Bringing recreational prawning back to the Swan Canning Riverpark

The Department of Parks and Wildlife is working with its project partners to bring western school prawns back to the Swan and Canning rivers.

You can help by adopting sustainable prawning techniques. Recreational fishers are encouraged to return gravid (pregnant) females to the water where they will naturally boost the school prawn population.

The future of prawning in the rivers is in our hands.
Prawning for the future

Sustainable prawning

One of the best ways to prawn sustainably is to return gravid (pregnant) prawns to the river. Each female western school prawn produces between 20,000 and 60,000 eggs. Every gravid prawn returned to the water can lead to many more prawns the next year.

Gravid prawns can easily be identified by the bright green row of eggs running from the middle of their back to their tail.

Sustainable prawning tips

• Please return all by-catch to the river, including all fish, invertebrates and weed. If you sort your catch on a tarpaulin, it is easy to return the by-catch when prawns are removed.
• Take your rubbish home with you and keep off foreshore vegetation.
• Regulations apply to prawning. See the Department of Fisheries website for details - www.fish.wa.gov.au.

Prawn Watch

Prawn Watch is a Parks and Wildlife initiative that engages the community to monitor prawns in the Swan Canning Riverpark. It is part of a larger program focused on restocking the Swan and Canning rivers with western school prawns. More than 4.5 million western school prawns have already been released.

Get involved

Parks and Wildlife urges the public to share information on prawn catches by using the Prawn Watch smartphone app or online monitoring form on the River Guardians website. You can also contact us on 9278 0900 to receive a free Prawn Watch logbook. Community input is valuable in helping us monitor the prawn fishery.

www.riverguardians.com

Project partners

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