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PROPOSED SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK NEWSLETTER

The Government of Western Australia acknowledges the traditional owners throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.

In particular, DBCA and DPIRD acknowledge the traditional owners and native title holders in the study area for the proposed south coast marine park; the Wudjari People, Wagyl Kaip Southern Noongar, Ngadju People and WA Mirning People.

Community Reference Committee for the Proposed South Coast Marine Park

Meeting Three Communique 15-16 June, Esperance Bay Yacht Club

The Community Reference Committee for the proposed South Coast Marine Park (CRC) held their third meeting on 15-16 June 2022 in Esperance. The meeting was attended by Traditional Owner joint management partners (Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation), Ngadju Native Title Aboriginal Corporation, Sector Advisory Group (SAG) Chairs, and staff from the Departments of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DCBA) and Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). The meeting was chaired by Mr Kris Starcevich, Goldfields Esperance Development Commission CEO, in the absence of the Chair, Hon Francis Logan.

Acknowledgement of country was conducted by Mr Kris Starcevich.

The focus of the third meeting included:

- discussion on the Community Engagement Strategy – the Six Month Functional Review prepared by an external consultant. The outcomes from the review were considered by the CRC and are now being

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implemented, including greater participation of the SAG chairs
CRC del... CRC advice on key elements of the management plan including the draft vision,
strategic objectives and marine park values

- a presentation from ETNTAC on cultural values and management aspirations
- a workshop session on key management considerations for marine park values
- presentation, discussion and CRC advice on the process for developing the draft zoning arrangements
- discussion on the spatial data available and gaps for developing the draft zoning.

There were discussions on the process for the ongoing engagement of the broader community on marine park matters. The CRC highlighted the importance of engaging all sectors of the community and provided comment and suggestions on how the process could be improved.

The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for 31st August 2022.



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Top: Southern right whales by Dave and Fiona Harvey

Left to right: Sea star by Peter Nicholas. Boat by Black Jack Charters. Snorkelling at Woody Island by Tourism WA. Leafy seadragon by Peter Nicholas. Fishing on the south coast by Tourism WA



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