



2005-2006 State Rock & Beach Championships 25th/26th March, 2006

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Recreational Fishing Code of Conduct

Our Fishery

Treat all fish humanely.

Quickly and correctly return unwanted or not legal catch into the water to maximise the chance of survival.

Take no more than your immediate needs.

Value your catch and keep it in good condition for eating.

Understand and observe all fishing regulations.

Use only legal fishing tackle and attend your gear.

Support and encourage activities which maintain, restore and enhance fisheries and fish habitats.

The philosophy of "Catch and Release" should be considered.

Our Environment

Do not leave litter anywhere. Use rubbish bins when available, or take rubbish away with you to prevent pollution and to protect wildlife.

Wherever you go, leave the place clean and tidy, and take away other people's rubbish if that is possible.

Do not do anything that will or may damage the marine, coastal or land environment.

Our Community.

Respect local, state and national rules and laws, the rights of property owners, and the rights of others.

Observe the rules of common courtesy whenever fishing or travelling.

Try not to overcrowd and do leave room for fellow anglers.

Offer aid and assistance wherever it is needed or it would be helpful.

Inform and encourage other people to adopt a similar code of conduct.

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State Rock & Beach State Championships

Summary of the event

Where:	Jurien Bay	
When:	Saturday 25 th / Sunday 26 th March, 2006	
Headquarters:	Apex Holiday Park, Bashford St, Jurien	
Boundaries:	Southern jetty at Cervantes to northern point of Desperate Bay	
Registration:	11am to 12 noon, Saturday 25 th March at the Apex Holiday Park. Compulsory registration at this location between the nominated times is a requirement. Note that the organisers can make other arrangements for any participants that cannot make this time if organised prior to the event. Enquiries to the sub committee chairman.	
Briefing:	By a written set of Rules of the Day, issued at the time of registration.	
Lines Down:	2pm Saturday, 25 th March, 2006.	
Weigh in:	Sunday morning at the Apex Holiday Park commencing 10am.	
Species:	Species prizes will be awarded to the heaviest Whiting, Shark, Flathead, Mulloway, Tarwhine, Tailor, Herring, Gardie. If some of these are not caught, then the reserves are:- First reserve – Mackerel, Second reserve – Skippy, Third reserve - Snook.	
Entry fees:	Men and Ladies	\$12
	Juniors and Veterans	\$7

Principal Supporters of this event:-

Yallingup Beach Holiday Park, right on the beach at Yallingup.

General Information

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The Australian Angler's Association is an Incorporated body formed from its twenty six affiliated clubs. The governing body is comprised of Delegates nominated by affiliated clubs.

Your Association represents your club angling interests to the outside world.

It also runs Rock & Beach, Estuary, Dry Casting and Boat angling State Championship events each year for your enjoyment.

Points scored by your and your club in this event will automatically be entered as part of your score for the Association's Champion Angler and Champion Club events.

The Australian Angler's Association (WA Division)

encourages you to

Fish Responsibly

and to fish by the

Recreational Fishing Code of Conduct.

See page 2.

Beach & Rock and Estuary Chairman's Message

This booklet is the second that this subcommittee has produced for the Rock & Beach Championships. The main purpose of the book is to increase awareness of the event and hopefully increase participation. The organising committee has endeavoured to increase event participation and found it difficult to do so.

If you have any ideas to help, the subcommittee would be interested to hear your comments. What is good about the event? What is not? What could make it more attractive to other participants? Is there anything that you can offer to make it better?

It was apparent at the AAA National Championships at Yeppoon in Queensland last year that other States too are finding difficulties in holding participating numbers, so it is not a problem that we alone are trying to deal with.

I must point out that WA Department of Fisheries has made a few changes to the Recreational Fishing rules. The main change that affects a Beach event is the increase to the minimum size of Tarwhine or Silver Bream – now with a minimum size of 250 mm. This has been updated in the competition Fish List. Please read it and be familiar with the rules.

The subcommittee has made a change to the entry fees. The new fees are \$12 for Men and Ladies and \$7 for Veterans and the Junior divisions. The present fee structure has been in place since at least 1992, so I guess there is no need for any apologies.

