

Shoalwater Islands Marine Park – Draft Mooring Plan

What you need to know

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions is considering measures to manage increasing demand for private vessel moorings, with a focus on minimising environmental impacts and ensuring public safety.

A draft mooring plan for the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park has been developed and released for public comment until **Friday 1 May 2026**.

Under the proposal, specific areas of the marine park will be designated as Mooring Licence Areas (MLAs) where private moorings will be permitted. Moorings will be managed in accordance with the Conservation and Land Management Regulations 2002 and marine users will be required to apply for a licence for a private mooring in the MLAs. The license system will provide a transparent and equitable process for private mooring owners and vessel owners to obtain authority to install and use a mooring in the marine park.

Two MLAs are proposed for the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park:

- The Proposed Port Kennedy Mooring Licence Area (map 1) and
- The Proposed Carlisle Street Mooring Licence Area (map 2).

An annual fee and application fee will apply for each mooring site, consistent with the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure's mooring licence fees [Swing mooring licences | Transport WA](#). These fees support administration and ongoing costs associated with the implementation of the MLAs, including assessments and compliance activities.

Have your say

Community input is an important part of this process, and you're invited to share your views on the draft plan by:

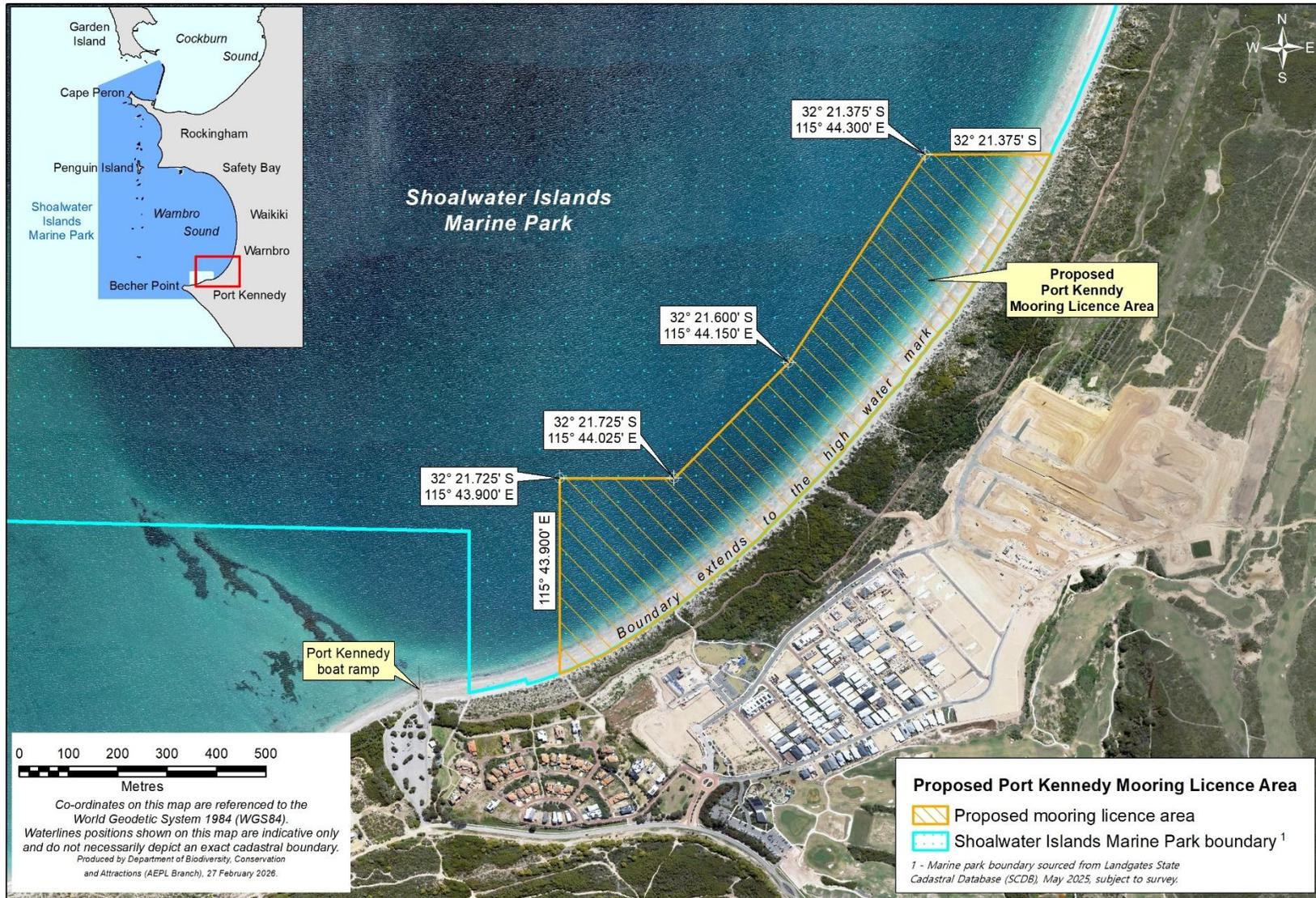
- Visiting <https://www.dbca.wa.gov.au/haveyoursay> to view the draft mooring plan and fill in the online survey (preferred)
- emailing your comments to moorings@dbca.wa.gov.au
- posting a written submission to the Marine and Riverpark Coordinator at: Attn DBCA, 14 Capo D'Orlando Drive, South Fremantle 6162.

