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CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT ACT 1984

PROPOSED CAMDEN SOUND MARINE PARK

Notice is hereby given under section 14 of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act) of a proposal to reserve Western Australian waters in the Camden Sound area under section 13(1) of the CALM Act as a Class A marine park.

Any person may make a written submission on this proposal and all persons with an interest in the proposal are encouraged to do so.

A marine park is created to protect natural features and aesthetic, scientific and educational values whilst at the same time enabling compatible recreational and commercial uses (the statutory purpose of marine parks is provided in CALM Act section 13B(1)).

Situated in the Indian Ocean, the proposed Camden Sound Marine Park comprises Western Australian waters, the airspace above those waters, the seabed below those waters, and the subsoil to a depth of 200 metres below that seabed that are—

- (a) contained within and bounded by a line—
 - (i) commencing north-west of Champagny Island at the intersection of the seaward limit of the coastal waters of the State and latitude 15°12'00" south; and
 - (ii) extending east along latitude 15°12'00" south to the intersection of that latitude and longitude 124°48'45" east;
 - (iii) thence north-easterly along the geodesic joining that point and the point at latitude 15°10'51.600" south longitude 124°50'06" east, to the intersection of that geodesic and the high water mark;
 - (iv) thence generally south easterly and north westerly along the high water mark around Rothsay Water, Saint George Basin, Prince Regent River, Munster Water and Hanover Bay, to High Bluff;
 - (v) thence generally southerly and westerly along the high water mark of Port George IV, Augustus Water and Brecknock Harbour;
 - (vi) thence generally southerly along the high water mark to the intersection of that mark and longitude 124°25'00" east at the point nearest latitude 15°52'36" south;
 - (vii) thence south along longitude 124°25'00" east to the intersection of that longitude and latitude 16°03'00" south;
 - (viii) thence west along latitude 16°03'00" south to the intersection of that latitude and longitude 123°45'00" east;
 - (ix) thence north along longitude 123°45'00" east to the intersection of that longitude and latitude 15°55'00" south;
 - (x) thence west along latitude 15°55'00" south to the intersection of that latitude and the seaward limit of the coastal waters of the State;
 - (xi) thence generally north-easterly along the seaward limit of the coastal waters of the State to the point of commencement; and
- (b) within that line—
 - (i) seaward of the high water mark of all islands; and
 - (ii) excluding all allocated land (as proclaimed at the time of this notice).

The proposed marine park will be proclaimed within the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

NOTES—

- (1) All geographic coordinates are expressed in terms of the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 ('GDA94').
- (2) All geographic co-ordinates are approximate only and are subject to survey.
- (3) 'Western Australian waters' means all waters that are within the limits of the State, or that are 'coastal waters of the State'.
- (4) 'coastal waters of the State' has the meaning given to that term in the *Off-shore (Application of Laws) Act 1982-1983* section 2.

- (5) High water mark is the ordinary (mean of) high water mark at spring tides as defined in the *Land Administration Act 1997* section 3.

An indicative management plan has been prepared outlining how the proposed Camden Sound Marine Park would be managed. This plan includes a map and details of the proposed boundaries, management zoning and management actions for the proposed marine park.

Under the CALM Act section 62(1a), the proposed Camden Sound Marine Park is intended to be classified with the following management areas—two sanctuary areas, a special purpose area for whale conservation, a special purpose area for wilderness fishing, two special purpose areas for pearling, and three general use areas.

Sanctuary areas are proposed at Montgomery Reef and the waters surrounding Champagny Islands and part of Wildcat Reefs. The following activities are considered to be incompatible with the purpose of these areas: commercial fishing; pearling; aquaculture; seismic survey; mineral and petroleum exploration, drilling and production; laying of cabling or pipelines; dredging and dredge spoil dumping; construction of artificial structures, groynes, jetties or revetment; bioprospecting; commercial collection of coral, live rock, sand and specimen shells; commercial crocodile hunting; charter boat fishing; shore and boat fishing (line, net or crab); spearfishing; sea plane landing; vessel sewage discharge; and wildlife feeding.

A special purpose area for the primary purpose of whale conservation is proposed. The following activities are considered to be incompatible with the purpose of this area: commercial trawl fishing; pearling; aquaculture; seismic survey; mineral and petroleum exploration, drilling and production; laying of cabling or pipelines; dredging and dredge spoil dumping; construction of artificial structures, groynes, jetties or revetment; bioprospecting; commercial collection of coral, live rock and sand; commercial crocodile hunting; sea plane landing; vessel sewage discharge; and wildlife feeding.

A special purpose area for the primary purpose of wilderness fishing is proposed for the waters surrounding the Montgomery Reef Sanctuary Zone. This area provides for conservation outcomes and 'wilderness' fishing experiences. Only highly restricted recreational fishing is permitted, requiring fishers to consume their catch prior to leaving the area. The following activities are considered to be incompatible with the purpose of this area: commercial fishing; pearling; aquaculture; seismic survey; mineral and petroleum exploration, drilling and production; laying of cabling or pipelines; dredging and dredge spoil dumping; construction of artificial structures, groynes, jetties or revetment; bioprospecting; commercial collection of coral, live rock, sand and specimen shells; commercial crocodile hunting; vessel sewage discharge; and wildlife feeding.

Special purpose areas for the primary purpose of pearling are proposed near Pyrene Island, and over the waters from Kuri Bay to Jungulu Island and Brecknock Harbour, Augustus Water and Port George IV. The following activities are considered to be incompatible with the purpose of these areas: commercial collection of coral, live rock and sand; commercial crocodile hunting; and wildlife feeding.

General use areas are proposed over the remainder of the proposed marine park including the waters east of Montgomery Reef, north of Jungulu and Augustus islands and encompassing the waters of St George Basin and the tidal extent of Prince Regent River. The following activities are considered incompatible with the intent of these areas: commercial crocodile hunting and wildlife feeding.

Copies of the indicative management plan, inclusive of a map of the proposed marine park can be inspected at the following locations—

Department of Environment and Conservation

- State Head Office, Level 4 Atrium Building, 168 St Georges Terrace, Perth.
- State Operations Headquarters, 17 Dick Perry Avenue, Technology Park, Western Precinct, Kensington.
- East Kimberley District Office, Lot 248 Ivanhoe Road, Kununurra.
- West Kimberley District Office, 111 Herbert Street, Broome.

The plan can also be viewed on DEC's website at www.dec.wa.gov.au.

Department of Fisheries

- State Head Office, Level 3 Atrium Building, 168 St Georges Terrace, Perth.
- Broome Regional Office, Port of Pearls House, 401 Port Drive, Broome.

Department of Transport

- Marine Head Office, 1 Essex Street, Fremantle.
- Kimberley Regional Office, 9 Napier Terrace, Broome.

Local Government offices

- Shire of Broome, Cnr Weld and Haas Street, Broome.
- Shire of Derby West Kimberley, Cnr of Loch and Johnston Street, Derby.
- Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, 115 Coolibah Drive, Kununurra and Koolama Street, Wyndham.

Written submissions on the indicative management plan should be directed to—

Proposed Camden Sound Marine Park—Have Your Say
Department of Environment and Conservation
Marine Policy and Planning Branch
Reply Paid 83569
Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983

or to—

haveyoursay@dec.wa.gov.au

A Have Your Say template is available at www.dec.wa.gov.au

The closing date for submissions is 1 February 2011.

Dated 20 October 2010.

KEIRAN McNAMARA, Director General,
Department of Environment and Conservation.
