

MARINE PARK, GEOGRAPHE BAY - OBJECTION

Petition

MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie-Wellington - Parliamentary Secretary) [3.02 pm]: I present the following petition, which bears 412 signatures -

To the Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly

We, the undersigned, object to the establishment of a marine park in Geographe Bay, which would exclude recreational fishers and surfers.

It is our contention that a purely recreational fishery, to be managed jointly by the WA Fisheries Department and nominated delegates from local recreational fishing associations, would achieve the desired effect of conserving the fish stock for the future.

We propose a purely recreational fishery around the shores of Geographe Bay and South to Canal Rocks, with no form of professional fishing activity allowed.

This proposed recreational fishery area would start at:

- 33 degrees 5 minutes South and extend one full grid square as marked on all charts (i.e. Aus755)
- to 115 degrees 35minutes South around the coast to 33 degrees 15minutes,
- and 115 degrees 35 minutes East to 33 degrees 25 minutes South
- 115 degrees 30 minutes East to 33 degrees 34 minutes South
- 115 degrees 20minutes East to 33 degrees 33 minutes South
- 115 degrees 10minutes East to 33 degrees 29 minutes South
- 115 degrees 5 minutes East to 33 degrees 29 minutes 4 seconds South and
- 114 degrees 59 minutes 3 seconds East to Canal Rocks

These areas should be drogue fishing only with no anchoring allowed.

The landed catch of inshore waters should be reviewed, with necessary adjustments made each year, and results should be published in the State press, and in fishing publications.

[See petition 180.]