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Recfishwest supports protection for blue groper at Rottnest Island

Recfishwest called for the total protection of blue groper during the review of the Rottnest Island Marine Management Strategy in 2006. One of the arguments for increased sanctuary zoning at Rottnest was the vulnerability of the long-lived slow-growing blue groper to fishing pressure, so Recfishwest first suggested the total protection of blue groper as a solution but were disappointed that it wasn't picked up then.

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/MediaStateRottnestBlueGroper.htm> and

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/FactSheets/blue-groper-download.php>

Fish possession limits extended to anglers' homes

The finfish possession limit now applies to a person's place of residence, which was previously excluded. The rule is one of the interim changes announced by the Minister in Sept 2007. The possession limit per angler for finfish has not changed from 20kg of fillets; **or** 10kg of fillets + one day's bag limit of whole fish; **or** 2 days' bag limit of whole fish. Fish frames are included in the possession limit, but fish heads and some bait are not. RFW had said it was extremely important that the details be carefully considered so as to allow recreational fishers to comply with the regulation while providing capacity for control of those who clearly intend to ignore the limits.

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/media/index.php?0000&mr=550> and

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubDemersalFishingFMP225.htm#2>

Yellowtail Kingfish in Marine Park aquaculture

A Marine Park aquaculture lease has been successfully stocked with 50,000 Yellowtail Kingfish fingerlings. The fingerlings were reared at a local hatchery from 25-30kg brood stock caught last year off the WA coast and acclimatised to the hatchery environment. The Jurien Bay Marine Park was established to protect pristine coastal ecosystems of high ecological value, and allows activities compatible with Park conservation values.

<http://www.wkl.com.au/images/documents/WKL016Fingerlingstosea.pdf>

Australia's Marine Parks and the planning processes

The report covers the use by governments of Marine Protected Areas and Marine Parks to conserve for the future and allow an environmentally sustainable and balanced use of marine resources. Five key issues are covered:- what an MPA is; why and where MPAs are being established; what processes should be and are being used to decide MPAs; and how the efficiency and effectiveness of MPAs could be improved.

http://www.afta.net.au/dl/MPA_Report.pdf

Fremantle breakwater, islands and marina plans spark controversy

The scale of proposals for six islands at Fremantle protected by a 3.5km breakwall has received mixed reactions from Government and the public. The development would include fishing platforms, launching ramps, boat lifters and pens, commercial, community and residential areas and a new beach. Some Government comments have been in news reports but no formal media releases have been issued. Community comments are sought.

<http://www.northportquay.com.au/h-welcome.php> and

<http://www.abc.net.au/stateline/wa/content/2006/s2262655.htm>

Recreational fishing survey - a joint investment in the future

Up-to-date research information is vital to maintain the quality of recreational fisheries now and into the future. The ultimate success of such projects relies heavily on the co-operation of the recreational fishing community. Some anglers have questioned the accuracy of the results of previous surveys. On line progress reports help keep all interested anglers up to date with methods used and some findings from the survey.

http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries/recreational_fishing/recreational_fish_survey

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