion of relevant research and monitoring.

Proposals and activities that do not cause significant changes to water quality, to the key marine habitats or to the diversity and abundance of flora and fauna will, in general, also be permitted.



### *General Use Zone*

This zone comprises approximately 84 per cent or 5474 ha of the marine park. Conservation is the primary purpose of the zone but all activities that are compatible with the marine park's values are permitted. These include sustainable commercial and recreational fishing, aquaculture, pearling and petroleum exploration and production.





## How can I use and enjoy the area?

Most existing activities will continue within the marine park but there will be some restrictions to some activities in some areas.

### *Recreational uses*

Recreational uses in the marine park will be managed to maintain the marine biodiversity of the area and to ensure visitor experiences are not diminished by human activities.

The marine park offers excellent opportunities to 'get on or in the water' with good shelter afforded by the bays and islands. Recreational boating, swimming, snorkelling, windsurfing and sailing and other non-motorised boating are all popular activities and they are allowed in all areas of the marine park.

### *Recreational and commercial fishing*

Recreational and commercial fishing are important activities that occur in the marine park, and in recognition of this, are allowed in over 84 per cent of the marine park.

Boundaries of sanctuary and special purpose zones have been located, where possible, to minimise the potential impact on recreational and commercial activities. Most fishing can still occur in the Shoalwater Bay Special Purpose (Wildlife Conservation) Zone, and recreational and commercial rock lobster fishing can still occur in the Murray Reef Special Purpose (Scientific

Reference) Zone. No fishing or other extractive activities are allowed in sanctuary zones.

Recreational and commercial fishing are still subject to bag and size limits, gear restrictions and licensing by the Department of Fisheries.

### *The 'West Coast Dive Park'*

In May 2005, the former trawler the *Saxon Ranger* was sunk in the waters of Warnbro Sound and, in conjunction with existing wrecks, forms part of the 'West Coast Dive Park'. To maintain and enhance wreck diving opportunities, the *Saxon Ranger* dive site was declared:

- a restricted area at all times for the purposes of the cleaning of fish, the anchoring of vessels, and the operation of vessels;
- a fishing exclusion zone; and
- a boating restricted area.

Should any further additions to the 'West Coast Dive Park' be proposed, it is the intention of the DEC to replicate these management arrangements. Any proposals will be subject to an environmental impact assessment and the approvals process as stipulated under State and Commonwealth legislation.



## Management issues on which we would like your feedback

A number of issues were raised through the planning process that have the potential to affect the way you use areas of the marine park. These issues are listed below.

### *Boat and water sport use*

The main concerns regarding boating and water sports are disturbance of flora and fauna and conflict between users. Australian sea lions and little penguins are species of concern within the marine park and physical disturbance through noise, vessel activity and boat strikes, are thought to be a current pressure to the local populations. Disturbance to nesting or roosting seabirds, shorebirds and migratory waders is also a concern. To provide additional protection to these species, it is proposed to restrict:

- water-skiing/parasailing and high-speed freestyle motorised water sports in the Shoalwater Bay Special Purpose (Wildlife Conservation) Zone. This will include removal of the Shoalwater Bay water-ski area;
- water-skiing/parasailing and high-speed freestyle motorised water sports in sanctuary zones;
- vessel speed to eight knots within the Shoalwater Bay Special Purpose (Wildlife Conservation) Zone and sanctuary zones when within a minimum of 200 metres of island or mainland shores; and
- kite-surfers and windsurfers will be encouraged to comply with the above speed restrictions where feasible. Additional spatial controls for commercial and/or recreational kite-surfing and windsurfing may be required during the life of the plan.



A review of the boundaries of the Safety Bay water ski area is also proposed. High-speed freestyle motorised water sports is defined as using a personal watercraft in a manner that is characterised by high-speed and erratic or irregular driving such as driving in a circle or other pattern and/or weaving or diverting.

