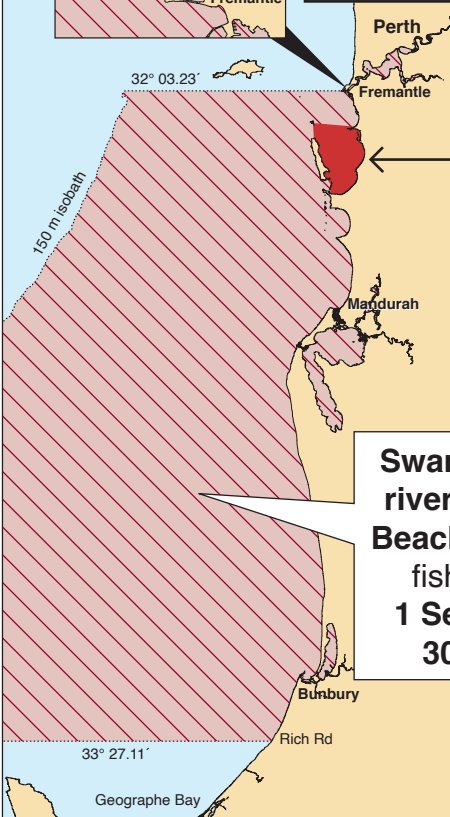
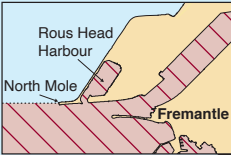
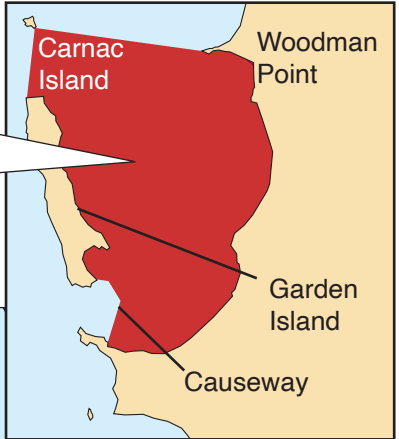


West coast region crab closures

Cockburn Sound closed to crab fishing year round



Swan and Canning rivers to Minninup Beach closed to crab fishing between 1 September and 30 November

Research has shown a significant decline in the number of crabs in Cockburn Sound due to environmental and biological factors.

To protect blue swimmer crab breeding stock, the Cockburn Sound crab fishery is closed until further notice. The fishery will be closely monitored to check the progress of recovery.

Please note all waters from the Swan and Canning rivers to Minninup Beach (15km south of Bunbury) are also closed to crab fishing between 1 September and 30 November each year to help protect breeding stock.

The areas closed to recreational crab fishing are shown on the map overleaf. It is illegal to fish for blue swimmer crabs or be in possession of blue swimmer crabs in closed areas during closed seasons.

You can play your part in ensuring we have crabs for the future by sticking to the rules and not fishing in the closed areas.

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