



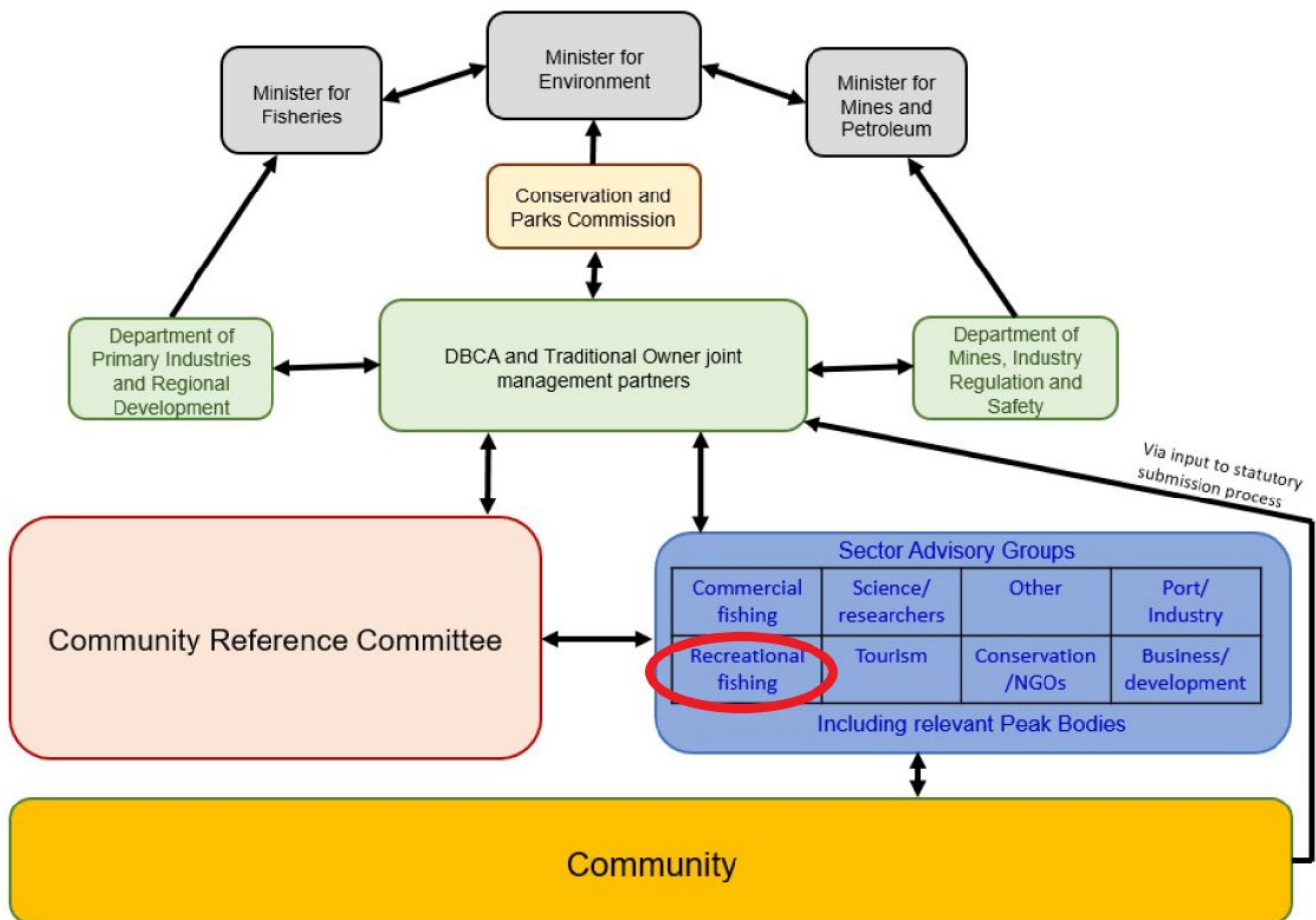
Background Information

Membership of the recfishing Sector Advisory Group (SAG) for the South Coast Marine Park (SCMP)

The McGowan Government has announced plans to create a marine park on WA's south coast potentially stretching 1,000km from Bremer Bay to the South Australian border ([study area](#)). The Government's [community engagement strategy](#) for this marine park involves the establishment of Sector Advisory Groups (SAGs) to provide advice and recommendations to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and Traditional Owner joint management partners as part of the marine park planning process.

DBCA has written to Recfishwest as the peak body for recreational fishing inviting us to represent the views of the recreational fishing sector as a SAG.

SAGs provide information and advice and do not have any executive functions or decision-making ability as part of the marine park planning process. The planning team are not bound to accept the information or advice received from a SAG and DBCA provides no financial assistance associated with the costs of establishing, operating or maintaining a SAG. To read more about the role of SAGs [click here](#).



Planning Process for the South Coast Marine Park



Recfishwest is seeking expressions of interest for membership of the recreational fishing SAG. If you want to ensure recreational values are understood and considered during the planning process for the South Coast marine park then we want to hear from you.

Recfishwest are seeking passionate recreational fishers with knowledge of the south coast and with appropriate networks within the community through which to seek input into the marine park planning process

SAGs will remain in place for the duration of the marine park planning process, from late 2021 to late 2023 and SAG members will be required to attend up to eight online meetings during this time.

SAG members are expected to act in the best interests of their sector. SAG members must ensure professional conduct and exercise a high standard of care, respect and integrity in all interactions with the planning team and the broader community, throughout the planning process.

Applications for the rec fishing SAG close on Friday, 17 December.

Meetings will be held online so as to eliminate the need for any travel for SAG members.

How to apply:

1. Read the recreational fishing SAG Terms of Reference;
2. Complete a Recreational fishing SAG application form;
3. Send your completed application form to info@recfishwest.org.au.

If you have any queries regarding the recfishing SAG, please feel free to or call the Recfishwest office on (08) 9246 3366.

Expressions of Interest from Esperance, Hopetoun and Bremer Bay fishing community members are encouraged.

The recfishing SAG is only one of the ways Recfishwest will be talking with the community during the marine park planning process. If you are interested in the South Coast Marine Park but do not wish to join the recfishing SAG you may wish to register on our South Coast Marine Park stakeholder list. Stakeholders will be kept informed of the planning process and be advised of opportunities to have their say. To register as a stakeholder, please email info@recfishwest.org.au.

