








Recreational fishing seasons

☐ Fishing not permitted

2025

2026

Demersal Scalefish - effort closure			JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
	West Coast Demersal Scalefish	Boat fishers		Closes Feb 1*		Opens Apr 1*				Closes Aug 1*	Opens Sept 16*	Closes Oct 15*		Opens Dec 16*		Closes Feb 1*
		Land-based line fishers														
Baldchin groper - spawning closure																
	Abrolhos Islands	Boat fishers		Closes Feb 1*		Opens Apr 1*				Closes Aug 1*	Opens Sept 16*	Closes Oct 1*			Opens Jan 1*	Closes Feb 1*
		Land-based line fishers														
Pink snapper - spawning closures																
	Cockburn and Warnbro Sounds, including waters west to 5 fathom bank	Boat fishers				Opens Apr 1*				Closes Aug 1*						
		Land-based line fishers		Opens Feb 1*												Opens Feb 1*
	Northern Bernier Island							Closes June 1*			Opens Sept 1*					
	Eastern Gulf						Closes May 1*			Opens Aug 1*						
	Freycinet Estuary										Closes Aug 15*	Opens Oct 1*				
Blue swimmer crab																
	Swan River to Minninup Beach										Closes Sept 1*			Opens Dec 1*		
Marron																
	Note: seasons open and close at 12 noon		Opens Jan 8*	Closes Feb 5*											Opens Jan 8*	Closes Feb 5*
Abalone																
	West Coast Zone Abalone		Open between 7.00am and 8.00am on Jan 11, Feb 1 & Feb 15 2025.											Open for four Saturdays between 7.00am and 8.00am throughout December to February. 2026 dates TBC.		
	Southern Zone Abalone						Closes May 15*					Opens Oct 1*				
			Note: The area from Busselton Jetty to Shoal Cape is closed to greenlip abalone fishing year round													

* inclusive

Accurate as of December 2024. This calendar will be updated annually. For maps and the most up-to-date information, visit:

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