



Cockburn Power Boats

CLUB NEWS

Thursday 9th February 2023



GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

The warm weather has resulted in a lot of boating activity at the Club.

Snapper Guardians Fingerlings Release

A great activity for the family this Saturday at the Woodman Point Dog Beach outside our main gate. More details in Lynda's report below.

Stage 3 Development

This development which includes twenty-two new 12 metre pens, a rock seawall, additional car parking bays, landscaped area and improvements to the bitumen surface between the washdown bays and concrete ramp apron plus collection of water from the washdown bays, is proposed to commence in September subject to development approval from government agencies and approval from our Management Committee. If you are interested in a 12 metre pen, you can secure one of our new pens by contacting me now and add your name to our pen waiting list.

Club Raffle - \$8,000 in CASH PRIZES

We have commenced posting members a book of raffle tickets with each book comprising of five \$10 tickets with an excellent opportunity for members to win \$5,000, \$2,000 or 1,000 in cash. The prizes will be drawn and streamed live from the Club on 12th April. Additional tickets are available from the Club Office.

Seasonal Temporary Hardstand Storage Bays

Due to the healthy demand from Members for temporary hardstand bays, we will be increasing our number of hardstand bays behind the clubhouse after Easter during our traditional quiet winter months. Contact the office now on 9418 5868 to arrange your winter accommodation now.

New Fishing Rules

Please note we have included detailed information on the latest changes to recreational fishing rules in this issue below. Changes apply from Augusta through to the Zuytdorp Cliffs north of Kalbarri.

Happy boating,

John



GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE CONTINUES...

New Fishing Rules and Dates

FAQ's

What species are included in the West Coast demersal scalefish closures?

A list of all demersal scalefish species which cannot be taken during the closures is contained in the Recreational fishing guide, see fish.wa.gov.au/guide.

Do all demersal scalefish have an individual bag limit of two in the West Coast Bioregion?

A mixed species daily bag limit of two demersal scalefish continues to apply. However a species bag limit of one still applies for coral trout, coronation trout and western blue groper.

What can I fish for during the demersal closures?

You can continue to fish all year round in the West Coast Bioregion for nearshore and estuarine finfish species (such as herring and whiting), large pelagic species (such as mackerel and mahi mahi), as well invertebrate species such as squid, octopus and rock lobster.

Do the demersal scalefish closures apply to shore based line fishers?

No, shore based line fishers can fish for demersal scalefish in the West Coast Bioregion all year round except during the Cockburn and Warnbro Sounds pink snapper spawning closure and Abrolhos Islands baldchin groper spawning closure.

Spearfishing or fishing from a kayak or similar vessel is not permitted during the demersal scalefish closures.

Targeted spawning closures for pink snapper and baldchin groper apply to all fishers, including recreational (including shore based), commercial, and charter fishers.

Will licence fees be revised?

No, the Recreational Fishing from a Boat Licence (RFBL) is required for state-wide boat fishing and provides opportunities to explore a wide range of recreational fishing experiences available in Western Australia in addition to fishing for demersal scalefish in the West Coast Bioregion.

What are the implementation dates and when will the management changes be reviewed?

- All recreational measures: 1 February 2023
- Charter quota system: 1 July 2023 (in line with licensing period)
- Commercial fishing hours reduction: 1 January 2023 (in line with licensing period)

In accordance with the Harvest Strategy, two review processes will assess the success of new management arrangements.

- **Every year**, each sector's catch will be reviewed against total catch limits.
- **Every three years**, following a stock assessment, a more detailed review will be undertaken to determine if the resource is on track for recovery or if further management action is required.

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New fishing rules in the West Coast Bioregion

From 1 February 2023

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From 1 February 2023 management changes will be in place to assist the recovery of demersal scalefish in the West Coast Bioregion.

The West Coast Bioregion runs from Black Point, east of Augusta, to the Zuytdorp Cliffs, north of Kalbarri (all land and water south of 27° S and west of 115° 30' E).



What are the main rule changes?

Recreational

- The current two-month demersal scalefish closure extended to six months*, from:
 - 1 February to 31 March (inclusive);
 - 1 August to the beginning of the September/October school holidays each year (i.e. 22 Sept 2023); and
 - end of the September/October school holidays each year (i.e. 9 Oct 2023) to 15 December (inclusive).

***Note**, this does not apply to land based recreational line fishers who can now fish all year round.

- A boat limit of four demersal scalefish.

