

Aquaculture (Marron Farming)

The keeping, breeding, hatching, culturing or harvesting of fish is considered aquaculture. 'Fish' refers to most aquatic organisms including Marron.

Private Marron Use

The keeping of marron on private property for personal use within existing approved dams or structures does not require approval from the Shire.

Commercial Marron Use

Under the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup Local Planning Scheme No. 7 (LPS7), the keeping of marron for commercial purposes is considered "aquaculture":

"aquaculture" means any fish farming operation for which a Aquaculture license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Fish Resources Management Act 1994 (as amended), is required"

Aquaculture can only be considered in the following zones:

- Rural Residential
- Rural Smallholdings
- General Agriculture
- Priority Agriculture
- Light Industry
- General Industry
- Tourist
- Bushland Protection

Development (Planning) Approval

Aquaculture proposals involving the use of existing dams and where no structural works are proposed, do not require prior approval from the Shire.

If the aquaculture operations expand beyond existing approved dams and include structural works such as additional dams, purging tanks, processing sheds, etc., then prior approval from the Shire is required.

To obtain approval from the Shire, an Application for Development (Planning) Approval is required to be submitted including all relevant documentation for assessment.

An Application for Development Approval Form and Application Checklist is available on the Shire's website:

www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au.

Aquaculture Licence

Under the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*, there is a legal requirement for anyone who keeps, breeds, hatches or cultures fish for commercial purposes to hold an aquaculture licence.

An aquaculture licence is granted by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

Further information is available at the following website: www.fish.wa.gov.au

Prior to obtaining a licence from DPIRD you need to demonstrate that you have obtained Development Approval or that Development Approval is not required from the Shire. If Development Approval is not required, following a formal request for Written Planning Advice, the Shire can confirm this in writing.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I keep marron on my property for personal use?

Yes, as long as the dams are approved and there are no structural works proposed.

Can I sell marron from my property?

The sale of marron may require prior Development Approval from the Shire and an aquaculture licence from DPIRD.

Is aquaculture (marron farming) permitted on my property?

It depends on the zoning of your property. To find out the zoning of your property, contact the Shire's Planning Services.

What is an aquaculture licence?

An aquaculture licence is granted by DPIRD and is a legal requirement for anyone who keeps, breeds, hatches or cultures fish for commercial purposes. The Shire does not grant aquaculture licences.

Do I need Development Approval prior to getting an aquaculture licence?

Yes, if you require Development Approval you will need to get this from the Shire before applying to DPIRD for an aquaculture licence.

How do I apply for Development Approval?

An application and relevant documentation is to be submitted to the Shire for assessment.

An Application for Development Approval Form and Application Checklist outlining the

necessary information for submission is available on the Shire's website:

www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au.

How long does the development application process take?

Depending on whether the proposal needs to be advertised or not, the Shire has 60 to 90 days to determine an Application for Development (Planning) Approval. This is consistent with the timeframes set by the State.

Before I get an aquaculture licence, I need something in writing from the Shire that says I don't need a Development Approval. What do I do?

You will need to request written planning advice from the Shire. A request of this nature needs to be put in writing with the relevant form and will cost \$73.00.

In the request, you need to include all relevant information relating to the proposal to demonstrate that you don't need a development approval.

An Information Request form is available on the Shire's website.

How do I find out more information?

You may contact the DPIRD Aquaculture Management Directorate office regarding aquaculture licences on 1300 374 731 or visit their website:

www.fish.wa.gov.au.

You may contact the Shire's Planning Services regarding Development Approval on (08) 9780 4200 or via email at:

shire@donnybrook.wa.gov.au.