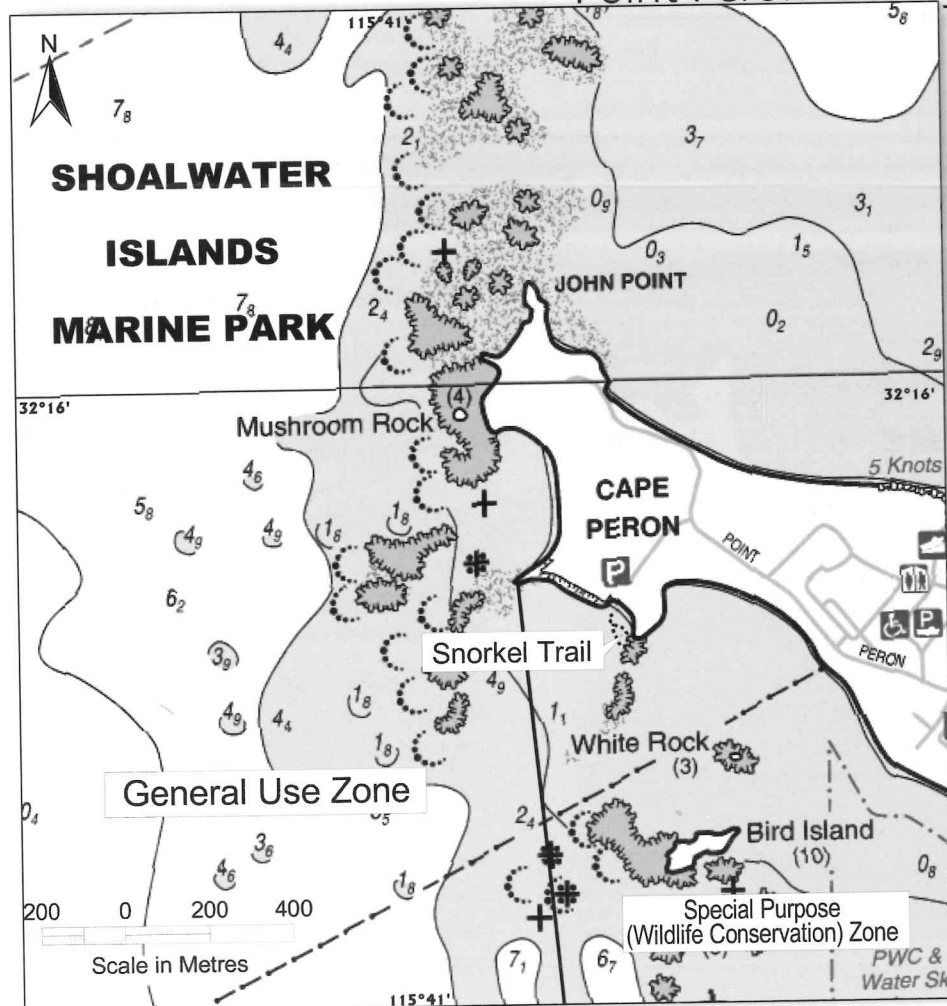
### *Additional protection for the Point Peron area*

The Point Peron area is popular for shore-based snorkelling and swimming and a snorkel trail has been installed. The area has significant value for tourism and recreation. The area is also important for education and scientific uses, being an ideal 'outdoor classroom' for students of all ages to learn about the marine and coastal environment. The area is also popular for recreational fishing, as well as other beach and boat based recreational activities. Commercial rock lobster fishing occurs further offshore.

Some extractive activities in this area may be incompatible with the snorkel trail's aim of providing an accessible nature appreciation experience and also with the tourism, educational and scientific study values of the general Point Peron area. Separation of these potentially conflicting uses may be desirable and the creation of a sanctuary zone is one possible mechanism to achieve this. The location and design of a sanctuary zone could provide for a level of shore-based fishing to continue given Point Peron's popularity for recreational fishing.

From a conservation perspective, the establishment of additional sanctuary zones to more fully represent the range of habitats found within the marine park would be beneficial. Consequently, the Government is seeking your feedback on the possible future establishment of a sanctuary zone in the general Point Peron area.

### Point Peron locality





## How to make a submission

The *Shoalwater Islands Marine Park Draft Management Plan* has been released for a three-month public submission period, closing on **Friday 27 October 2006**.

Copies of the plan can be obtained from DEC offices at Wanneroo, Fremantle and Kensington. Copies of the draft management plan can also be inspected at the office and libraries of the City of Rockingham.

The plan is also available online at DEC's website at [www.naturebase.net/haveyoursay](http://www.naturebase.net/haveyoursay).

All submissions are welcome and every submission is important. To make a submission you can:

- Complete the submission form in this brochure and fold it so that the return address panel is on the outside, and post it. No stamp is required. Please include additional sheets if there is insufficient space.
- OR, send your submission electronically, either by completing the submission form online ([www.naturebase.net/haveyoursay](http://www.naturebase.net/haveyoursay)), or by emailing [shoalwater@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:shoalwater@dec.wa.gov.au).
- OR, write a letter and mail it to the:

Plan Coordinator  
Shoalwater Islands Marine Park Draft Management Plan  
Marine Policy and Planning Branch  
Department of Environment and Conservation  
47 Henry St  
Fremantle WA 6160

## The closing date for submissions is **FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2006**

If you would like additional information or assistance to complete your submission, please contact the Plan Coordinator at DEC's Marine Policy and Planning Branch by telephoning (08) 9336 0100.

