

Fishing and Boating in Cockburn Sound



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Westport is the State Government's plan to move WA's container trade from Fremantle to Kwinana, to future-proof our supply chain for the next 100 years.

Recreation to continue

Westport's plan for the new port facilities in Kwinana is not expected to have any significant impacts on recreational fishing and boating in Cockburn Sound.

Once the port is operational, some areas in the immediate port terminal vicinity may not be accessible for recreation. However, these areas are likely to be relatively small and the surrounding waters outside of the port facilities will remain accessible for fishing, boating and other recreation.

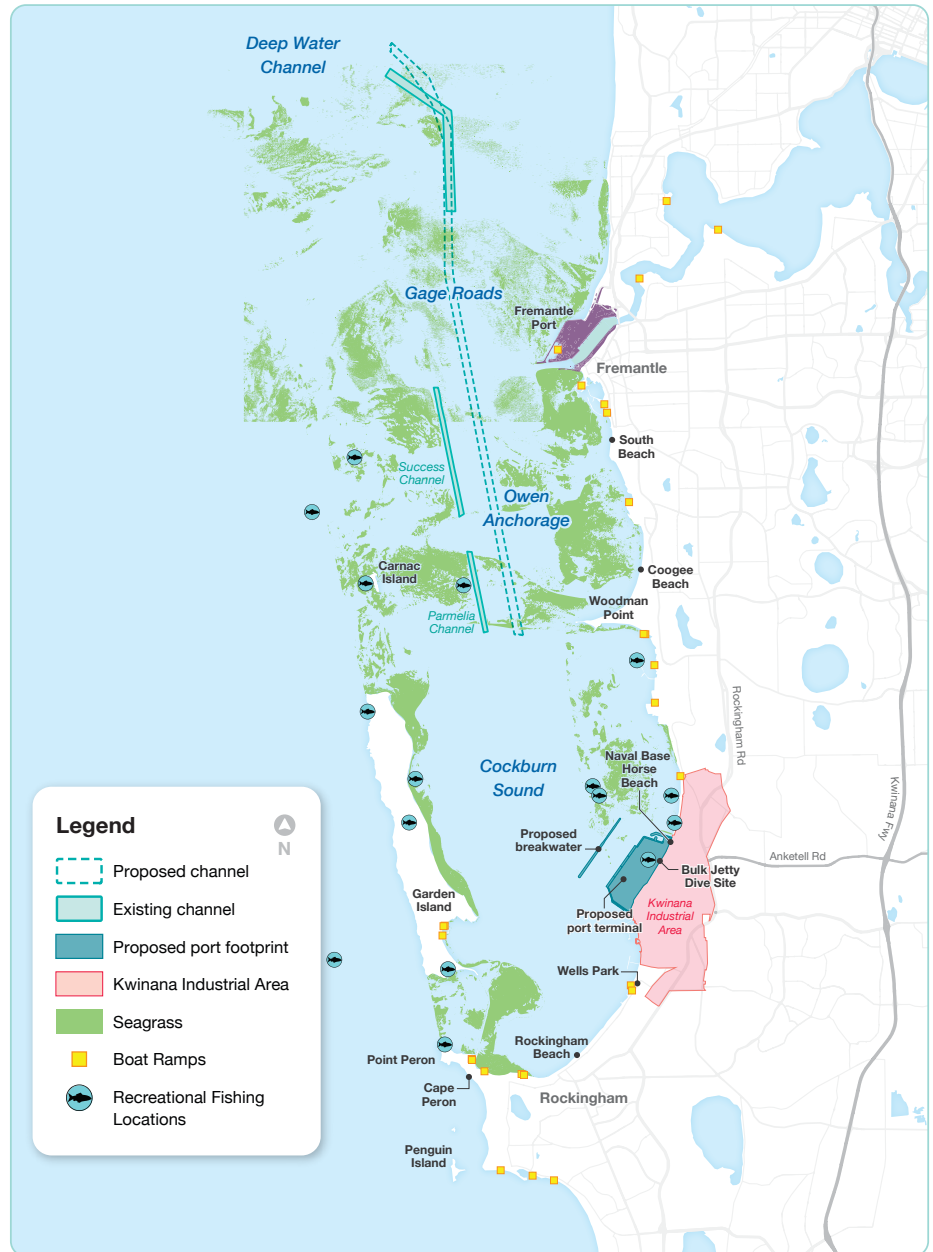
Recreational access in and around the port will be managed by the future Harbour Master, as it is now at Fremantle Port.

Westport will support long-term recreation in Cockburn Sound and work with community to ensure this development meets economic, environmental and community objectives.



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Protecting the marine environment

Westport has invested \$13.5 million with the WA Marine Science Institution (WAMSI) to undertake extensive environmental and social research, giving us the latest marine science to inform decisions on Westport that aim to avoid and minimise environmental impacts to the greatest extent possible.



In response to the latest seagrass mapping data from WAMSI, Westport moved the port footprint 1km south to avoid seagrass and minimise potential impacts on snapper spawning. Across the other marine zones, only 1.5% of seagrass will be directly impacted by the proposed shipping channel design.



Dredge management planning is ongoing, with approaches being considered to reduce and mitigate impacts, including seasonal shutdowns during snapper spawning season, and real-time water quality monitoring to ensure healthy marine habitat.



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