



RECREATIONAL FISHING GUIDE FRESHWATER ANGLING 2011/12

LICENSED FISHERY



South-West Western Australia

IMPORTANT CHANGES:

- South-West Freshwater Open Season now 1 September – 30 June (extended by two months).
- Additional trout waters open all year – Logue Brook Dam, Big Brook Dam, Wellington Dam and Glen Mervyn Dam.
- The daily combined bag limit of 4 trout (rainbow and brown) now applies in ALL Western Australian waters.
- Seasonal closure applies to ALL freshwater line fishing (includes fishing for redfin and cobbler).

South-West Freshwater Open Season 1 September – 30 June

NEW Waters are closed to all line fishing (i.e. fishing for redfin perch, trout and cobbler) from 1 July – 31 August, with the exception of the waters listed overleaf.

Freshwater angling waters open all year

- Serpentine River (between the Serpentine Pipe-Head Dam and Serpentine Falls only)
- Murray River
- Blackwood River
- Donnelly River
- Warren River

NEW • Logue Brook Dam

NEW • Big Brook Dam

NEW • Wellington Dam

NEW • Glen Mervyn Dam

Fishing in the streams, brooks and tributaries flowing into these rivers is prohibited during the closed freshwater angling season.

All drinking water supply dams managed by the Water Corporation are closed to fishing. Please contact the Water Corporation for details at www.watercorporation.com.au

Bag and size limits

Trout – rainbow & brown



- **NEW** Daily combined limit of 4 in ALL Western Australian waters.
- A minimum size limit for trout of 30 cm applies State-wide.

Freshwater cobbler



- A daily bag limit of 30 per licensed fisher applies to freshwater cobbler.

Redfin perch

- There is no daily bag limit or size limit for redfin perch.
- Redfin perch should not be returned to the water as they are major predators of juvenile marron.

Fishing methods

A Freshwater Angling Licence permits the use of a fishing rod and line, or hand line, only. A limit of fishing with one line at any one time applies.

To protect vulnerable marron stocks, anglers may only possess a short handled (0.5 metre) trout landing net within 50 metres of the water line for most dams and rivers in the south-west.

Fishing licences

A Freshwater Angling licence is required for all freshwater angling in waters south of Greenough (29°S latitude) and above the tidal influence including all lakes, dams, rivers and their tributaries.

Fishers wishing to fish for marron need a specific licence.

Application forms are available from Department of Fisheries offices and Australia Post outlets. Licences can be obtained or renewed online at the Department of Fisheries website at www.fish.wa.gov.au

About this guide

The information in this guide is current at the date of printing, but may change. For the most up-to-date information on fisheries and fishing rules in plain English, check the Department of Fisheries' website at www.fish.wa.gov.au or contact the Department before going fishing.

The latest version of each brochure is available for download in PDF format from the web site. For legislation, a link from the web site will take you to the State Law Publisher.

If you are in doubt about the meaning of any rules, please contact your nearest Fisheries Office for clarification before going fishing.

You should be aware that all fishing activities may be subject to optical surveillance by Fisheries and Marine Officers. Breaking recreational fishing rules may result in an infringement notice or legal action being initiated against you. Fines for recreational fishing offences may be as high as \$5,000 plus up to 10 times the prescribed value of the species.

Further Information

Visit the Department of Fisheries website at www.fish.wa.gov.au or contact:

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