Headquarters for this event is to be the APEX Holiday Park in Bashford St, Jurien. A number of cabins and dormitories are available that are suitable for your club's overnight accommodation. Bookings can be made by calling Margaret on 9652 1010. But be quick.

Don Cox

Chairman

Rock and Beach and Estuary Subcommittee

President's Message, State Rock & Beach Championships 2006

I would like to welcome all competitors and others on behalf of the WA Division of the Australian Anglers Association to the 2005/06 State Rock and Beach Championships. This event is organized by our Rock and Beach subcommittee whose efforts I know are appreciated, and we thank them for their time and energy in making this event possible.

For an event like this to be run successfully sponsorships is vital and we would like to thank our sponsors for their generous support. We request you promote our sponsors when appropriate and support their businesses and products whenever possible. We appreciate the assistance from the Apex Holiday Park in providing a venue and facilities for running these championships.

As in previous years, the Australian Anglers Association and Recfishwest have lobbied intensely for recreational fisherman around the State with regard to management of the fishery.

The current and coming activities in Marine Parks, in the Commercial Wetline Fishing Review, Integrated Fisheries Management and special management for the Metro Zone are critical for the future of recreational fishing by anglers such as you for some of the fish species which are so important to you.

The Association has seen only a small amount of interest over recent years from affiliated clubs in finding out what is going on and providing any ideas to help push the outcomes of these activities for the maximum benefit to or least impact on their members. Only a very small core of regular volunteers carries out most tasks.

I would like to request all clubs send delegates, pass on their concerns and volunteer assistance in their special areas of interest, because without this, your type of recreational fishing might lose badly. New blood and new ideas are what will keep us ahead and vibrant in the years to come.

Our Rock and Beach division's "maximum eight of each species" competition is a system which proves competition and sustainable fishing can be combined and enjoyed by all involved.

I believe that this involvement and companionship of people of all ages and walks of life is the main benefit such events bring to us. While learning about each other, we grow in our knowledge of a pastime we all enjoy and find fulfilling.

I wish you every success for this event, but most of all enjoy yourselves and have an excellent two days.

Nick Allsworth

Vice President, Australian Anglers Association (WA Division)

Rules of the Competition

General

Organisers

This event is organised by the Australian Angler's Association (WA Division) Inc. hereinafter referred to as The Association.

Purpose of the Event

This event is organised as a service by The Association for its members. Members of the public may not participate.

Fishing Year

The Association's fishing year runs from the first day of August in any year to the thirty-first day of July in the following year.

Disclaimer

All participants taking part in the event do so entirely at their own risk and The Association and/or the Organising Committee will not be held responsible for any injury, loss or damage sustained by any participant or any other persons to their person or effects.

Eligibility to Enter

Financial Status

To be eligible to enter the event, participants must be financial members of a club and the club must have current affiliation status with The Association.

Entry Fees

Participants are to pay the prescribed entry fee, as set by The Association from time to time. The fee is to be paid before the registration is accepted.

Registration Process

Participants must register by using the prescribed Registration Form. Participants are to present their completed registration form and payment to The Association's Registration Officer at the prescribed location and during the nominated time for the registration to be accepted. Provision may be made for participants to pre register. Pre registered participants will be required to confirm their registration at the event's Headquarters during the prescribed registration times and to be issued with briefing information.

Participants will be required to provide the following information on the form:

- Personal details
- Club membership
- Division that they will compete in
- Age declaration if participating in Junior, Mini Junior or Veterans divisions
- Any other information that The Association may determine to be required from time to time.

Divisional Structure

- Men's division is open to any male
- Ladies division is open to any female
- Mini Junior division is open to any participant who is less than twelve years old on the first day of August at the beginning of The Association's fishing year.
- Junior division is open to any participant who is less than sixteen years old on the first day of August at the beginning of The Association's fishing year.
- Veterans division is open to any participant who is over fifty five years old on the first day of August at the beginning of The Association's fishing year.

Acceptance of Applications

The organising committee has the jurisdiction to accept or reject any registration application.

Team Structure and Nominations

Clubs may nominate up to two teams in each division.

Team nominations are to be entered prior to the end of the Registration times. Late team nominations will not be accepted.

The men's team shall consist up to a maximum of seven competitors, but only the best six results shall count.

