

## Marine parks information at Arno Bay

Interest in South Australia's planned marine parks has prompted Arno Bay residents to invite Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) staff to discuss the process with the community.

Port Lincoln DEH staff will share the latest marine parks information and answer questions at Arno Bay on April 8.

The South Australian Government is creating 19 marine parks in state waters by 2010.

The parks will protect representative examples of marine habitats all along South Australia's 5600km of coastline for current and future generations to enjoy.

Several marine parks will be located in the Spencer Gulf.

DEH's Senior Project Officer, Coast and Marine Conservation, Simon Clark, said the visit was requested by local residents and was a great opportunity for locals and visitors to find out the latest marine parks information.

"The aim of the session is to make contact with as many residents and regular visitors as we possibly can to share the current information about marine parks," Mr Clark said.

"All community members with an interest in the marine environment are encouraged to attend the session to discuss the most up-to-date information about marine parks.

"We want to ensure the new marine parks are areas of marine conservation and sustainable use that local communities are proud of and feel they 'own'.

"To do this we want as much community involvement in the planning phase as possible," Mr Clark said.

Outer boundaries of marine parks will be released for public comment later this year and specific zones within these parks will be developed through extensive public consultation by the end of 2010.

The marine parks information session will be held at 6:30pm on April 8 at the Arno Bay Hotel, Tel-el-kebir Terrace, Arno Bay.

All are welcome to attend.

For more information contact DEH's Coast and Marine Conservation Branch on (08) 8124 4900 or visit [www.environment.sa.gov.au/coasts/marineparks.html](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/coasts/marineparks.html)

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