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South-west freshwater angling

Recreational fishing guide 2020



A current licence is required to fish for 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 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 through the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) website. Alternatively, application forms are available from select DPIRD offices and the website.

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 watercorporation.com.au

Fishing methods

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

The use of both lures and bait is permitted.

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

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: 300mm
- 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 the DPIRD website or download our recreational fishing guide at **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

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For the most up-to-date information on fishing and full details of legislation contact select DPIRD offices or visit the website.

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