

South-east Marine Parks Network

Commercial Fishing

Changes proposed in the Draft South-east Marine Parks Network Management Plan may impact on commercial fishers. Affected commercial fishers may be eligible for financial assistance.

Zoning changes

Commercial fishing Impacts

- Changes to zoning in Murray, Franklin, Beagle, Flinders, Freycinet, Huon, and Tasman Fracture may impact on some commercial fishers, with some areas no longer open to fishing.

New areas open to commercial fishing

- Areas of Flinders and Murray previously closed to fishing, will be open to pelagic fishing.

No impact on commercial fishers

- Apollo, Boags and East Gippsland are not being changed.
- Changes to zoning in South Tasman Rise, Nelson and the southern part of Zeehan have no impact on fishers – these areas remain closed to commercial fishing.

Changes to commercial fishing rules in the draft plan

- The draft management plan includes small changes that may affect the day-to-day operations of commercial fishers in the South-east Marine Parks Network.
- Please read Sections 4.3.1 (General use, access and waste management) and 4.3.2 (Commercial Fishing) of the draft plan for details.

Updated Class Approval

- The SE Network commercial fishing class approval will be updated in accordance with the finalised plan. A draft is available to view [here](#).

Structural Adjustment Assistance Program

- Commercial fishers directly affected by changes to management arrangements in the SE Network may be eligible for direct financial assistance when there is an overall negative impact on the fishery.
- Assistance would support fishers transition their businesses to the new operating environment.
- This money would be available via a demand-driven grants program, within 12 months of the SE Network zoning changes coming into effect.
 - The program is expected to follow the same methodology as the 2019 *Fishing Business Assistance Grants Program*.
- Further details on the program will be available once the South-east Management Plan is finalised in early 2025.



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Further Information

If you have questions, please visit the Australian Marine Parks Website parksaustralia.gov.au/marine, send an email to SEreview@dcceew.gov.au.