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# *Casting Around the Internet with Recfishwest*

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## **Harbour plans to dredge and fill in more of Cockburn Sound.**

State Government announced two options for Fremantle Ports' expansion had been approved to proceed for planning and environmental approval. Both will involve extensive filling and dredging of Cockburn Sound.

<http://www.fremantleports.com.au/Planning/OuterHarbour.asp>

## **Native fish threatens commercial catch**

Claims Australian salmon becoming like "rabbits of the sea", preying on vast quantities of baitfish and other commercially important species along the east coast due to limits on the commercial and recreational catch.

<http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2007/s1872279.htm>

## **Released fish soon back in the swim**

Whatever motivates anglers to release fish, it seems most fish thrown back really do survive. For yellowfin bream the survival rate was 70 to 100%. The only important thing is whether they swallowed the hook.

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/science/released-fish-soon-back-in-the-swim/2007/06/15/1181414542270.html>

## **Fears Wilson Inlet snapper size limits to put pressure other species.**

Professional fishermen say a new larger size limit for snapper in the Wilson Inlet will mean many fish are wasted, resulting in more pressure on other species. The fish will still get caught. Most of them are dead. If you chuck them back in the water the end result is the fishermen don't make money out of catching snapper.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2007/07/10/1974668.htm>

## **Recfishwest Praises Increase to Minimum Legal Size Limit for Wilson Inlet Pink Snapper.**

Recfishwest praised the announcement by Minister for Fisheries, Jon Ford, to increase the minimum legal size limit for pink snapper in Wilson Inlet. This will provide a significant boost for oceanic snapper stocks. The Inlet is an important nursery for juvenile pink snapper, and is another example where recreational fishers have proactively endorsed tighter restrictions on a fishery to ensure its sustainability in the future.

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/MediaStateWilsonInletPinkSnapper.htm>

## **Fish stocks surge not only indicator of Wilson Inlet health.**

Researchers are warning against using a surge in fish stocks in the Wilson Inlet to measure the estuary's health. While the Wilson Inlet is in good health now, the data is looking very similar to what happened to the Peel Harvey Inlet 20 or 25 odd years ago, and the estuary could be facing a collapse in fish stocks.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2007/07/09/1973509.htm>

## **Salmon farmers warned on antibiotic use.**

The use of antibiotics on Australia's farmed Atlantic salmon has risen disturbingly as diseases flare in their sea pens. Concerns include the effect on the drug of antibiotic resistant bacteria already in the sea.

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/salmon-farmers-warned-on-antibiotic-use/2007/06/22/1182019367389.html>

## **Swan River Trust policy:- Rivers' jetty use for public.**

Building private jetties on the Swan and Canning rivers will be a thing of the past. Swan River Trust policy will only support new jetties built on or abutting public land if they are for the whole community to use.

<http://portal.environment.wa.gov.au/pls/portal/url/ITEM/3320A945814769EBE04010AC6E05067A>

## **Underwater Robots Scanning Biodiversity of Ningaloo**

An underwater vehicle equipped with high resolution cameras and sonar and able to navigate on its own has allowed unparalleled insights into deep water environments.

<http://www.aims.gov.au/pages/about/communications/waypoint/005/headlines-04.html>

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