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New no fishing zones in Warnbro Sound and Shoalwater Bay area

The final management plan for Shoalwater Islands Marine Park includes 6% of the marine park in no fishing zones at Seal Island, Second Rock and Becher Point. Another 9% is in highly protected Special Purpose Zones in Shoalwater Bay and part of Murray Reef. Further consultation on a sanctuary zone off Point Peron. (Note:- No fishing zones require separate gazettal under the Fish Resources Management Act.)

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/CurrentMinistersSearch.aspx?ItemId=128090> and

<http://www.naturebase.net/content/view/1416/802/>

Logue Brook Dam to be closed to recreational fishing from May 2008

Logue Brook Dam will be converted from a recreation facility to a source for drinking water as part of a plan to develop drinking water supplies, plan for future sporting development in the South-West and open Lake Kepwari near Collie for recreational use. The Water Corporation would create a \$10million trust account to be used to develop alternative recreation facilities in the South-West. The Department of Sport and Recreation would conduct public consultation to help decide where the \$10million trust fund monies would be spent.

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/CurrentMinistersSearch.aspx?ItemId=126316> and

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/LogueBrookPresentation2006.html>

"Mates Day on the Bay" helps people with disabilities enjoy recreational fishing

Seventy people donated their time and boats as the Futurefish Foundation hosted the 8th Annual Mates Day on the Bay as part of its efforts to get more people with disabilities involved in recreational fishing.

<http://www.mffc.gov.au/releases/2007/07114a.html>

Victoria's peak recreational fishing body launches new information magazine

Victorian Government supports initiatives to get more Victorians fishing and boating. "Fishing Lines" is a great way for VRFish, Victoria's recreational fishing peak body, to communicate with recreational fishers to let them know interesting happenings in the world of recreational fishing.

www.vrfish.com.au/Media_Release/Fishing%20Lines%20Launch.pdf and www.vrfish.com.au/news_index.htm

Victoria helps non English speakers with fishing rules in their own languages

Some people whose first language is not English consume a lot of seafood, and catching their own fish for the table is commonplace. Despite this, there are few educational resources available in languages other than English to help these people comply with recreational fishing size and bag limits. Fisheries Victoria has released "Know Your Limits" recreational fishing pocket cards in Cambodian, Chinese and Vietnamese.

(<http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/dpi/nrenfaq.nsf/LinkView/150465AFE600B1E1CA2572270002A940B43DB2A1BCEB2A04A256812001DD817>)

Abalone cheats caught by fisheries officers on first day of season

At least five people are likely to be charged for exceeding bag limits on the first day of the abalone season, three for taking double the bag limit of 20, others for exceeding the limit by 38 and 33 abalone. General penalties are \$5000 plus 10 times the commercial value. 13 infringement notices and 31 cautions were issued.

<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=77&ContentID=45765>

New Busselton council changes decision on funding for jetty rebuild

The future of Busselton's historic timber jetty is again uncertain after the new shire council rejected a State Government land development package designed to help fund a \$18 million restoration of the fishing and tourist attraction. No work had been undertaken on the jetty since 2003. Costs are increasing at 10% a year.

<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=146&ContentID=45647> and

http://www.busselton.wa.gov.au/files/council20071114_agenda.pdf

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