The ladies, veterans, junior and mini junior teams shall consist up to a maximum of four competitors, but only the best three results shall count.

Division Entered

Competitors may enter different divisions for team and individual events, subject to being eligible to enter the division, but may only enter in one team and one individual division.

Competition Rules

Boundaries

No competitor shall cast a line into waters outside of the boundaries as set for the event. The boundaries will be specified in the Rules of the Day sheet that shall be issued to all competitors at registration.

Penalty: disqualification

Lines Down Time

No competitor shall cast a rod or line into the water after the commencement of Registrations and before the nominated Lines Down time.

Penalty: Disqualification

Hooking and Landing

Competitors must hook and land their own fish. No assistance is permitted, except that for gaffing or net assistance. Handling of the participant's rod or line by the assistant or anyone else is not permitted.

Penalty: disqualification

Eligible Species

Only fish species listed on The Association's Rock & Beach and Estuary Fish List are permitted to be weighed.

Penalty: removal of unlisted fish from the bag

Catch Limits

A maximum of eight fish of any one species and a maximum total of fifty fish are permitted to be presented to the weigh in.

No bag shall exceed the one day bag limit as set by The Department of Fisheries (WA) (DoF)

Penalty: disqualification.

Size Limits

All fish shall be equal to or exceed DoF minimum sizes and where specified by DoF, be less than or equal to DoF maximum sizes. Where there is no DoF minimum size, then in accordance with a minimum size prescribed by The Association from time to time.

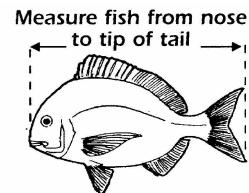
Fish that have their necks broken will be pushed back into original shape and must be 1cm longer than the listed minimum size.

Penalty: disqualification

Fish Measuring Technique

Fish are to be measured in accordance with the DoF requirements by measuring from the nose of the fish to the tip of the tail where the tail is laid in a natural position. The fish when laid on the measuring board is to equal or exceed the minimum length. Fanning the tail is not permitted. See diagram.

Where maximum size limits are specified by DoF as "fork length", fish length shall be measured to the fork of the tail, not the tip.



Fish should be measured in a 'natural' position, i.e. tail not distorted.

Fishing areas and boats.

Where a competition is nominated as Rock and Beach, participants may fish from beach, reef, rocks or manmade structures such as rock walls, fishing platforms or jetties, but boats cannot be used at any time. No private jetties, or places needing access through private property, etc are allowed unless these are also accessible to all entrants on the days of the event.

Where an event is nominated as Estuary, participants may fish from the shore, reef, rocks or manmade structures such as rock walls, fishing platforms or jetties or from a boat. No private jetties, or places needing access through private property, etc are allowed unless these are also accessible to all entrants on the days of the event.

Such areas include areas which can be reached from the shore by wading through water. All areas which can only be reached by swimming are excluded. The "Rules of the Day" for a particular event may exclude some locations.

Number of Lines and Hooks

A participant must not use more than two rods or hand lines at any one time and each rod or hand line must not have more than two hooks. A flight of hooks shall be considered as one hook. Additional rods may be carried, but a participant must not have more than two lines in the water at any one time.

Penalty: disqualification

Weigh in**Competitor's Responsibilities**

The participant is responsible to ensure that all fish in their bag complies with all competition rules.

The participant is required to lodge their bag in the area provided, prior to the nominated time.

Penalty: Late bags will be excluded from the weigh in

Access to Bags

Bags placed in the weigh in arena will not be accessible to any participant until completion of the weigh in.

Only weigh in officials and club captains are permitted to enter the weigh in arena, unless specifically invited to do so by the Field Day Officer.

Condition of Fish

Fish must be whole and clean. Gilled and/or gutted fish are acceptable. Any fish presented for weighing that are rotten, badly deteriorated or generally in an unfit state shall not be eligible for weighing.

Penalty: disqualification.

