

Closure

At all times it is unlawful for any person to take any species of cephalopod (ie cuttlefish, squid and octopus) within the closed area.

This includes all waters of Spencer Gulf enclosed by a line from the lighthouse at Point Lowly to the southern end of the Port Bonython jetty, then in a south westerly direction to the eastern most point of the BHP jetty, position latitude 33° 2' 12.63" south and longitude 137° 36' 1.98" east, near Whyalla, then to the high water mark at the base of the jetty, then following the high water mark along the shoreline in an easterly direction back to the point of commencement. The above coordinates are based on GDA94. See map for details.

The area still remains open to commercial and recreational fishers targeting any other fish species.

The Future

Researchers continue to gain more information about this unique species and the results will be used to refine the management of the fishery whilst minimising the impact on fishers.

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Cuttlefish

Cuttlefish belong to a group of animals known as cephalopods.

The giant Australian cuttlefish (*Sepia apama*) occurs in all coastal waters and bays from Ningaloo in Western Australia across the southern coast of Australia to Port Jackson in New South Wales and south to parts of Tasmania. It is the most abundant and by far the largest local species of cuttlefish and can reach up to 5kgs in weight with a mantle length of over 60cms.

They are known to form large localised aggregations when spawning. Spawning normally takes place in winter months.

Protecting cuttlefish stocks

In response to the increase in fishing pressure on the giant Australian cuttlefish, concerns have been raised over the need for management controls for this species. Results from a three year biological survey of the cuttlefish indicated there was a need to take a conservative management approach which recognised the vulnerability of this unique population.

Bag and Boat limits

Cuttlefish and squid have a combined bag and boat limit. It is the total combined catch of both species that makes up the bag or boat limit.

Minimum legal length: not applicable

Combined cuttlefish/squid catch limits:

Bag limit 15 Boat limit 45

