

JERVIS BAY MARINE PARK

Zoning Plan User Guide

May 2011 – present



Fishing

Recreational fishing is permitted in 80% of the Marine Park, however **all forms of recreational and commercial fishing are prohibited in sanctuary zones.** Recreational fishing and certain methods of commercial fishing are permitted in habitat protection and general use zones, and in the special purpose zones.

Under Marine Parks regulations only those species listed in Table 1 may be taken from habitat protection zones. Otherwise, NSW DPI Fisheries regulations apply, including recreational bag and size limits, and gear control. The taking of octopus is prohibited in the Jervis Bay Marine Park. When fishing, spearfishing or collecting you are required to carry a receipt showing the payment of the NSW Recreational Fishing Fee.

Spearfishing

Spearfishing is prohibited in all creeks, the Hyams Beach Habitat Protection Zone and all sanctuary zones of the Marine Park.

Collecting

- Collecting of marine plants and animals is prohibited in sanctuary zones.
- Commercial collection for the aquarium trade is prohibited.
- Recreational collection for aquarium specimens is allowed subject to possession of a relevant permit.
- Collecting marine plants and animals for educational or scientific purposes is allowed subject to possession of a relevant permit.
- Recreational collecting in habitat protection zones, eg. for bait or consumption, is restricted to those species listed in Table 1. NSW DPI Fisheries bag and size limits apply.

Introduction

Marine Parks help conserve our state's marine life for present and future generations, whilst providing a great opportunity to improve public appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of our unique marine environment.

The Jervis Bay Marine Park covers an area of approximately 22,000 hectares, including the semi-enclosed waters of Jervis Bay and over 100 kilometres of coastline and adjacent ocean, extending from Kinghorn Point in the north to Sussex Inlet in the south.

The tidal waters of Currumbene Creek, Moona Moona Creek, Carama Inlet, Wowly Gully, Callala Creek and Currarong Creek are also within the Marine Park.

The waters of the Marine Park are influenced by the warm southward flowing East Australian Current, cool temperate currents flowing north and periodic flows of cold water from the Tasman Sea.

The dramatic range of landforms provides a framework for a variety of habitats including deep water cliffs, exposed and sheltered sandy beaches, rock platforms, rocky reefs, sandy bottoms, small estuaries, kelp forests, seagrass meadows and mangroves.

Popular recreation activities undertaken within the Marine Park include fishing, scuba diving, dolphin and whale watching, boating, surfing, kayaking and snorkelling.

Penalties Apply

The Jervis Bay Marine Park has been established to help conserve our marine environment for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Please be aware that on-the-spot fines of up to \$500 may apply for infringements against the zoning plan and regulations.

Zoning

The Jervis Bay Marine Park is a multiple-use park that aims to protect marine biodiversity, while catering for a broad range of recreational and commercial activities. Use of the Marine Park is regulated through a zoning plan providing a range of protection levels. For GPS co-ordinates of zone boundaries see the map overleaf or access the Jervis Bay Marine Park zoning plan via the free FishSmart App.

Sanctuary zones (20%)

Or "no-take" areas provide the highest level of protection to biodiversity including habitat, animals and plants and also to areas of cultural significance by prohibiting all forms of fishing and collecting activities. Activities that do not harm plants, animals and habitats are permitted. Anchoring is restricted in some areas (see Anchoring and Mooring).

Habitat protection zones (72%)

Conserve marine biodiversity by protecting habitats and reducing high impact activities. Recreational fishing and some forms of commercial fishing are permitted in habitat protection zones. Spearfishing is not permitted in creeks or in Hyams Beach habitat protection zone.

General use zones (8%)

Provide for a wide range of activities including both commercial and recreational fishing. General use zones complement other marine park zones and provide an integrated approach to the management of the Marine Park. All standard NSW DPI Fisheries regulations and bag limits apply, however some commercial fishing methods, e.g. longlining, are prohibited. See overleaf for more details.

Special purpose zones

The Huskisson Wharf and HMAS Creswell Special Purpose Zones cater for existing infrastructure and require special management.

Zone Markers

Most sanctuary zones in the Jervis Bay Marine Park are marked by the yellow buoys shown below.

Water Based Markers

Sanctuary zones in exposed waters inside the bay and in creeks are marked by these yellow buoys. They are not designed to be used as moorings and it is an offence to interfere with them.

Land Based Markers

These signs have been placed on the foreshore at the boundary between sanctuary and habitat protection zones. Look for these markers on beaches or in estuaries to help you determine when you cross a boundary into one of these zones. Blue posts with a plaque are also used to mark entrance points into sanctuary zones.



