







# Recreational fishing seasons

2024												2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing not permitted	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Demersal Scalefish														
	West Coast Demersal Scalefish Note: this does not apply to land-based line fishers													
		Closes Feb 1*		Opens Mar 29*				Closes Aug 1*	Opens Sept 16*	Closes Oct 15*		Opens Dec 16*	Closes Feb 1*	
Baldchin groper - spawning closure														
	Abrolhos Islands Note: this species and location is included in the West Coast Bioregion (WCB) closure													
		Closes Feb 1*		Opens Mar 29*				Closes Aug 1*	Opens Sept 21*	Closes Oct 1*			Opens Jan 1*	Closes Feb 1*
Pink snapper - spawning closures														
	Northern Bernier Island													
						Closes June 1*			Opens Sep 1*					
	Eastern Gulf													
					Closes May 1*			Opens Aug 1*						
	Freycinet Estuary													
								Closes Aug 15*	Opens Oct 1*					
	Cockburn and Warnbro Sounds Note: this species and location is included in the WCB closure													
				Opens Mar 29*				Closes Aug 1*						
Blue swimmer crab														
	Swan River to Minninup Beach													
									Closes Sept 1*			Opens Dec 1*		
	Note: Cockburn Sound is closed to crab fishing year round													
Marron														
	Note: seasons open and close at 12 noon													
	Opens Jan 8*	Closes Feb 5*											Opens Jan 8*	Closes Feb 5*
Abalone and urchin														
	Metropolitan Zone Abalone													
	Open between 7.00am and 8.00am on Jan 13, Feb 3 & Feb 17 2024.													
	Southern Zone Abalone AND Northern and Southern Zone Urchin													
					Closes May 15*				Opens Oct 1*					
	Note: The area from Busselton Jetty to Shoal Cape is closed to greenlip abalone fishing year round													
	Open for four Saturdays between 7.00am and 8.00am throughout December to February. Dates TBC.													

\* inclusive

Accurate as of February 2024. This calendar will be updated annually. For maps and the most up-to-date information, visit:

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