Mutilated or Damaged Fish

Fish that have been damaged or mutilated for any purpose other than to maintain or improve the edibility of the fish are not eligible for weigh-in. Specifically included in this definition is damage caused by:

- Removal of parts of a fish for bait,
- Use of the fish for live bait,
- Damage caused during the capture caused by other predators. eg a shark

Specifically excluded from this definition is:

- Gutting and/or gilling,
- Damage caused by removal of the hook(s) used to capture the fish,
- Cutting a fish to fit in a storage container where the fish is too long for the container. To be eligible for this sub clause, a fish must be longer than 60cm and any cutting is to be limited to that required to fit in the container.

Presentation of fish

Fish MUST be presented for weighing in either:

- (a) Natural fibre bags, such as hessian or cloth, preferably in an esky with ice
OR
- (b) Open weave bags such as dive or onion bags, and MUST be in an esky with ice.

Fish that are not presented in accordance with (a) or (b) will be disqualified. Fish presented in plastic film bags (such as chain store or rubbish) or woven plastic or fibreglass bags will be disqualified.

Heaviest of Species Event

Each competitor is responsible for presenting their fish for weighing for the heaviest of species.

Fish Wastage

All participants are required to observe the responsible fishing practices set out in The Association's Recreational Fishing Code of Conduct.

Any competitor found to have knowingly discarded fish which were caught during any event run by The Association shall be disqualified from that event and disqualified from competing in any future Association event for a period determined by the Disputes Committee. Disqualification from the event concerned may be retrospective, and all winners, results and awards affected by that disqualification will also be amended retrospectively if and as required.

Scoring**Scoring**

Competition points will be awarded as follows:

- 1 point per fish
- 4 points per kilogram
- 10 points per listed species (see separate Eligible Species List)

Competition winner

The winner of any division shall be the participant who receives the highest number of points, determined by 5.1, above.

Tied Points

In the event of any participants scoring an equal number of points, the determining factor shall be the number of species caught, and if still tied, then the highest average weight per fish.

Disputes**Competitor's Right to Dispute**

Any participant retains the right to lodge a dispute concerning breaches of any rule by any competitor.

Acceptance of Disputes

Any dispute must be lodged with the Field Day Officer before the weigh in, during the weigh in or within ten minutes of the completion of the weigh in, except for reports of discarding of fish after the weigh in, where the time limit is 48 hours.

Disputes Process

Disputes raised by any participant are to be referred by the Field Day Officer to a Disputes Committee for adjudication.

Disputes raised by the Weigh in team relating to weigh in matters concerning fish that:

- Do not meet length requirements,
- Do not meet DoF rules,
- Exceed bag limits, or
- Do not meet presentation requirements,

Shall be referred to the Field Day Officer for adjudication.

Should the disputed participant not agree with the Field Day Officer's ruling, then they retain the right to appeal the decision. Any appeal is to be referred to the Disputes Committee.

Any Disputes Committee decision is final.

Composition of Disputes Committee

Prior to the event, each club shall nominate a person for the Disputes Committee on the team nomination form.

In the event that a Disputes Committee is required, it shall be composed of three senior participants from three separate clubs, one of which should be from the disputed participant's club.

All Disputes Committee members should be familiar with these Competition Rules.

The Disputes Committee shall consider the dispute for conformance with these rules. The Field Day Officer may provide points for clarity, but is to provide no influence on the committee's decision. The disputed participant or the representative may participate in the dispute process to provide facts and points of clarity, but may not participate in the decision process.

General Notes to Eligible Species List on the following pages.

1. The following list has been developed and will be maintained by the Estuary and Rock & Beach subcommittee. Clubs wishing to vary the eligible species should present a case to the subcommittee.
2. Sharks exclude all Wobbegong, Carpet, Port Jackson, Cat, Leopard, White Pointer and Tiger Sharks.
3. Fisheries Department or AAA listed minimum/maximum lengths apply.
4. Plate references are a guide only and are from Sea Fishes of Southern Australia (Barry Hutchins and Roger Swainston). Plate references in ***bold Italics*** are from The Marine Fishes of North Western Australia (Gerald R. Allen and Roger Swainston).
5. Rays, Pufferfish, Toadfish, Gurnards, Boxfish, Firefish, Lionfish, Buffalo Bream, Drummer, Black Spinefoot and Sea Horses are not eligible.
6. "Other" category for Rock & Beach and Estuary includes any species not already listed provided they are not ineligible as per point 5. Examples are Milkfish, Bonefish, Eels etc.
7. Only one set of species points are awarded for each Ref no. category.
8. Pink Snapper size and bag limits vary by location and season.
9. West Coast Fishing Rules, as outlined in the Recreational Fishing Guide (West Coast Region) published by the Department of Fisheries, imposes the following mixed daily bag limit restrictions:
 - a. Category 1 (Highest Risk) – maximum 7 fish per angler
 - b. Category 2 (Medium Risk) – maximum 16 fish per angler
 - c. Category 3 (Low Risk) – maximum 40 fish per angler

The category for each species is shown in the Eligible Species list.

