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PFA COM MEETING

Our NEXT PFA COM meeting is scheduled for Friday 4th September. The meeting will be held in Coffs Harbour but Zoom links will be available to members not wishing to travel. DPI Fisheries will present on a number of issues including the Business Efficiency Review Program, Cost Recovery and Harvest Strategies.

DRAFT COMMONWEALTH FISHERIES RESOURCE SHARING FRAMEWORK

Australian fisheries resources are owned by all Australians which means sharing them can be a complex issue affecting commercial, recreational and Indigenous fishers. The Australian Government have announced that they are developing a Commonwealth Fisheries Resource Sharing Framework with parameters for "fair and sustainable arrangements for all fishers". The draft Commonwealth fisheries resource sharing framework is now available for comment. To have your say on the draft framework and how we can share our Commonwealth fisheries resources fairly, go to haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/sharing-fisheries-resources. For more information, go to agriculture.gov.au/fisheries/domestic/commonwealth-fisheries or email resourcesharingframework@agriculture.gov.au.



Have your say on the draft Commonwealth fisheries resource sharing framework and help us manage our fisheries resources for the benefit of all Australians. Visit haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/sharing-fisheries-resources

PRAWN FISHERY TRIALS BY AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF PRAWN FISHERIES

Through research project* funding, Australia's prawn fisheries have the opportunity to trial on-board prototypes to boost on-board efficiency. We're ready to trial alternative preservatives and alternative packaging and liners. On-board processing gear (currently in prototype stage) and digital traceability options will come later. The project is calling for vessels to trial alternative packaging and liners and also metabisulphite alternatives. The project provides all test materials free of charge. Reasonable reimbursement will be made for prawns required for trial. The materials/preservatives for trial may be specific to your vessel size and on-board processes and Janet Howieson, Curtin University will be in contact with options available so that what is sent to you will be better suited to your vessel. The options for trial will be sent with instructions. This is a research project and we need to test and measure effectiveness. We need some things from you to do that. If you are interested please contact the PFA or ACPF for a copy of the paperwork.

**Fight Food Waste CRC project: On Board Processing and Packaging Innovation in the Australian Wild Harvest Prawn Fishery*

LOBSTER WORKING GROUP & HARVEST STRATEGY

The NSW Lobster Industry Working Group has been working towards development of a Harvest Strategy for the Lobster fishery. A Harvest Strategy will set out clear and agreed decision rules to support setting of Total Allowable Catches for the lobster fishery. The initial draft is being prepared following collaborative principles agreed between the working group and DPI, which align with principles used by the Total Allowable Fishing Committee for setting of Total Allowable Commercial Catches to date. The next phase of development will be undertaken by a newly formed Lobster Harvest Strategy Working Group. The group will expand the existing Industry Working Group, retaining existing members and appointing a new independent Chair, Scientist and Economist, and members from the commercial, recreational and Aboriginal fishing advisory councils and the Professional Fisher's Association. The Lobster Harvest Strategy Working Group will develop and recommend a draft Harvest Strategy for wider consultation. Your views will be important before any strategy is finalised. **Expressions of interest (EOI) for independent Chair, Scientist and**

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Economist positions are now open, with further information available at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/consultation>

For more information please refer to the following:

- <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/consultation/nsw-lobster-harvest-strategy-working-group>

For further information please contact : Nicholas Giles, A/Senior Fisheries Manager, 0419 185 540 email nicholas.giles@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

SEAFOOD INDUSTRY MENTAL HEALTH PILOT FOR NEWCASTLE

Did you know that Uncertainty about the future is one of the biggest stresses that people in our industry face? Humans are not built for constant change, and we are most comfortable when we have certainty about our needs for employment, safety, health and human connection are being met. One of the things that our Mental Health Pilot Trusted Advocates will be doing is helping us with ways to cope with the stress that uncertainty brings. Stress can become chronic and have significant impacts on our physical and mental health. In just over a month we'll be launching the Trusted advocates and information programs locally. If you'd like to know more in the meantime, get in touch with Jo on 0408 008 344, or jo@seafoodindustryaustralia.com.au

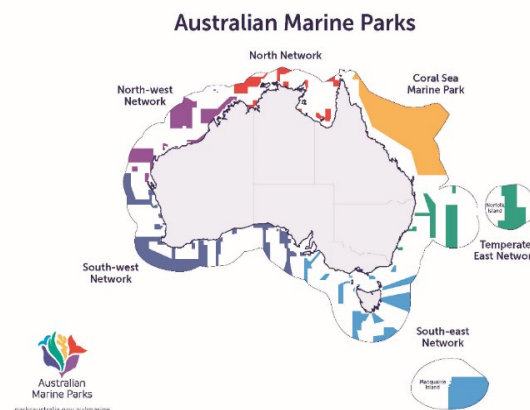
ARE AUSTRALIAN MARINE PARKS DISPLAYED ON YOUR NAVIGATIONAL PLOTTER?

Just off the NSW coast, there are 8 Australian Marine Parks, managed by Parks Australia.

Typically, these parks are made up of two or more zone types, each with its own rules. When you're out fishing, it is important that you're aware of the parks, their zones and how the rules of a zone might impact on your activities. The easiest way to stay compliant on the water is to make sure marine park boundaries and zones are showing on your plotter! We've heard that some PFA members are experiencing difficulties, so we've put together a couple of tips to help you.

- Check to see what chart updates your plotter manufacturer is offering – we've worked with a number of companies to make sure Australian Marine Parks information is included.
- Download FREE maps from our website – we offer a variety of file formats to suit different plotters.

