

LALANG-GARRAM / CAMDEN SOUND MARINE PARK FISHING PROHIBITIONS INTRODUCED - Q&As

The Lalang-garram/Camden Sound Marine Park (LCSMP) was created under the State Government's Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy. The marine park aims to protect and manage the regions natural and cultural values for future generations, while allowing opportunities for sustainable use, including fishing and tourism.

Along with the existing Lalang-garram/Horizontal Falls, North Lalang-garram and North Kimberley marine parks, the LCSMP will eventually form part of the Great Kimberley Marine Park which will become the largest marine park in WA, extending from Talbot Bay to the Northern Territory border, covering about three million hectares.

What is the current status of the marine park?

On 28 February 2020, the LCSMP zoning scheme was gazetted under section 62 of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act). Following gazettal of the zoning scheme, legislation is made under the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* (FRMA) to give effect to any fishing prohibitions in the marine park.

When will the fishing prohibitions be introduced?

The 12-month transitional arrangement ends on **11 June 2022** and fishing prohibitions in the LCSMP will take effect on this date.

When can I apply for compensation?

Commercial fishers

The gazettal of a marine park zoning scheme under the CALM Act is a relevant event that may trigger an entitlement to compensation under the *Fishing and Related Industries Compensation Marine Reserves Act 1997* (FRICMA). The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) will be in contact with licence holders in relevant commercial fisheries in due course regarding the compensation process.

Recreational fishers and fishing tour operators

Recreational fishers and fishing tour operators are not eligible for compensation under the FRICMA. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is working to consider a policy and process to guide decisions on possible compensation for fishing tour operators. Recreational fishers and fishing tour operators who are concerned over management arrangements within the LHFMP should contact Recfishwest (www.recfishwest.org.au/contact-us) in the first instance.

Where can I find information on the zoning scheme, permitted activities and zone coordinates?

The final approved LCSMP zoning map and permitted uses table are at *Attachment 1* and can also be found within the management plan on the Parks and Wildlife Service website at www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/parks/management-plans/approved-management-plans.

The LCSMP will include:

- two no-take sanctuary zones covering approximately 19% of the marine park;
- a special purpose zone (whale conservation) covering approximately 24% of the marine park – all fishing will be permitted in this area except commercial trawling and commercial coral, live rock and sand collection;

- a special purpose zone (wilderness conservation) covering approximately 3% of the marine park – special recreational fishing rules apply that allow a personal possession limit of one fish, or two fillets of fish (baitfish excepted);
- a special purpose zone (pearling) covering approximately 8% of the marine park – all fishing will be permitted in this area except commercial coral, live rock and sand collection; and
- four general use zones covering the remaining 46% of the marine park - all existing fishing and pearling activities will be permitted to continue in accordance with the FRMA and the *Pearling Act 1990*.

Zone coordinates can be found on the zoning map at *Attachment 1* and within the marine park brochure which can be downloaded from the Parks and Wildlife Service website (<https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park/lalang-garramcamden-sound>).

Where can I find out more information?

Further information about the LCSMP is available on the Parks and Wildlife Service website (www.dbca.wa.gov.au) and DPIRD's website (www.fish.wa.gov.au).

If you have any general marine park queries, please contact Jess Ngeh on 6551 4431 or email Jessica.Ngeh@dpiird.wa.gov.au.

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