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Safety anchors for South West rock fishers

Fishermen have welcomed the start of installation of safety anchors at popular rock fishing spots by dedicated local fishermen and staff from Busselton Dept of Environment and Conservation. Eventually, up to 100 anchors will be installed in the south west between Rocky Point near Eagle Bay, and Black Point east of Cape Leeuwin.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/01/25/2146745.htm>

Fishers warned against taking too many or undersize crabs

People intending to go crabbing are reminded that daily bag limits of 10 crabs and 127 mm size limits apply to the crabs they catch and that Fisheries and Marine Officers have been targeting law-breakers. In December 32 warnings and 29 infringements were issued in the Mandurah area. A Bunbury court has fined two men \$1,300 and \$1,600 respectively after they took 50 undersized crabs from the Leschenault Inlet in November.

www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/01/22/2143866.htm & www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/media/index.php?0000&mr=520

Dam fish stocks increased to entice anglers back after the drought

Pejar Dam, the main water supply for the NSW inland city of Goulburn, was practically empty at the peak of the drought last year. Now 40% full, the dam has been restocked with 15,000 rainbow and brown trout fingerlings. The dam has a reputation for 5 to 15 pound trophy fish. The new fish stocks are expected to bring anglers back to the once popular fishing spot and again produce some good fishing.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/01/23/2144952.htm>

Logue Brook Dam gathering protests big social losses for small gains

Over 500 turned out at Logue Brook Dam to protest its closure in May for 5GL of drinking water per year. People gathered to convey their anger at the Government's decision to stop thousands of people using the dam for recreational pursuits such as water-skiing, fishing, swimming and bushwalking. Many see the closure as a first step to closing many other freshwater recreation locations for relatively small amounts of water.

<http://murraycowper.com/loguebrook21jan.pdf> & <http://www.murraycowper.com/loguebrook.html>

Public meeting to protest metro commercial fishing closures

The Mayor of Fremantle, Peter Tagliaferri, and the WA Fishing Industry Council have called a public meeting in support of the Fremantle fishermen who have lost access to commercially fish for scalefish in the metropolitan area. 7pm Thursday, February 21 at Fremantle Town Hall, William Street, Fremantle. Motions of disallowance are expected to be put and debated in the Legislative Council in late February

<http://www.wafic.com.au/images/wafic-15--iboul.pdf> Page 3

Apply now for the Shark Bay pink snapper tag lottery

The annual lottery for tags to catch pink snapper in Shark Bay's Freycinet Estuary is on again. Recreational fishers have until the end of February to lodge their applications for a maximum of two tags each at a cost of \$10 per tag. Recreational fishers must have tags to be allowed to catch pink snapper in Freycinet Estuary.

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/media/index.php?0000&mr=521>

Swan and Canning river cobbler - victims of environmental change

Cobbler are fascinating fish with some very interesting biological characteristics, leading to very specific habitat requirements at every stage of their life. Unfortunately some of these make the cobbler highly vulnerable to environmental change. Male cobbler invest significant time and energy making a burrow, brooding the eggs and guarding the juveniles. Much of the cobbler's breeding areas have been lost through dredging, riverbank training and loss of seagrass. Poor water quality threatens both cobbler and its prey.

http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/macs/research/RAPNewsletter_2007_12.pdf

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