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# South-west freshwater angling

Recreational fishing guide **2017/18**



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freshwater fish south of Greenough

Please note:

**NEW** South-west freshwater angling  
season is now open all-year round.

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## Fishing licences

A Freshwater Angling Licence is required to fish for freshwater fish in waters south of Greenough (29°S) and above the tidal influence, including all lakes, dams, rivers and their tributaries.

The licence fee is \$45 per year or \$22.50 concession and covers a 12-month period from the date of issue. Anglers under the age of 16 do not require a Freshwater Angling Licence.

Fishers wishing to fish for marron need a marron licence.

Apply for a new licence, or renew an existing licence online at our website. Alternatively, application forms are available from our offices and the website at [www.fish.wa.gov.au](http://www.fish.wa.gov.au)

## Closed waters

No fishing is permitted in the Shannon River at any time.

All drinking water supply dams managed by the Water Corporation are closed to fishing. Please contact the Water Corporation for details or visit [www.watercorporation.com.au](http://www.watercorporation.com.au)

## Fishing methods

Anglers fishing for freshwater fish (including brown and rainbow trout, freshwater cobbler and redfin perch) may only use a fishing rod and line or a hand-held line.

The use of both lures and bait is permitted.

Landing net restrictions apply. Anglers may possess only a short-handled (maximum 500 mm) net within 50 m of the waterline of most dams and rivers all year round. This is to

protect marron, which may only be taken from 8 January to 5 February annually using specific gear. Refer to the marron recreational fishing guide for permitted fishing methods.

## Bag and size limits

### Daily mixed species bag limit, per angler

You may take four fish (combined) of the following species:



- rainbow trout;
- brown trout; and
- freshwater cobbler.

‘Daily’ means from midnight to midnight.

### Minimum size

- Trout, rainbow and brown: 300 mm
- Other species (redfin perch): no size limit

Fish smaller than the minimum size must be gently returned to the water immediately.

There are no bag or size limits for other freshwater fish.

To help keep WA waters pest free, please thoroughly clean and dry all fishing and wading gear before fishing in another waterway. Pest species such as carp, goldfish, tilapia and other cichlids and redfin perch destroy habitat and prey on juvenile marron and native freshwater fish. It is recommended that they are not returned to the water and are humanely euthanised, with dead fish NOT left on the shore.

For more information visit our website at [www.fish.wa.gov.au](http://www.fish.wa.gov.au) or download our recreational fishing guide at [www.fish.wa.gov.au/guide](http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/guide)

## Follow the rules

All fishing may be subject to surveillance by Fisheries and Marine Officers. If you break recreational fishing rules you may be given an infringement notice or have legal action taken against you. Fines may be as high as \$5,000 plus up to 10 times the prescribed value of the species.

## About this guide

This publication is to provide assistance or information. It is only a guide and does not replace the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* or the *Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995*. It cannot be used as a defence in a court of law. The information provided is current at the date of printing but may be subject to change.

For the most up-to-date information on fishing and full details of legislation contact your local Fisheries office or visit **[www.fish.wa.gov.au](http://www.fish.wa.gov.au)**

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