



Department of  
**Primary Industries and  
Regional Development**

# Point Samson Reef

## A special place requiring protection

Point Samson Reef is a popular tourist destination requiring special protection. Human behaviour is one of the greatest risks to the reef's ecosystem and with more people visiting the reef it means greater pressure on the marine creatures living there.



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Western Australia.*

## Permitted fishing activities

In the Point Samson Reef Protected Area, recreational fishers may:

- take finfish by means of a rod, reel and line or a handline; and
- take bony fish (does not include sharks, skates and rays) by means of a pointed instrument (speargun, gidgee, etc.)

## Non-permitted fishing activities

- All commercial fishing
- All other recreational activities, including the **collection** and **take** of live/dead shells, squid, octopus, crabs, coral and other invertebrates.

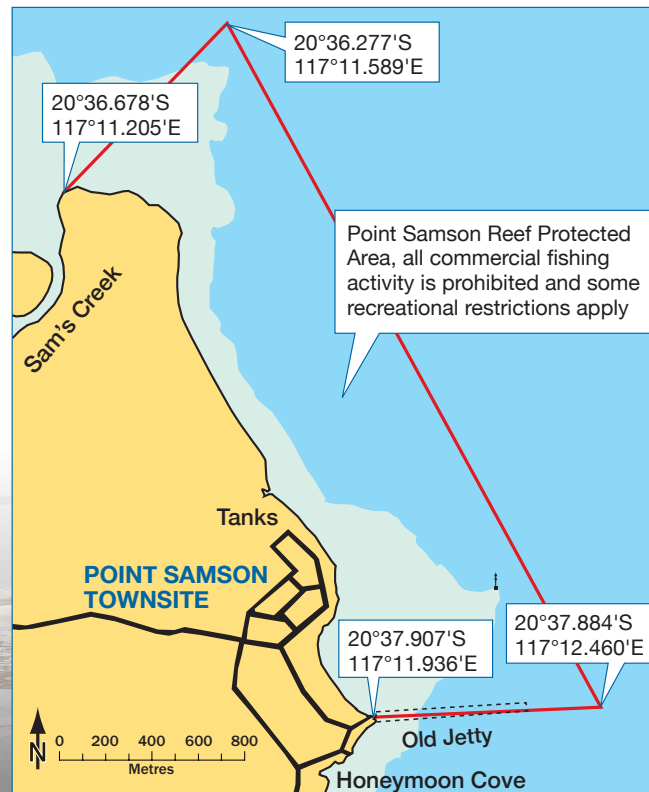


## Where are these fishing activities prohibited?

The Reef Protected Area extends from the point north of Sam's Creek and south to the old Point Samson Jetty.

The prohibition is effective from the high tide mark seaward to include the reef platform as indicated in the map. See map for exact coordinates of the fishing prohibition area.

## Point Samson Reef



## Please follow the rules

Fisheries and Marine Officers regularly patrol Point Samson Reef. People found breaking the rules can attract penalties as high as \$5,000 plus up to 10 times the prescribed value of the species.

## How you can protect Point Samson Reef

You can help ensure there will be fish for the future by following the rules and catch care principles, and release all undersize and excess fish as quickly and as carefully as possible.

It's easy to keep up to date with WA's recreational fishing rules.

1. Web: for rules covering more than 180 fish species, visit [fish.wa.gov.au/rules](http://fish.wa.gov.au/rules)
2. App: download the free Recfishwest app for access to the rules even if you're out of phone range. The app includes an easy fish identification feature.
3. Guide: grab a copy of the recreational fishing guide or download from [fish.wa.gov.au/guide](http://fish.wa.gov.au/guide)

# Hook up to the rec fishing rules

It's easy to keep up to date with Western Australia's recreational fishing rules. Whether it's for bag and size limits, seasonal closures or licences, all the rules are at your fingertips.

## 1. Web

Go to **[fish.wa.gov.au/rules](http://fish.wa.gov.au/rules)** for rules covering more than 180 fish species. Use the interactive maps to discover information about marine protected areas and common species by region.

## 2. App

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## 3. Guide

Grab a copy or download from **[fish.wa.gov.au/guide](http://fish.wa.gov.au/guide)**

Report shark sightings  
to Water Police on

**9442 8600**

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Love your fishing? So do we!

As the peak body for rec fishing, our purpose is to ensure great fishing experiences for all in the WA community forever.

Visit our website to find out about some great fishing initiatives.



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