

LALANG-GARRAM / HORIZONTAL FALLS MARINE PARK AND NORTH LALANG-GARRAM MARINE PARK FISHING PROHIBITIONS INTRODUCED - Q&As

The Lalang-garram/Horizontal Falls Marine Park (LHFMP) and the North Lalang-garram Marine Park (NLMP) were created under the State Government's Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy. The marine parks aim 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/Camden Sound and North Kimberley marine parks, the LHFMP and the NLMP 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 parks?

On 13 July 2018 and 24 December 2019, the LHFMP and NLMP zoning schemes were gazetted under section 62 of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act) respectively. Following gazettal of the zoning schemes, legislation is made under the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* (FRMA) to give effect to any fishing prohibitions in the marine parks.

When will the fishing prohibitions be introduced?

Fishing prohibitions in the LHFMP will take effect under the FRMA on **11 June 2022** following the end of the 12-month transition period.

The NLMP is zoned entirely general use, meaning there will be no changes to fishing arrangements and existing fishing activities in the NLMP can continue in accordance with the FRMA.

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 schemes, permitted activities and zone coordinates?

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The final approved LHFMP and NLMP zoning maps 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 LHFMP will include:

- eight no-take sanctuary zones covering approximately 24% of the marine park;
- three special purpose zones (recreation and conservation) covering approximately 8% of the marine park – all fishing will be permitted in these areas except commercial trawling and commercial gillnetting; and
- a general use zone covering the remaining 68% of the marine park where all existing fishing and pearling activities will be permitted to continue in accordance with the FRMA and the *Pearling Act 1990*.

The NLMP will be zoned entirely general use, meaning existing fishing activities in this area can continue in accordance with the FRMA.

Zone coordinates can be found in the zoning map at *Attachment 1* and within the LHFMP and NLMP brochures which can be downloaded from the Parks and Wildlife Service website (<https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park/lalang-garramhorizontal-falls> and <https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park/north-lalang-garram>).

Where can I find out more information?

Further information about the LHFMP and NLMP 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@dpird.wa.gov.au.

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