

Changes to the zoning plan for Jervis Bay Marine Park

Frequently asked questions

Why has the zoning plan for Jervis Bay Marine Park changed?

The NSW Government has abolished the new zoning plan for Jervis Bay Marine Park made by the former government on 1 March 2011, due to concerns about the consultation process and pending the outcomes of an independent scientific audit of marine park zoning arrangements.

What are the rules now?

The zoning plan for Jervis Bay Marine Park as implemented in 2002 has been restored as of 26 May 2011. This means the rules that have been in place since 2002 now apply.

How have these changes been made?

The *Marine Parks (Zoning Plans) Amendment (Solitary Islands and Jervis Bay Marine Parks) Regulation 2011* was disallowed by the Legislative Assembly of NSW Parliament on 26 May 2011.

This immediately restored the former zoning plan for Jervis Bay Marine Park.

What is being done to make sure marine park users know about the changes?

Zoning plan user guides will be distributed to the usual outlets as soon as possible. Up-to-date maps and information are on the marine parks website at www.mpa.nsw.gov.au. Signs and boundary markers will be updated as soon as practical and public notices will appear in the local papers to inform the broader community. Marine parks staff will be out and about in the parks informing park users of the changes.

What happens next?

The Government will consider the findings of the upcoming independent scientific audit of marine park zoning arrangements and will undertake thorough community consultation before making any future zoning changes. The independent scientific audit will occur in the second half of 2011.



When will a new zoning plan be finalised?

Any future changes to the zoning plan will be made following the recommendations of the scientific audit and the outcomes of thorough public consultation.

What happens to the proposed commercial fishing buy out?

The buy out of commercial fishing entitlements associated with the former zoning plan will no longer occur. For further information regarding the buy out please call 1300 303 763.

Can fishing still occur between Point Perpendicular and Crocodile Head on Beecroft Peninsula?

No, the sanctuary zone between Point Perpendicular and Crocodile Head has been restored under the current zoning plan.

Can commercial trawl fishing now occur in the marine park?

Yes, trawling can occur in general purpose zone areas in Wreck Bay and Crookhaven Bight.

What happens to the proposed changes relating to boating rules that were being implemented by NSW Maritime?

NSW Maritime will not be proceeding with changes it was implementing alongside the former zoning plan.

How will marine park and fisheries officers enforce the zoning plan?

Marine park rangers and fisheries officers will be focused on raising awareness that the 2002 zoning plan has been restored. As the zoning plan was previously in place between 2002 and early 2011, it is anticipated that marine park users will be reasonably familiar with it. Importantly, in areas where the zoning arrangements have been continuous since 2002, for example in areas that have always been sanctuary zones, breaking zoning plan laws will result in enforcement action.

Where can I get more information?

Please visit the marine parks website at www.mpa.nsw.gov.au for more information or contact Jervis Bay Marine Park on (02) 4428 3000 or by email to jervis.bay@mpa.nsw.gov.au.