Recreational and Charter

- A mixed species daily bag limit of two demersal scalefish, including dhufish (except coral trout, coronation trout and western blue groper daily bag limit of one).
- Removal of dhufish boat limit, an individual angler can catch up to two dhufish.
- A maximum of one bait or lure per line when recreationally fishing for demersal scalefish in the West Coast Bioregion.
- Abrolhos Islands to be managed as a Wilderness Fishing Area:
 - daily bag limit of one demersal scalefish and one large pelagic finfish;
 - finfish possession limit of:
 - 5 kg of fillets from any species, plus 5 kg of fillets from large pelagic finfish (must have skin attached for identification purposes); OR
 - one day's bag limit of whole fish.

Charter

On 1 July 2023, a demersal scalefish catch quota system will commence in the West Coast Bioregion. This will allow charter fishing for demersal scalefish for 12 months of the year (except for spawning closures) while managing catch to a sustainable level.

Commercial

- Total allowable catch for the commercial scalefish sector reduced by 50%.
- Reduced fishing hours for the West Coast Demersal Scalefish (Line) Fishery (commencing 1 January 2023).
- Voluntary Fisheries Adjustment Scheme to buy back West Coast Demersal Scalefish (Line) Fishery entitlement.

Supporting measures for all sectors:

On 1 February 2023, the following changes will commence:

- Removal of size limits for dhufish, baldchin groper and breaksea cod.
- Extend the timing of the Cockburn and Warnbro Sounds pink snapper spawning closure to now occur from 1 August to 31 January (inclusive).
- Shift the timing of the Abrolhos Islands baldchin groper spawning closure to now occur from 1 October to 31 December (inclusive).
- We are investing \$10 million to support and monitor the recovery of west coast demersal scalefish stocks.

"These changes, supported by the science, will help meet the reduced catch limit of 375 tonnes to get recovery of demersal scalefish stocks back on track."

John Tissott

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ADMIN UPDATE

Busy Bees

The first Busy Bee for this year is scheduled for this **Saturday 11th February @8.30am** and the next one is on March 11th. This is a great opportunity to volunteer a couple of hours of your time to support the Club, and meet other Members. Please register by calling the office on 9418 5868 or emailing admin@cpb.org.au. Don't forget we can sign off your VIP cards at this activity also!

Cheers, Cindy Civello

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MARKETING UPDATE

Hi Members,

Juvenile Snapper Release

Snapper Guardians fingerlings this Saturday! Bring the kids down to help Recfishwest release 5,000 juvenile pink snapper into Cockburn Sound! If you arrive between 9.30am and 10am you'll see the unloading of the fish into holding tanks on the beach. Around 10am Recfishwest will organise the crowd into queues with buckets of fish. At 10am the public will all release the fingerlings. Media opportunity and live streaming on Facebook will be around 10am too. If you can't make it - we will be having another release of more snapper at Noon on Monday 13th Feb at the Club boat ramp.



Kind Regards,
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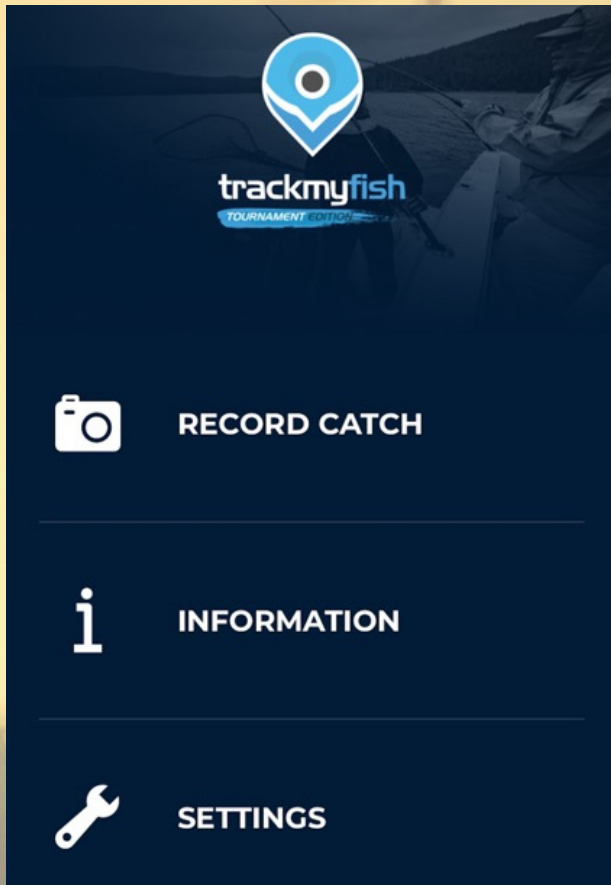




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TO DOWNLOAD THEIR NEW APP AND GET FISHING NOW!

DOWNLOAD THE APP "Track my fish for tournaments" from the App Store or Google Play then start catching fish and uploading photos for your chance to win monthly prizes.



Presentations will be held at 3pm at Members Bar on the first Sunday of every month.

Questions? Call Tim on 0429 676 237