10. Species bag limits, categories and minimum sizes are those for the West Coast Region as published by the Department of Fisheries. Rules for the South Coast or Gascoyne Regions are set out in the Recreational Fishing Guides for those Regions, and there are some differences to rules for the West Coast.

Eligible Species List for Rock and Beach Competitions.

Ref no.	Common Name	Minimum Size mm	Cat	Plate References (Guide Only)
1.	Baldchin Groper	400	1	491
2.	Barracuda	500	1	435
3.	Blue Groper	500	1	439
4.	Bream - Black Yellowfin	250 350	2	308 309
5.	Butterfish	200	3	321
6.	Cod - Breaksea	300	1	228
7.	Cod - Other		1	
	Wirrah or	200	1	212, 213
	Grey Banded, Chinaman, Estuary Cod	300 300	1 1	232, 233, 235
	Cod maximum size 1000mm/30kg			
8.	Cobia	750	1	274
9.	Cobbler (includes Catfish)	430	1	89-91
10.	Coral Trout	450	1	<i>(Northern book - 318)</i>
11.	Dart - all	200	3	287, 288
12.	Emperor - Red	410	1	<i>(Northern book - 502)</i>
13.	Emperor - Spangled	410	1	315
14.	Emperor- Blue-lined - Others	320 280	1 1	<i>(Northern book - 529)</i> <i>(Northern book - 525, 527, 530-534)</i>
15.	Flathead - all	300	2	194-206
16.	Flounder - all	250	2	615-619
17.	Foxfish - all	300	3	441, 442
18.	Garfish - all	200	3	119-124
19.	Goatfish - all	200	2	323-327
20.	Herring	200	3	307
21.	Herring - Giant	200	3	63
22.	Harlequin	200	1	230
23.	Jewfish	500	1	247
24.	King George Whiting	280	2	270
25.	Leatherjacket - all	250	2	627-652
26.	Mackerel (Spanish, narrow-barred)	900	1	589
	(Spanish, broad-barred)	750	1	<i>(Northern book - 955)</i>
27.	Mackerel (Shark, Spotted, Qld School) or (Other)	500 500 500 200	1 3 3 3	587, 590, <i>(Northern Book - 957)</i> 586, 588
28.	Mahi Mahi (Dolphinfish)	500	1	304
29.	Mullet - all	200	3	431-434
30.	Mulloway	500	1	316

Ref no.	Common Name	Minimum Size mm	Cat	Plate References (Guide Only)
31.	Pigfish	300	3	440
32.	Pike (Long-finned, Striped Seapike) or Snook	300 300	2 2	263, 437
33.	Queen Snapper	410	1	425
34.	Salmon	300	1	305
35.	Samson or Amberjack	600	1	300, 301
36.	Shark - all	600	1	1, 2, 18-19, 22-33, 35-38
37.	Snapper - Pink (note 8)	410	1	310
38.	Snapper - Red or Swallowtail	230	1	142-145
39.	Sweetlip - all	300	3	322, (<i>Northern Book 507-513</i>)
40.	Sweep - all (includes Moonlighter)	250	3	351-354
41.	Tailor	300	2	273
42.	Tarwhine (Silver Bream)	250	2	311
43.	Trevally - Giant, - Golden - Other (incl. Skipjack)	250 250 250	1 1 2	280 284 278, 279, 281-283, 285-290, 292-293
44.	Trumpeter - all	200	3	249-250, 252
45.	Tuna - Southern Bluefin - Yellowfin - Bigeye - Bonito - Others (incl. Albacore)	200 200 200 200 200	1 1 1 2 2	600 599 601 592-594 595-598, 602
46.	Wahoo	900	1	591
47.	Western Rock Blackfish	200	3	343
48.	Whiting - Yellowfin - Others	200 200	2 3	269 264, 266-267
49.	Wrasse - all	200	3	443-490, 492-509
50.	Yellowtail	200	3	294
51.	Yellowtail Grunter	200	3	251
52.	Yellowtail Kingfish	600	1	298
53.	Other - mixed limit of 8 other fish, except any protected species. (Only 1 set of species points)	200		Various, other than those already listed.