Information and assistance can also be obtained from the Swan Coastal District Office located on 5 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo, (08) 9405 0700.



## What happens next?

At the end of the public submission period all submissions received will be reviewed and, where appropriate, the MPRA may make recommendations to the Minister for the Environment to amend the draft management plan based on feedback from the community.

The Minister for the Environment will then seek endorsement of the management plan from the Ministers for Resources, Tourism and Fisheries. Once finalised, a summary of the public submissions will be made available to the community.



## Uses permitted in each proposed zone of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park

ACTIVITY	General Use Zone (approx. 84%)	Special Purpose Zone (wildlife conservation) (approx. 7%)	Special Purpose Zone (scientific reference) (approx. 3%)	Sanctuary Zone (approx. 6%)
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>				
Commercial rock lobster fishing	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	No
Commercial south-west trawl fishery	Yes (a)	No	No	No
Commercial trolling	Yes (a)	No	No	No
Aquaculture	Yes (a)	No	No	No
Commercial crabbing	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	No	No
Commercial octopus pots	Yes (a)	No	No	No
Commercial abalone fishing	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	No	No
Commercial specimen shell collecting	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	No	No
Commercial aquarium collecting	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	No	No
Commercial line fishing	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	No	No
Long-line/drop line fishing	Yes (a)	No	No	No
Commercial netting	Yes (a)	No	No	No
Charter vessels — non-fishing	Yes (b)	Yes (b)	Yes (b)	Yes (b)
Charter vessels — fishing	Yes (g)	Yes (g)	No	No
Mineral and petroleum exploration and development	Assess	Assess	No	No
<b>RECREATIONAL</b>				
Swimming/snorkelling/diving	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Motorised boating	Yes (e)	Yes (c)(e)	Yes (e)	Yes (c)(e)
Non-motorised boating (including sailing, kayaking)	Yes (e)	Yes (c)(e)	Yes (e)	Yes (c)(e)
Windsurfing/kite surfing	Yes (e)	Yes (e)	Yes (e)	Yes (c)(e)
Water-skiing/parasailing; high-speed freestyle motorised water sports <sup>1</sup>	Yes (e)	No	No	No
Recreational rod and line fishing	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	No	No
Recreational trolling	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	No	No
Recreational rock lobster fishing	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	No
Recreational abalone fishing	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	No	No
Recreational crabbing	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	No	No
Recreational octopus pots	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	No	No
Recreational haul and throw netting	Yes (a)	No	No	No
Recreational set netting	No	No	No	No
Recreational aquarium fish/specimen shell collecting	No	No	No	No
Spearfishing	Yes (a)	No	No	No
Spearfishing — compressed air	No	No	No	No
Anchoring	Yes (e)	Yes (e, f)	Yes (e, f)	Yes (e, f)
Wildlife interaction	Yes (b)	Yes (b)	Yes (b)	Yes (b)
<b>STRUCTURES AND DEVELOPMENT</b>				
Licensed moorings	Yes (d)	Yes (d)	Yes (d)	Yes (d)
Groynes, jetties, structures	Assess	Assess	No	No
Dredging	Assess	Assess	No	No
Blasting	Assess	Assess	No	No
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>				
Research (fish)	Yes (a, b)	Yes (a, b)	Yes (a, b)	Yes (a, b)
Research (other)	Yes (b)	Yes (b)	Yes (b)	Yes (b)
Educational activities	Yes (b)	Yes (b)	Yes (b)	Yes (b)

<sup>1</sup> High-speed freestyle motorised water sports is defined as using a personal watercraft in a manner that is characterised by high-speed and erratic or irregular driving such as driving in a circle or other pattern and/or weaving or diverting.

a) Subject to licence / provisions under the FRM Act.

b) Subject to licence / provisions under the CALM Act and/or WC Act.

c) Subject to an 8 knot speed limit within 200 m of mainland and island shores.

d) Consideration will be given for moorings on the basis of environmental protection, public safety and the provision of essential services.

