Western Australia’s pristine waters provide great potential for sustainable commercial aquaculture, particularly with marine finfish and shellfish species.

This gives us an exciting opportunity to develop a sector that can supply a large share of high-value seafood to world markets.

With this in mind, to promote the development of large-scale marine finfish aquaculture, the State Government has created two zones, each providing an ‘investment ready’ platform for aquaculture ventures.

The zone system allows us to grant approvals quickly at low cost so that businesses can start with minimal delay.

To streamline the process, we first secure approval for the whole zone for aquaculture, based on a strategic assessment of potential environmental impacts. Once the zone is operating, we will carefully manage it to minimise any biosecurity risk and improve operating efficiency.

The expansion of the aquaculture sector will be a springboard for major economic and social benefits including greater diversity for regional industry and more jobs.
Mid West Aquaculture Development Zone
The Mid West Aquaculture Development Zone is located across an area of open water between Geraldton and the southern region of the Abrolhos Islands group. The 3,000 hectare zone is comprised of two parts, a northern area of 2,200 hectares and a southern area of 800 hectares, as shown on the Mid West Aquaculture Development Zone map.
The southern area of the zone is subject to an existing aquaculture licence. The Department is currently assessing applications for licences and leases within the zone.

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