Anchoring

Anchoring is generally permitted in the Marine Park with the following exceptions:

- Huskisson sanctuary zone, other than in the 'designated anchoring area' within 200m of Shark Net Beach
- Hare Bay sanctuary zone, other than in the 'designated anchoring areas' within 200m of Red Point, or south of Chinamans Beach and east of Green Island
- Sanctuary zones at Currumbene Creek mudflats, upper Currumbene Creek, Moona Moona Creek, Wowly Gully and Blacks Cave Creek.

During November to April there is a seasonal prohibition on anchoring extending 300m seaward of the Outer Tubes, south of the Docks sanctuary zone. This is to alleviate conflict between land based game anglers, and boat based anglers and divers.

NOTE: In emergency situations anchoring is permitted in all areas of the Marine Park where necessary to preserve life or property.

Mooring

To limit anchor damage in sensitive areas, public moorings are provided at Bindijine, Huskisson and Callala Bay. Marine Park public moorings can be identified by their pink floats and Marine Parks labelling.

Use of Marine Parks public moorings is subject to the following conditions:

- A mooring provided by the Marine Parks must not be used in a manner contrary to the conditions of use as displayed on that mooring and in this guide
- A vessel must not occupy a Marine Parks mooring for more than 24 hours
- Vessels occupying Marine Parks moorings are not to be left unattended
- Vessels are not to be manoeuvred under power while attached to an Marine Parks mooring
- Only one vessel is permitted to use an Marine Parks mooring at any one time (excl. tenders).

Vessels must not exceed the maximum capacity of a mooring by exceeding the maximum of either the vessel length OR vessel weight OR wind strength.

If you believe a mooring requires maintenance, or has been damaged or misused, please contact the Jervis Bay Marine Park office. [Note: Moorings are also available at Hole-in-the-Wall, in Booderee National Park waters.]



Permits

A variety of activities undertaken within the Marine Park require a permit from the Marine Park. Permitting certain activities ensures that they are conducted in accordance with the zoning plan, and in a safe and enjoyable manner.

Activities that require a permit include:

- Commercial activities involving the sale of a product or service, or conduct of an activity for money, such as guided tours, dive or snorkel charters, fishing charters.
- Photography or filming that uses structures, or has potential to impact on marine biodiversity or habitat or exclude other users
- Organised sporting activities, such as sailing races, fishing competitions and tournaments
- Organised public events, such as concerts, public functions or other events
- Educational activities involving the taking of marine plants or animals
- Research activities
- Collecting for private aquariums
- Hovercraft use
- Cruise ship visits

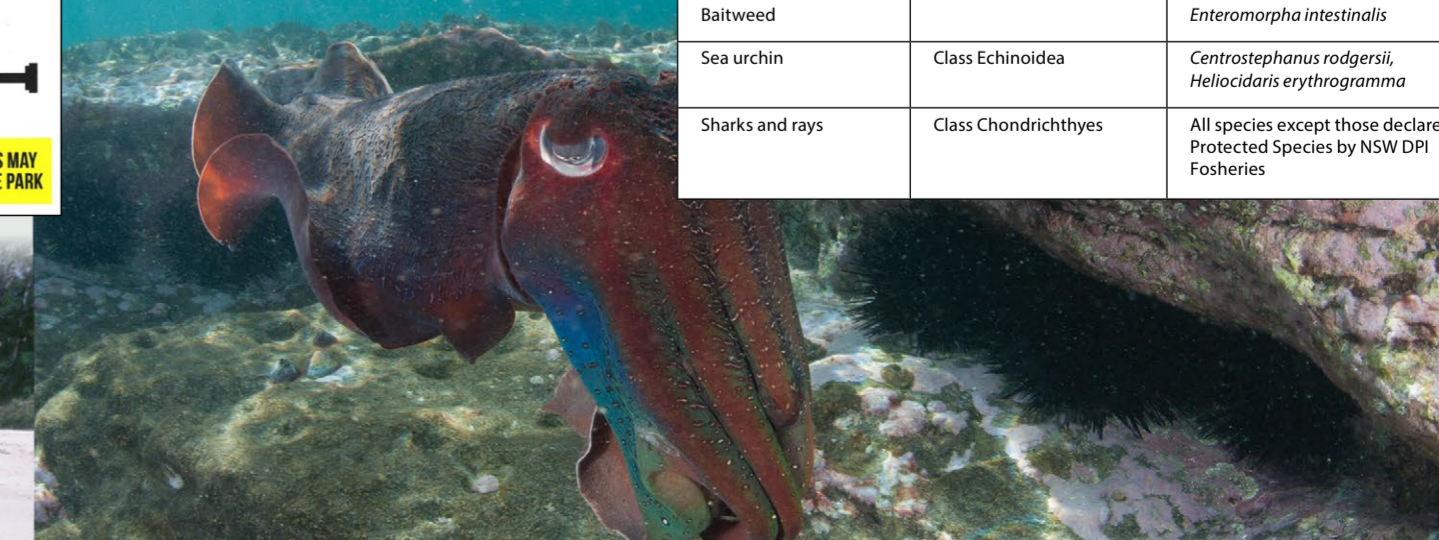
Permit application forms are available online at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au or by contacting the Jervis Bay Marine Park office.

