

South Coast Marine Parks submission examples

To: pscmp@dbca.wa.gov.au

Subject: South Coast Marine Parks Submission

My name is XXXXXXXX,

I am a 45-year-old Perth resident and have been visiting the Bremer Bay region since childhood. More recently, I have enjoyed taking my children to the region to camp, fish and explore.

Much of our camping and fishing has taken place to the east of Bremer Bay, along Trigelow and House beaches.

I am concerned that about the introduction of sanctuary zones that will stop many of the fishing activities that I have enjoyed sustainably since I was a child. In particular, the sanctuary zone in front of Gorden Inlet will prohibit shore-based fishing along a stretch of beach that is safe and accessible, as well as close by to campsites.

Shore-based fishing for species such as herring or salmon poses no risk to sustainability and should not be prohibited as part of the marine park. I recommend implementing a 200m setback for this zone to allow shore-based fishing.

The south end of Trigelow beach allows small boats to be launched. This provides access to deeper water offshore from the Doubtful Islands which provide small boats with an opportunity to catch bottom fish such as pink snapper, queen snapper and nannygai. The area to the east of the islands is a popular area to fish.

I recommend either removing the sanctuary zone to the east of the Doubtful Islands, or altering this zone in some manner to allow fishing from small vessels.

Yours Sincerely,

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My name is XXXXXXXX

I have been fishing from the beach around Esperance for my whole life. Some of my favourite beaches to fish include Poison Creek and Israelite Bay.

I would like to continue to fish in these areas and recommend that any sanctuary zones implemented at these beaches contain a 200m setback to allow for shore based fishing.

Yours sincerely,

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My name is XXXXXXXX,

I come from a farming family from the wheatbelt and have been visiting the south coast following harvest time each year.

As a family, we enjoy our time on the coast each year, where we relax by going fishing, boating and camping.

One of our favourite coastal locations to stay is the Duke of Orleans Caravan Park. This location provides plenty of safe opportunities for our kids to fish from both the shore or our family boat.

The sanctuary zone to the west of Orleans Bay will mean that most of the boat fishing spots my family has fished for generations will be lost.

I recommend moving this zone to another location within the marine park that is not so close to a boat ramp.

Yours sincerely,