

For future generations

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR WA'S FISHING COMMUNITY

To help recover stocks of spawning dhufish, pink snapper, and red emperor, urgent action is needed with stronger measures up and down our coast.

The recovery closure for boat-based recreational demersal fishing in the West Coast Zone (Kalbarri to Augusta) will be extended until Spring 2027.

Commercial demersal fishing in this zone will end permanently, and charter fishing will not be permitted between Lancelin and Mandurah.

Recreational and commercial fishing for demersals will remain open in all other regions with additional management measures introduced.

WHAT DO THE REFORMS MEAN?

After the recovery period, the West Coast Zone will become an **exclusive** recreational fishing zone, meaning more fish in the water and a stronger future for WA's recreational fishing community.

CAN I STILL GO FISHING?

Yes. Recreational fishing for other fish species like Mahi Mahi, Mackerel, Yellowtail Kingfish and Tuna is still permitted.

Everyone needs to play their part for WA's future generations of fishers.

These fish are at **risk**



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PILBARA

Recreational and charter remain open
Commercial 50% catch reduction from 1 January 2026

KIMBERLEY

Recreational and charter remain open
Commercial 50% catch reduction from 1 January 2026

GASCOYNE

Recreational, charter and commercial remain open

WEST COAST

Recreational boat-based fishing closed until Spring 2027
Charter closed in metro area
Commercial permanently closed from 1 January 2026

SOUTH COAST

Recreational and charter remain open
Commercial 50% catch reduction from 1 January 2026