See General Notes to Eligible Species list on Page 13

Last Year's Beach Championship Winners

Held at Cape to Cape 28th/29th May, 2005

Individual Event

Men	Winner	Jason Pember	Melville AAC
	Runner Up	Kevin Hughes	Bunbury AC
Ladies	Winner	Filomena D'Alonzo	Surf Casting AC
	Runner Up	Janet Hughes	Bunbury AC
Veteran	Winner	Tony D'Alonzo	Surf Casting AC
	Runner Up	Peter Osborne	Whitfords SSC
Juniors	Winner	Emily Hughes	Bunbury AC
	Runner Up	Katelynn Kinnell	Bunbury AC
Mini Junior	Winner	Jessica Hughes	Bunbury AC
	Runner Up	Mitchell Bell	Whitfords SSC

Teams Event

Men	Winner	Bunbury Angling Club
	Runner Up	Melville Angling Club
Ladies	Winner	Bunbury Angling Club
	Runner Up	Surf Casting & Angling Club
Veteran	Winner	Surf Casting & Angling Club
	Runner Up	Fremantle Angling Club
Junior	Winner	Bunbury Angling Club
	Runner Up	Surf Casting & Angling Club
Mini Juniors	Winner	Bunbury Angling Club
	Runner Up	Whitfords Sea Sports Club

Heaviest of Species

Tailor	880 g	Danny Ariti
Skippy	1 kg	Janet Hughes
Tarwhine	500 g	Frank Caccamo
Snook	1.875 kg	Tony D'Alonzo
Salmon	4.225 kg	Danny Ariti
Whiting	340 g	Rory King
Mystery Fish	Beardie, 450 g	Dave Kinnell

AAA Future Event Calendar 2005/6 to 2007/8

Drycasting

2006-2007	Yokine Reserve	Sunday 29 th October, 2006
2007-2008	Yokine Reserve	Sunday 28 th October, 2007

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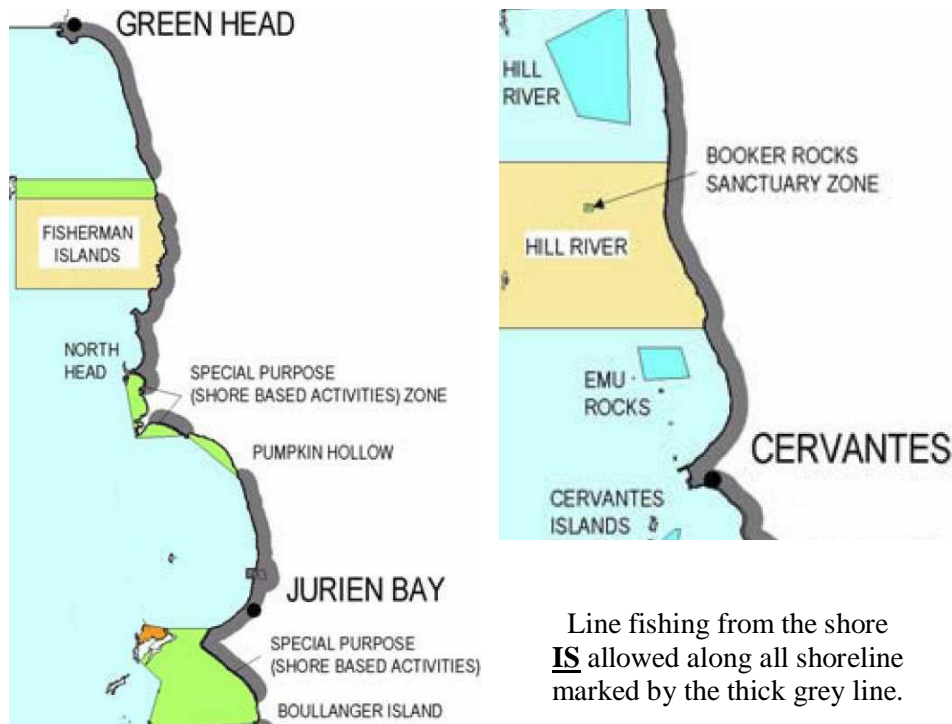
2006-2007	Cheynes Beach	Date to be advised
2007-2008	Mandurah - Myalup	March, 2007

