

# 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.**

## 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.



Following seagrass mapping across 4 marine zones, Westport selected a southern shifted design option that avoided seagrass and minimised 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.

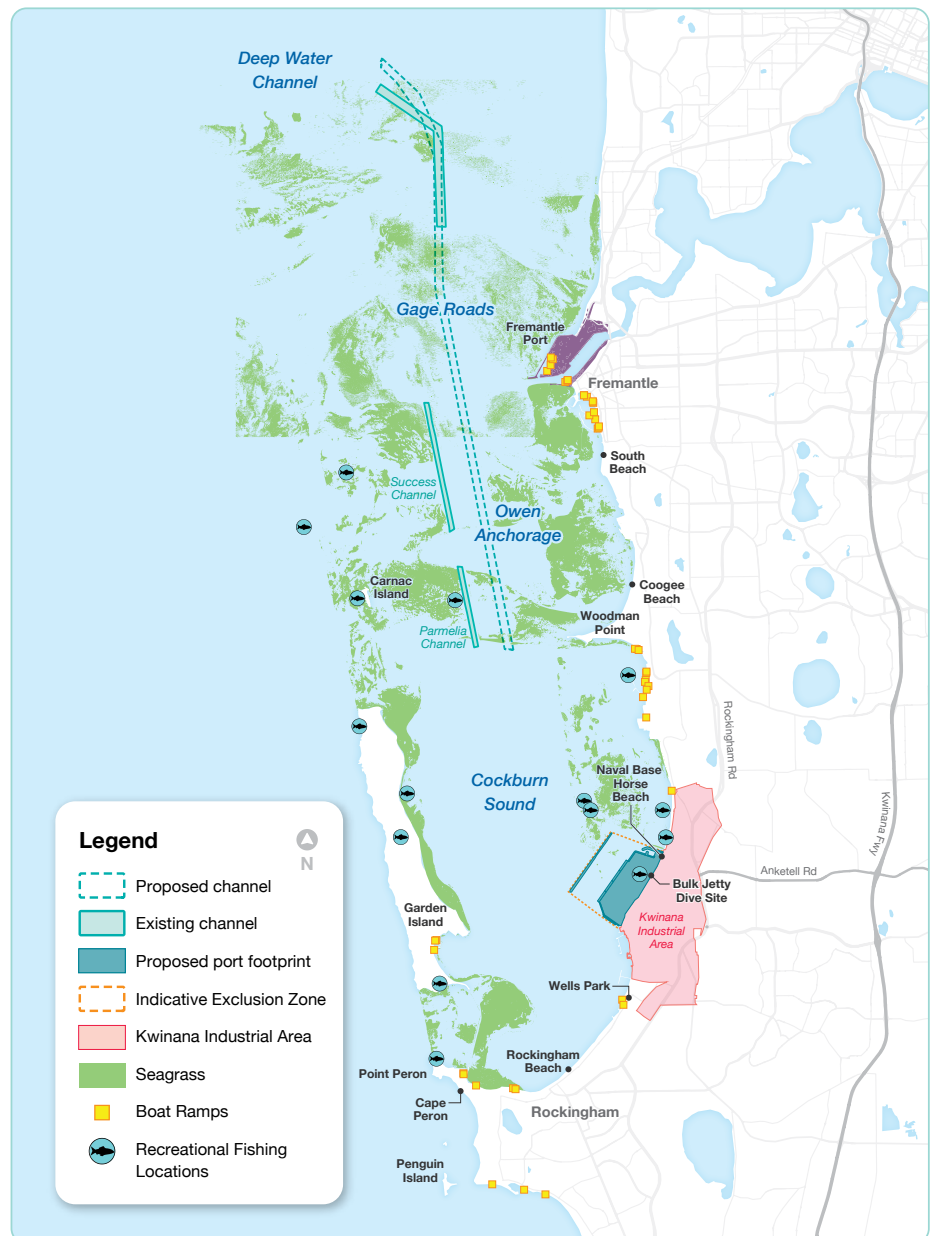


Dredge management planning is ongoing, with approaches being considered to reduce and mitigate impacts, including seasonal shutdowns during snapper spawning season, and real-time water quality monitoring to ensure healthy marine habitat.



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Cockburn Sound is an important ecosystem and significant recreational asset for West Australians.

Community recreational fishing and boating access to Cockburn Sound

and surrounds will continue with the only planned exclusion zone being between the future port and breakwater.

Westport will continue to involve community and interest groups such as recreational fishers, as we look to support and improve the long-term environmental and recreational health of Cockburn Sound.



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