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## South-west Marine Bioregional Planning

# Update

### *Issue #2 (December 2008)*

Welcome to the second edition of the South-west Marine Region *Update*. *Updates* are produced every two to three months when we have something new to tell you. Updates are available under the *What's New* heading on the South-west Marine Bioregional Planning stakeholder page at: [www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/south-west/stakeholders.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/south-west/stakeholders.html)

#### *Upcoming stakeholder meetings*

A series of meetings with key industry, conservation and recreational sectors will commence in the second half of February 2009 in Perth and Adelaide (see timetable below). The aim of these meetings is to provide stakeholders in the South-west Marine Region with an overview of the findings of the planning work to date and to present the anticipated contents of the Draft Plan. At this time we will also discuss proposed boundaries for the Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Region, building on the areas of interest identified at the first stakeholder forums held in April 2008. Input from stakeholders at this first meeting will enable the South-west team to finalise interim boundaries and commence work on the identification of zoning options within individual MPAs.

Subsequent meetings, in March and May 2009 will focus on gathering stakeholders' views and information to finalise the zoning options.

Finally, forums will be held both in Adelaide and Perth to present to all stakeholders the contents of the Draft Marine Bioregional Plan prior to its release. These forums will take place in June 2009.

#### *News from other planning regions*

The Bioregional Profiles for the North-west and North Marine Regions have now been released. The Profiles provide a snapshot of the regions including a description of their marine ecosystems, species, geomorphology, uses and socio-economic values.

The North-west Profile is available at:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/publications/north-west/bioregional-profile.html>

Information sessions on the NW Profile were held in Perth and Broome on Tuesday 2 December and Wednesday 3 December respectively. For information please contact Paula Tomkins at [paula.tomkins@environment.gov.au](mailto:paula.tomkins@environment.gov.au) or 0427004655 / 08 9383 7912.

The North Profile can be accessed at:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/publications/north/index.html>

A stakeholder forum will be held in Darwin in the second week of December. For information please contact Ilse Kiessling at [ilse.kiessling@environment.gov.au](mailto:ilse.kiessling@environment.gov.au) or 0408318944 / 08 8920 9933.

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### South-west Marine Region: Timetable of stakeholder engagement activities

(note: the Table shows the week during which the meetings are proposed to be held; specific dates will be arranged with the relevant sectoral stakeholder representatives)

	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09
Technical work	Boundaries		Zoning					
					Assessment of socio-economic impacts			
Govt Consultation		Boundaries			Zoning			
Sectoral Stakeholders Meetings				1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Multi-sector Forums								

#### Stakeholder meetings – objectives:

**1st meeting:** to present proposed boundaries and identify reserve-specific groups for further meetings (note, we envisage there will be a “south coast” group and a “west coast” group)

**2nd meeting:** to meet with reserve-specific groups and discuss zoning options

**3rd meeting:** to finalise stakeholder input into zoning options

**Multi-sector Forums:** to present Draft Plan, including proposed network, and outline statutory consultation

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