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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 Four Communique

**31 August - 1 September, Bremer Bay Sports Club**

The Community Reference Committee for the proposed South Coast Marine Park (CRC) held their fourth meeting on 31 August – 1 September 2022 in Bremer Bay. The meeting was attended by Traditional Owner joint management partners Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation, Wagyl Kaip Aboriginal Corporation, Ngadju Native Title Aboriginal Corporation, Sector Advisory Group (SAG) Chairs, and staff from the Departments of Biodiversity, Conservations and Attractions (DBCA) and Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). The meeting was chaired by the Hon Francis Logan.

Welcome to Wagyl Kaip Boodja was conducted by Wagyl Kaip Elders Carol Pettersen and Iris Woods.

The Hon Reece Whitby, Minister for the Environment, addressed the meeting online and took questions from attendees.

The focus of the fourth meeting included:

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on areas of high ecological and socio-economic value in the Proposed South Coast Marine Park. CRC Members and SAG Chairs noted areas for further discussion regarding ecological and socio-economic values;

- Draft design principles for cultural values were presented and will be refined with Traditional Owners as engagement continues;
- ETNTAC provided an update on cultural values and recent work on management planning activities; and
- The CRC provided a number of recommendations.

DBCA staff informed the CRC about how the information gathered during CRC meeting four would be used to inform zoning discussions at the next meeting; and how the CRC will be engaged in future discussions regarding zoning options.

The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for 30th November 2022 in Esperance.

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#### Photos in header image:

**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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