Species Protection

Hard and soft corals, sea anemones, zooanthids and all pipefishes and seahorses are protected throughout the entire Marine Park. All species of animals and plants are protected in sanctuary zones in the Marine Park. In habitat protection zones and in special purpose zones all species are protected except those listed in Table 1. **Note:** Some fin fish are declared Threatened or Protected species under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* and may not be taken anywhere in NSW. Protected species that occur, or may occur, in the Marine Park include:

- Black Cod
- Grey Nurse Shark
- Eastern Blue Devil Fish
- Estuary Cod
- Elegant Wrasse
- Herbsts Nurse Shark
- all syngnathiformes (seahorses, pipefish, pipehorses and seadragons)
- Great Hammerhead
- Scalloped Hammerhead
- White Shark
- Southern Bluefin Tuna
- Blue Drummer.

More information is available via the free FishSmart App or the NSW DPI Fisheries Saltwater Guide.



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Table 1: Species that may be taken from habitat protection zones*

**(unless otherwise restricted under the Fisheries Management Act or unless declared Protected Species). Note: NSW DPI Fisheries bag and size limits apply.*

COMMON NAME	CLASS OR FAMILY	SPECIES
Finfish	Class Osteichthyes	All species
Beach worm	Family Onaphidae	All species
Eastern rock lobster	Family Palinuridae	<i> Jasus verreauxi</i>
Southern rock lobster	Family Palinuridae	<i> Jasus edwardsii</i>
Mud crab, blue swimmer crab	Family Portunidae	<i> Scylla serrata, Portunus pelagicus</i>
Red crab	Family Grapsidae	<i> Plagusia chabrus</i>
King prawn	Family Penaeidae	<i> Pweneaus plebejus</i>
Ghost shrimp, marine yabbie, nipper	Family Callinassidae	All species
Arrow squid	Family Ommastrephidae	<i> Nototodarus gouldi</i>
Southern calamari	Family Loliginidae	<i> Sepioteuthis australis</i>
Abalone	Family Haliotidae	All species
Turban shell	Family Turbinadae	All species
Pipi	Family Donacidae	<i> Donax deltoides</i>
Commercial scallop, doughboy scallop	Family Pectinidae	<i> Pecten fumatus, Chlamys asperimus</i>
Blue mussel	Family Mytilidae	<i> Mytilus planulatus</i>
Sydney cockle	Family Arcidae	<i> Anadara trapezia</i>
Mud oyster	Family Ostreidae	<i> Ostrea angasi</i>
Sea lettuce		<i> Ulva lactuca</i>
Baitweed		<i> Enteromorpha intestinalis</i>
Sea urchin	Class Echinoidea	<i> Centrostephanus rodgersii, Heliocidaris erythrogramma</i>
Sharks and rays	Class Chondrichthyes	All species except those declared Protected Species by NSW DPI Fisheries

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Domestic/companion animals

Domestic animals (including dogs and horses) are only permitted on beaches within the Marine Park that have been designated for such activities by local government authorities or other land management agencies. They are prohibited at the following locations:

- the rock platform at Green Point
- the Currumbene Creek mudflats sanctuary zone
- the 'Myola' sand spit at the southern end of Callala Beach.

Domesticated animals are permitted within any zone of the Marine Park if they are assisting a disabled person, are a police dog, remain confined to a vessel or vehicle, or if the owner has a Marine Park permit.

Vehicles

Motor vehicles must not be used in the Marine Park for recreational purposes other than landing or retrieving vessels from designated boat-launching facilities.

Fish feeding/Cleaning

Fish feeding of any kind, including the use of urchins, is not permitted in sanctuary zones. Feeding sharks is not permitted in the Marine Park. Cleaning of fish or fishing gear is not permitted in sanctuary zones.

