



## Recfishing Sector Advisory Group (SAG)

### Terms of Reference

As part of the south coast marine park planning process, the State Government has asked Recfishwest to establish a recreational fishing Sector Advisory Group (SAG). The following Terms of Reference governs the operation and purpose of the recreational fishing SAG. Much of the recreational fishing SAG's terms of reference is bound by the [Guidelines of the Proposed South Coast Marine Park Sector Advisory Group](#) as set out by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

#### **Role of the recreational fishing SAG:**

The primary function of the recfishing SAG is to provide representative advice and recommendations to the Community Reference Committee, DBCA, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and joint management partners (collectively referred to as the planning team) as part of the south coast marine park planning process. SAGs provide a critical pathway for information flow between their sector and the planning team.

#### **The objectives of the recreational fishing SAG are:**

- Ensure the south coast marine park planning team are provided consistent and professional information in relation to recreational fishing on the south coast;
- To allow a marine park to be designed in a way that is mindful of recreational fishing values and aspirations;
- Provide opportunity for the recreational fishing community to have input into the marine park planning process;
- Highlight issues of importance to recreational fishing to the marine park planning team.

#### **Responsibilities and powers of the recreational fishing SAG:**

The recfishing SAG is a non-statutory, voluntary, community-based group who do not have any executive functions or decision-making ability as part of the marine park planning process. The marine park planning team are not bound to accept the information or advice received from the rec fishing SAG but are expected to consider any information provided appropriately in the context of decision making. DBCA provides no financial assistance associated with the costs of establishing, operating or maintaining the SAG.

#### **Membership:**

Members will assist the SAG in providing advice to the South Coast Marine Park planning team and help secure a marine park that meets the wishes and needs of the recreational fishing community. Membership of the recfishing SAG will be restricted to 12 participants, with all members expected to engage with recreational fishers within their own networks to seek input into SAG process. SAG membership will be drawn from a variety of locations across the [study area](#).

SAG members require a connection to the south coast fishing community and are expected to have:

- Significant recreational fishing experience along the south coast;
- A clear understanding of why the study area is so important to fishers;
- Appropriate networks within the community through which to seek appropriate input;
- Strong desire to ensure recreational fishing experiences on the south coast are maintained and enhanced;
- An open mind in relation to management options required to achieve SAG objectives.



As a member of the recreational fishing SAG you will be required to have access to emails and online meeting tools such as zoom or teams.

**Chair:**

Recfishwest, as the peak body for recreational fishing, will chair the SAG and will be responsible for:

- Administrative processes related to the establishment and ongoing operation of the SAG;
- Attending Community Reference Committee (CRC) meetings as required;
- Presenting the SAG's aspirations and concerns in relation to the PSCMP at the first meeting of the CRC;
- Provide advice from the SAG to planning partners and disseminate feedback and relevant materials from the planning team to the SAG;
- Set SAG meeting dates and objectives for each meeting;
- Maintain a clear record of SAG activities;
- Resolve any conflicts that may arise within the SAG.

**Conduct**

SAG members are expected to act in the best interests of the recreational fishing 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. Behaviour inconsistent with expectations may result in membership of the SAG being cancelled.