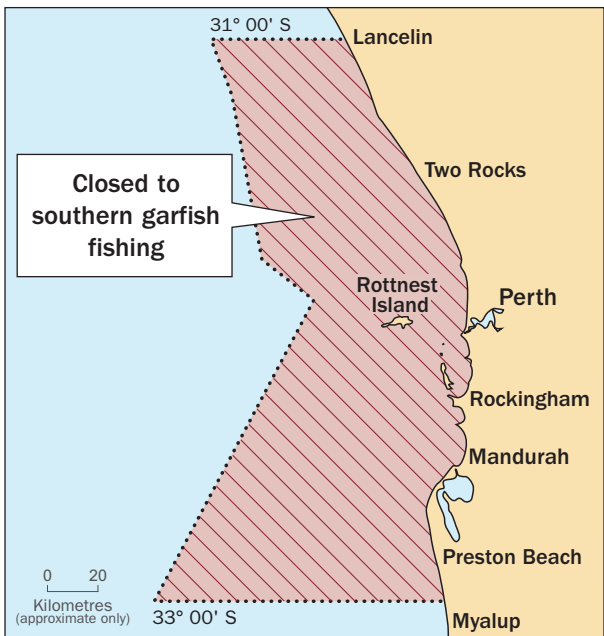


Perth metropolitan waters closed to fishing for southern garfish

Taking southern garfish (also known as 'southern sea garfish') is prohibited in Perth's metropolitan waters between 31° south (just north of Lancelin) and 33° south (near Lake Preston/Myalup) until further notice to protect the breeding stock.

The closure applies to both recreational and commercial fishing in the area shown on the map below.



For further information, see overleaf.

Fisheries research showed a significant decline in the number of southern garfish in Cockburn Sound and wider Perth Metropolitan waters due to environmental and fishing pressures.

The closure has been introduced to ease fishing pressure on southern garfish and allow them to rebuild. The Department will continue to monitor the stocks and assess the recovery progress.

Fishers are still able to take robust garfish from the closed area.

Robust garfish (also known as 'storm garfish') can be identified by a dark blotch below the dorsal fin and a longer lower tail fin lobe than that of southern garfish (see illustration below).

Southern garfish

(Gardie, southern sea garfish)

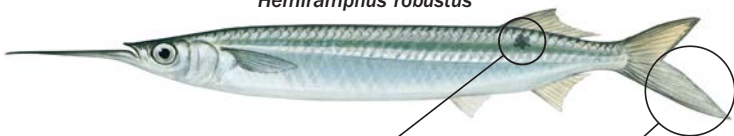
Hyporhamphus melanochir



Robust garfish

(Three-by-two garfish, storm garfish)

Hemiramphus robustus



Dark blotch below dorsal fin

Lower lobe of tail fin longer

You can play your part in ensuring there will be southern garfish for the future by sticking to the rules and not taking southern garfish caught in the closed area.

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