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Myth busting the proposed South Coast Marine Park

Will I need to register or pay to visit the marine park?

No.

Will I still be able to drive and camp along the beach?

Yes. You will still be able to drive, camp or have a campfire on the beach anywhere these activities are currently allowed.

Will I be able to take my dog into the proposed marine park?

Yes. You will be able to continue to bring dogs to any beaches where they are currently permitted. In marine park waters dogs are required to stay on boats so they do not interact with marine life.

Can I fish in the proposed marine park?

Yes. You will be able to fish in 75% of the waters of the proposed South Coast Marine Park. Recreational fishing will not be allowed in sanctuary zones.

Will I still be able to fish from the beach?

Yes. Shore fishing from the beach will be permitted along 78% of the proposed marine park coastline.

If a sanctuary zone is proposed for a popular beach fishing spot, let us know in your submission. Consideration can then be given to moving the sanctuary zone 200 metres offshore to allow recreational fishing to continue from and close to the shore.

Can uses in the cultural protection zones be changed after the proposed marine park has been created?

No. The only way uses could be changed would involve amending the approved management plan, which would also mean a new public submission process.





You can still drive on the beach.



You can keep bringing your dog.



You can fish from the beach along 78% of the marine park coastline.











Can I travel through or anchor in a sanctuary zone if I have fishing rods or fish on board?

Yes, anchoring is permitted in sanctuary zones. You may have fish and fishing rods on board, but fishing gear must be stowed. You may not fish in sanctuary zones.

Can beach access and/or waters be closed temporarily or seasonally (e.g. due to poor weather, whale migrations, seasonal values etc)?

No temporary or seasonal closures are currently proposed in the waters of the marine park. Beach access arrangements are a matter for the relevant land manager.

Can I use a drone in a marine park?

Yes. Personal drones are permitted in marine parks, subject to Civil Aviation Safety Authority regulations. Fishing with drones is permitted in general use and some special purpose zones. Commercial drones require a license from DBCA.

Will there be additional restrictions on spearfishing?

Spearfishing will be permitted anywhere line fishing is allowed (75% of the proposed marine park).

Will charter boats require additional approvals to operate in the marine park?

Yes. Anyone operating a tourism business in lands and waters managed by DBCA requires a commercial operations licence.

More information

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Have Your Say on the proposed **South Coast Marine Park**

Public comment is open for four months, until Sunday 16 June 2024.

Download the plans and make an online submission at: **dbca.wa.gov.au/pscmp**

Your feedback is important and will further shape how the proposed marine park will be managed into the future.