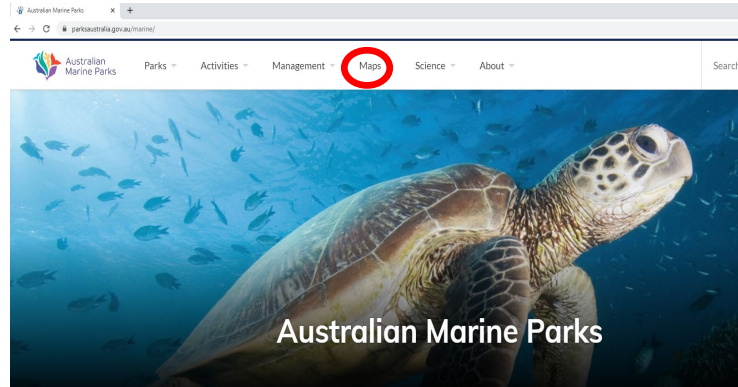
Step 1 - Visit <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/> and click on 'Maps' in the top menu



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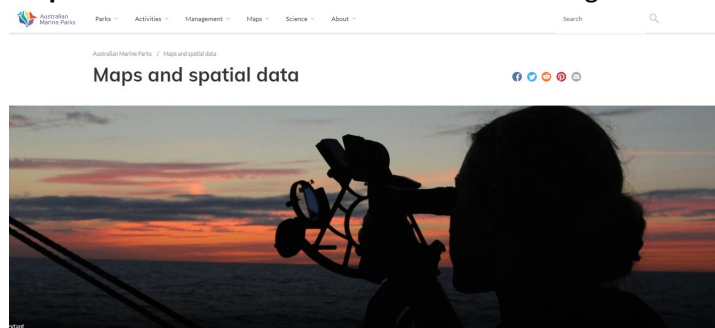


Australia is surrounded by magnificent oceans and a marine environment that's the envy of the world.

Marine parks help conserve marine habitats and the marine species that live within and rely on these habitats.



Step 2 – Click the 'Australian Marine Parks zoning data' link

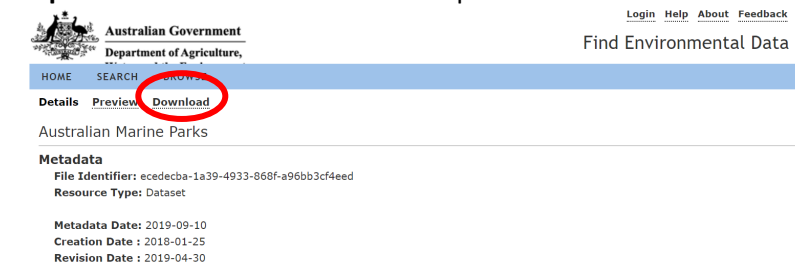


Use the links below to explore and download the available maps and spatial data for Australian Marine Parks.

Spatial data

- [Australian Marine Parks zoning data](#) – MIF, EDB and KML files to use on vessel hardware.
- Australian Marine Park zoning data is also available via a [web service](#) (WMS). To access the web services you will need access to software which can communicate with the web services, such as an online web portal or a GIS application.

Step 3 – Click on 'Download' in the top menu



Step 4 – Click the appropriate zip file for your region and it will download to your computer.



Step 5 – Upload these files to your plotter.

Our maps are developed on World Geodetic Spheroid 1984 or WGS84. This is the default datum setting used by most plotters, but if you're having trouble loading the files, check your plotter setting. If your plotter is set to GD94, change it to WGS84 to ensure your chart and plotter settings match!

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The following advice has been provided directly by the DPI for the PFA. We intend to constantly have this direct communication from DPI available to our members as we believe it is important to have these DPI statements or reminders. If you have questions re the info, please contact DPI directly.



**Department
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DPI COVID-19 update

DPI teams are continuing their work, in-line with government guidelines and advice from health authorities. Our essential services continue working across the state's primary industries sector. There may be some delays; however, we are working to minimise any disruption. For the latest advice on the NSW Government's response to COVID-19 visit www.health.nsw.gov.au

The DPI COVID-19 Advice Portal contains further information and links to assistance and resources available for primary producers including the Commercial Fisheries and Aquaculture sector. You can access the Portal at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/home/covid-19>

Any fishing business owner that may be experiencing problems repaying concessional loans through the Rural Assistance Authority should contact them on 1800 678 593 to discuss repayments.

Harvest strategies to drive NSW fishing management decisions

The NSW Government will provide fishers with greater certainty and transparency in fisheries management decisions, through the development of tailored harvest strategies in direct partnership with commercial, recreational and Aboriginal fishers.

More information: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/media-centre/releases/2020/harvest-strategies-to-drive-nsw-fishing-management-decisions>

Catch reporting tip: Unused lobster tags for 2019/20 season.

Please ensure that all unused white 2019/20 lobster tags are returned to NSW DPI at the following address:

NSW DPI
Catch Records (Lobster)
PO Box 4157
Coffs Harbour Jetty NSW 2450

A receipt will be issued for surrendered tags.

For 2020/21 lobster tags, application forms are now available on the Licensing & forms page of the DPI website at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/licensing-forms>

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If you have any questions about Catch & Effort records, quota reporting, records of sale/possession, European Community Catch Certificates or registered fish receivers please contact the Catch Records team on 1800 994 850 or catch.records@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Quota usage season snapshot

The Quota Usage Season Snapshot for the current fishing period can be found at: https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1195228/Industry-Update-24-August-2020.pdf