Estuary:

2006-2007	Swan River	25 th /26 th November, 2006
2007-2008	Cockburn Sound	November 2007

Boating:

2005-2006	Jurien Bay	4 March 2006
2006-2007	Ocean Reef	March 2007
2007-2008	Lancelin	March 2008



Line fishing from the shore **IS** allowed along all shoreline marked by the thick grey line.

Shore fishing zones in Jurien Bay Marine Park.

AAA Sponsors.



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Marine Parks.

AAA hopes you will enjoy your fishing in the Jurien area during these Rock & Beach Championships.

During your fishing or travels, you may come across some signs showing where fishing is not allowed in the Jurien Bay Marine Park. See the maps on Page 17.

Take the time to read these signs very carefully, because some might give the impression that line fishing is not allowed from the shore into some good looking spots. In fact, line fishing is allowed from a lot of (but not all) the shoreline in the Jurien Bay Marine Park, as a direct result of the intense efforts by some recreational fishing groups to stop complete closures, Those groups included Recfishwest and the Australian Anglers Association and some clubs.

If you were a boating angler, 21% of the Jurien Marine Park area would be off limits to you for catching fish, whereas only 4% is off limits to the commercial rock lobster fishermen for catching crayfish.

The previous booklet had an article about the Capes Marine Park coming to the Capes region, which will mean that some of your favourite fishing spots around there **will have “no fishing here” signs** on them when that Park is finalised, just like those “no fishing” signs in those really good fishing areas at North Head, Jurien .

Graeme Walker from Bunbury and Ray Walker from Busselton worked exceptionally hard over many long, hard days to make sure the interests of recreational anglers were considered and recognised in the choice of the areas to be closed to fishing, by resisting the proposals to close off a significant percentage of the area. Terry Fuller, Secretary of the Association, spent many days looking after club anglers’ interests observing the proceedings and putting in information to support the excellent work done by Ray and Graeme.

The final recommendations from the Committee were very much better than they might have been without all this hard work on behalf of recreational anglers. These have been with the Government for some time, and could be released for the public comment period at any time which suits the Government.

Unfortunately, all this good work might come to nothing if the Government does what was done for the Ningaloo Marine Park where they completely closed off 34% of the area and 30% of the length of the shoreline – no fishing at all in those.

If you value your future fishing in the Capes area where many AAA Rock & Beach Championships are held, make sure you and your Club are informed of what is going on, and make sure your opinion is made known.

Information will be provided by the AAA to the Delegates at the Delegates’ meetings and in the minutes which are sent to every club and in emails to people who have told AAA their email address.

Recreational anglers aren’t against Marine Parks and sanctuary zones, but don’t want to be locked out of areas for no good reasons.

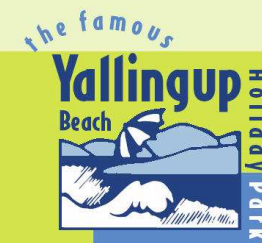
It’s up to you. If you don’t speak out, you can’t blame someone else if these areas are closed, and fishing is banned.



The best located park in Western Australia

Escape to the Cape to this favourite family holiday park located in the famous Margaret River Wine Region. The park has an idyllic waterfront location with spectacular views of Yallingup Bay. Opposite is a safe swimming lagoon and an excellent fishing beach plus the world famous Yallingup surf break.

On Site accommodation includes quality ensuite cabins, standard cabins and caravans (for the budget conscious) plus plenty of well grassed van and tent sites. The management have a very strong family focus and the park is meticulously maintained throughout. This is an ideal base from which to visit the numerous nearby wineries, go whale watching, take scenic drives and walk trails and visit the spectacular Yallingup Ngilgi Cave.



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