All feedback received during the comment period will be reviewed and will help shape the final plan.

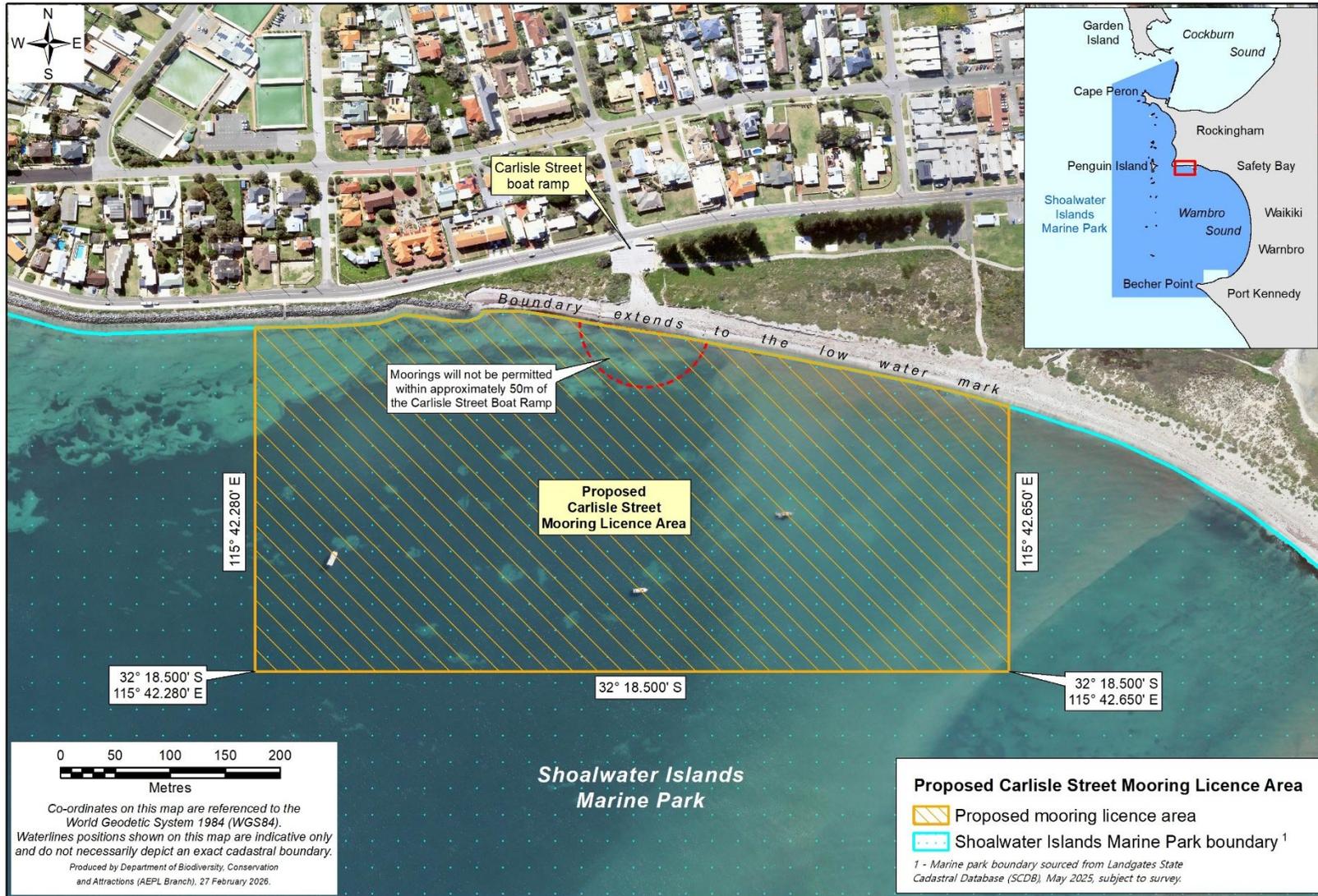
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Map 1: Proposed Port Kennedy MLA



Map 2: Proposed Carlisle Steet ML