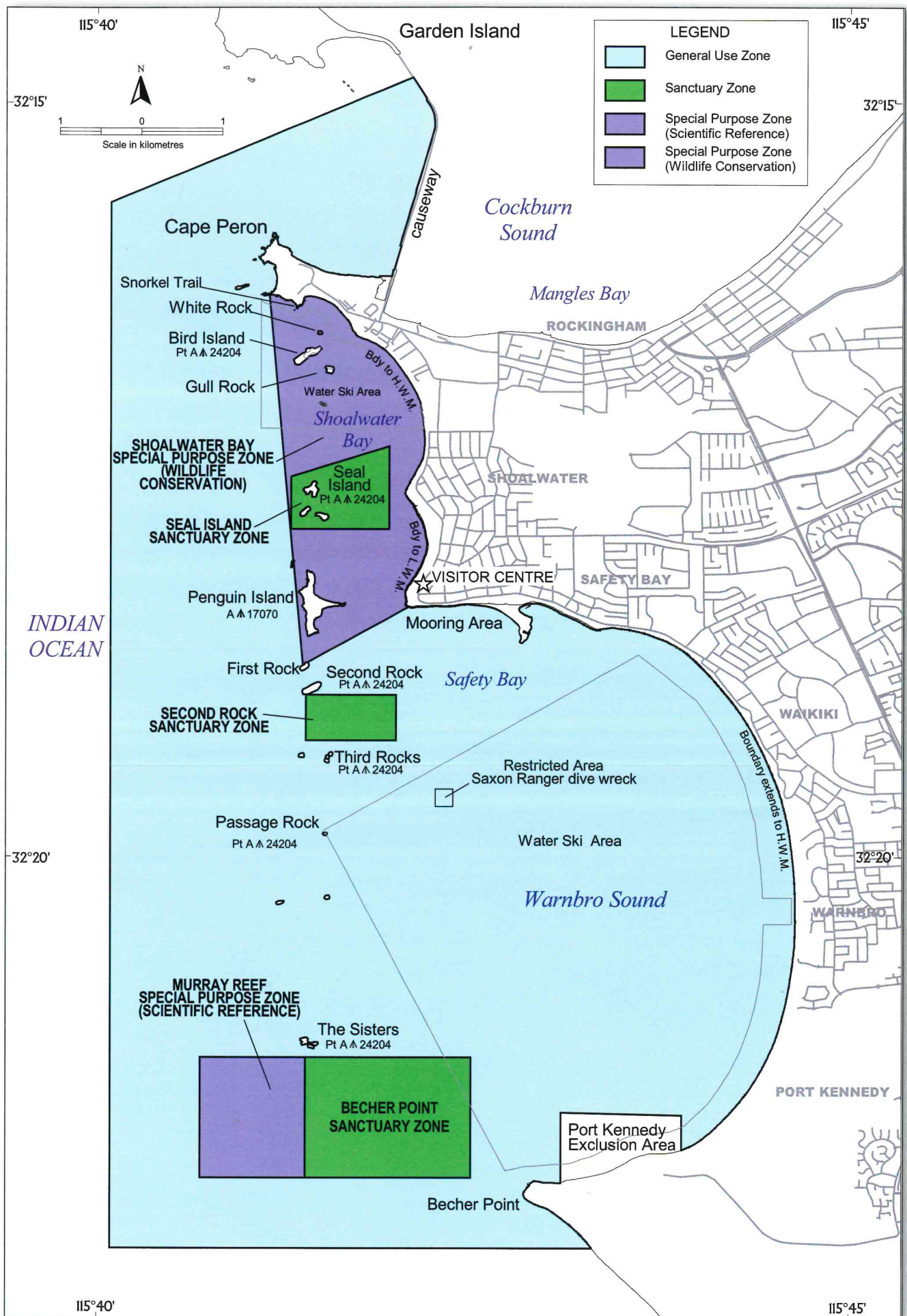
DEC and DPI approval required.

e) Restrictions on vessel type, speed and anchoring may be introduced in consultation with the community and major users where vessels are impacting on the ecological and/or social values of an area.

f) Long term anchoring (overnight stays) are actively discouraged.

g) Subject to a DoF permit.

# Zoning scheme of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park









# Shoalwater Islands Marine Park Draft Management Plan



Department of  
Environment and Conservation

**MPRA**

## Have Your Say

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and the Marine Parks and Reserve Authority has prepared, in consultation with local communities and other interested parties, a draft management plan for the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. This management plan specifies how the park will be managed into the future. Your suggestions and comments are important to us, and we encourage you to make a submission to DEC regarding your thoughts on the draft management plan.

## How to make a submission

To submit your comments on the draft management plan, please complete this form, fold as per instructions and post reply paid to DEC. Alternatively, you can submit your comments electronically at [www.naturebase.net](http://www.naturebase.net) or you can email your comments to [shoalwater@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:shoalwater@dec.wa.gov.au)

**Fold here**

## How to complete the submission form

To complete the submission form you will need a copy of the 'Have Your Say' brochure, which includes the proposed zoning maps. If you would like to make more detailed comments on the individual strategies to protect the ecological and social values of the park, you will need a copy of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park Draft Management Plan. Copies of the management plan and the 'Have Your Say' brochure are available at local DEC offices or on the DEC website, [www.naturebase.net](http://www.naturebase.net).

