



New recreational fishing rules prohibiting the use of wire trace in the Perth metropolitan area

From 3 November 2023, recreational fishing with wire trace is prohibited at all Perth metropolitan beaches from Tim's Thicket Beach to Two Rocks north including the Swan-Canning Estuary.

Restrictions to manage fishing for large sharks in nearshore waters from Tim's Thicket Beach to Two Rocks north, including the Swan-Canning Estuary, will take effect on 3 November 2023.

Under the revised legislation, recreational fishers are not permitted to use wire trace while fishing within 800 metres of the coastal shoreline, and within all waters of the Swan and Canning rivers.

Prohibition on Fishing (Wire Trace) Order 2022

In 2022, the state government banned the use of wire traces when recreational fishing within 800 metres of the shore at Port and Leighton beaches through to South Cottesloe.

The *Prohibition on Fishing (Wire Trace) Order 2022* will now be extended to include all Perth metropolitan beaches and the Swan-Canning Estuary, following ongoing concerns around recreational shark fishing from the community and local councils.

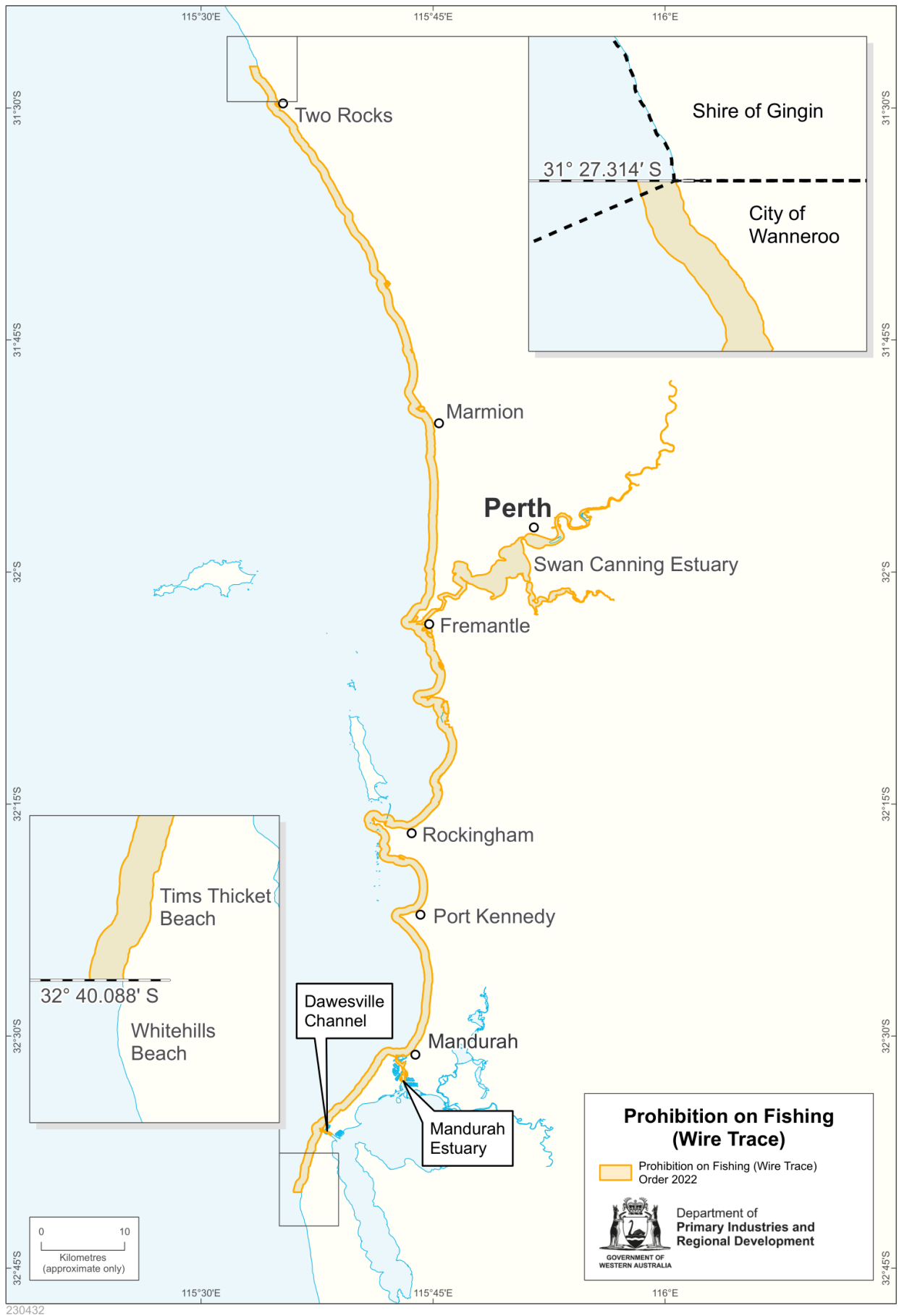
The prohibition applies from Tim's Thicket Beach to 5 kilometres north of Two Rocks, all waters of the Swan-Canning Estuary, and waters in the Dawesville Channel and Mandurah Estuary up to Port Bouvard Bridge and Mandurah Estuary Bridge. The Peel-Harvey Estuary is not included.

Recreational shark fishing

Recreational fishing for large sharks at popular beaches is incompatible with other recreational activities such as swimming and surfing.

Targeting and landing large sharks close to shore, poses a risk to other water users and the public, and can impact the wellbeing of released sharks, including protected shark species.

Fishers are encouraged to speak with their local tackle shops to switch out the use of wire trace with other rig types and fishing techniques, or to explore the range of fishing options available for targeting other nearshore species.



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