Thank you for giving us your time and information.

Please follow the folding instructions on this page, staple and post free of charge.

**Submissions must be received by Friday 27 October 2006**

Office use only

--	--	--	--

**Fold here**

No stamp required  
if posted in Australia



**Shoalwater – Have Your Say**  
**Reply Paid 62341**  
**Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983**

**Fasten here**



# 1. Your primary interests

What are your main interests/activities in the marine park:  
Please number your **three** most important activities 1–3; 1 = most important

☐ Swimming/snorkelling

☐ Scuba diving

☐ Recreational boating/sailing

☐ Recreational fishing

☐ Water-skiing/parasailing;  
high- speed freestyle motorised  
water sport

☐ Mining/exploration/production

☐ Commercial fishing  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Shipping/ports/marinas

☐ Tourism industry

☐ Sightseeing/tourist

☐ Indigenous use

☐ Conservation

☐ Research

☐ Other (please specify)  
\_\_\_\_\_

# 2. Zoning

An overview of the zoning scheme and its development is included in the ‘Have Your Say’ brochure. While the zoning scheme was derived primarily through consultation with stakeholders that included representative bodies, interest groups, community groups and a community-based Focus Group, there may still be areas where you could recommend changes to the scheme. Have a look at the map and please tell us what **CHANGES** you would like to see made to areas and why you believe such changes are necessary, being specific in your answers.

Zone name	Level of support	What changes you would like to see made to the zone?	Why you would like these changes made?
Seal Island Sanctuary Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Don't support <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Would support if some changes were made		
Second Rock Sanctuary Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Don't support <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Would support if some changes were made		
Becher Point Sanctuary Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Don't support <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Would support if some changes were made		
Shoalwater Bay Special Purpose (Wildlife Conservation) Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Don't support <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Would support if some changes were made		
Murray Reef Special Purpose (Scientific Reference) Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Don't support <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Would support if some changes were made		
General Use Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Don't support <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Would support if some changes were made		

Do you have any other comments relating to the zoning scheme for the marine park?

---

---

---

---

# 3. Overall comment on the Draft Management Plan

The purpose of the draft management plan is to provide a framework for the conservation of the marine park’s environment and its inherent educational and scientific values, while providing opportunities for uses such as recreation, nature appreciation, tourism and fishing to occur in a sustainable manner.

Overall, what sort of balance between use and conservation do you think the draft management plan achieves?

☐ Significantly more emphasis on conservation required

☐ More emphasis on conservation required

☐ Good balance

☐ More emphasis on use and access required

☐ Significantly more emphasis on use and access required

## 4. Additional issues on which we would like feedback

This 'Have Your Say' brochure discusses some management issues on which we would like to gain specific feedback, alternative suggestions or ways to improve management of the issue.

### 4.1 Removal of water-skiing/parasailing and high-speed freestyle motorised water sports from the Shoalwater Bay Special Purpose (Wildlife Conservation) Zone and sanctuary zones.

Do you think that these activities should be removed from these areas? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
What alternative suggestions or comments do you have regarding this strategy?

---

---

---

### 4.2 Speed limit of eight knots within 200 m of islands and mainland foreshores in the Shoalwater Bay Special Purpose (Wildlife Conservation) Zone and sanctuary zones.

Do you think these restrictions should be applied in these areas? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
What alternative suggestions or comments do you have regarding this strategy?

---

---

---

### 4.3 Additional protection in the general Point Peron area

Do you think a sanctuary zone in the general Point Peron area is required? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
What area or areas would you suggest require further protection?

---

---

---

## 5. Other comment

Do you have any other comments you would like to make on the draft management plan?

---

---

---

## 6. Contact details:

Please **PRINT**. Required fields are marked with an asterisk\*. Anonymous submissions will not be considered.

Name:	<input type="text" value="Mr"/>	<input type="text" value="Ms"/>	<input type="text" value="Ms"/>	Other: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	*
Postal Address: <input type="text"/>						*
Post code: <input type="text"/>						*

Telephone:  Email:

Is this submission the official submission of an organisation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Organisation name:

Position (if applicable):  Number of people represented by submission:

Personal information collected by the DEC is protected by the provisions of the *Privacy Act 1988* and will only be used to assist the DEC in the management of the marine park.