

Fisheries Ministers of Western Australia

The first Fisheries Minister was in the McLarty Liberal Government in 1947. There have been 24 Ministers responsible for the Fisheries portfolio in 14 Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953	Hon Arthur Valentine Rutherford Abbott, MLA	Chief Secretary and Minister for Fisheries	1 Apr 1947	5 Jan 1948
		Attorney General and Minister for Health and Fisheries	5 Jan 1948	7 Oct 1949
		Attorney General and Minister for Prices and Fisheries	7 Oct 1949	6 Apr 1950
		Attorney General and Minister for Police and Fisheries	6 Apr 1950	23 Feb 1953
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Hon Lionel Francis Kelly, MLA	Minister for Mines and Fisheries	23 Feb 1953	13 May 1954
		Minister for Mines, Industrial Development and Fisheries	13 May 1954	19 Dec 1957
		Minister for Lands, Agriculture and Fisheries	19 Dec 1957	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Hon Ross Hutchinson, MLA, DFC	Chief Secretary and Minister for Health and Fisheries	2 Apr 1959	16 Mar 1965
		Minister for Works, Water Supplies, Health, Fisheries and Fauna	16 Mar 1965	17 Aug 1965
	Hon Graham Charles MacKinnon, MLC	Minister for Health, Fisheries and Fauna , and Environment	17 Aug 1965	9 Dec 1970
		Minister for Health, Fisheries and Fauna , and Environmental Protection	10 Dec 1970	3 Mar 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Hon Ronald Davies, MLA	Minister for Prices Control, Consumer Protection, Health and Fisheries and Fauna	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
		Minister for Environmental Protection, Health, and Fisheries and Fauna	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972

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	Hon Arthur William Bickerton, MLA	Minister for Housing, and Fisheries and Fauna	6 July 1972	30 May 1973
		Minister for Housing, and Fisheries and Fauna and North-West	30 May 1973	8 Apr 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Hon Matthew Ernest Stephens, MLA	Chief Secretary and Minister for Conservation and Environment, and Fisheries and Fauna	8 Apr 1974	20 Dec 1974
		Chief Secretary and Minister for Conservation and Environment, and Fisheries and Wildlife	20 Dec 1974	20 May 1975
	Hon Peter Vernon Jones, MLA	Minister for Housing, Conservation and the Environment, and Fisheries and Wildlife	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977
	Hon Graham Charles MacKinnon, MLC	Minister for Fisheries and Wildlife , Tourism, Conservation and the Environment, and Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	10 Mar 1977	25 Aug 1978
	Hon Raymond James O'Connor, MLA	Minister for Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Immigration, Fisheries and Wildlife, and Conservation and the Environment, Deputy Premier	25 Aug 1978	5 Mar 1980
	Hon Gordon Edgar Masters, MLC	Minister for Fisheries and Wildlife, and Conservation and the Environment	5 Mar 1980	25 Jan 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Hon Richard Charles Old, MLA	Minister for Primary Industry, Agriculture, and Fisheries and Wildlife	25 Jan 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Hywell David Evans, MLA	Minister for Agriculture, and Fisheries and Wildlife	25 Feb 1983	23 Mar 1983
		Minister for Agriculture, and Fisheries and Wildlife and Minister assisting the Minister for Forests	23 Mar 1983	20 Dec 1984
		Minister for Agriculture, and Fisheries and Minister assisting the Minister for Forests	20 Dec 1984	21 Mar 1985

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	Hon Julian Fletcher Grill, MLA	Minister for Agriculture, and Fisheries and Minister assisting the Minister for Conservation and Land Management	21 Mar 1985	26 Feb 1986
		Minister for Agriculture, the South West and Fisheries , Transport and the Minister for North-West	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
		Minister for Agriculture, the South West and Fisheries	12 May 1986	25 July 1986
		Minister for Agriculture, the South West and Fisheries and North-West	25 July 1986	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Julian Fletcher Grill, MLA	Minister for Agriculture, the South West and Fisheries	25 Feb 1988	7 June 1988
		Minister for Agriculture, the South West, Fisheries and Minister assisting the Minister for Economic Development and Trade Transport and the North-West	7 June 1988	28 Feb 1989
	Hon Gordon Leslie Hill, MLA	Minister for Regional Development, Fisheries and Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Gordon Leslie Hill, MLA	Minister for Local Government, Fisheries , Sport and Recreation, Youth, and Minister assisting the Minister for Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991
		Minister for Mines, Fisheries , Sport and Recreation, Mid-West and Minister Assisting Minister for State Development	5 Feb 1991	27 Feb 1991
		Minister for Mines, Fisheries , Mid-West and Minister Assisting Minister for State Development	27 Feb 1991	7 Sept 1992
		Minister for Small Business, Mines, Fisheries and Minister Assisting Minister for Employment, Trade and Investment	7 Sept 1992	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Montague Grant House, MLA	Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries	16 Feb 1993	16 Feb 2001

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Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon Kimberley Maurice Chance, MLC	Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries ; the Mid-West, Wheatbelt and Great Southern and Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Heritage; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne; and Goldfields and Esperance	16 Feb 2001	21 Sept 2004
		Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries ; the Mid-West, Wheatbelt and Great Southern	21 Sept 2004	10 Mar 2005
	Hon Jonathan (Jon) Robert Ford, MLC	Minister for Fisheries ; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon Jonathan (Jon) Robert Ford, MLC	Minister for Fisheries ; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne	25 Jan 2006	25 Feb 2008
		Minister for Employment Protection; Fisheries ; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne	25 Feb 2008	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013	Hon Norman Frederick Moore, MLC	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries ; Electoral Affairs	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries ; Electoral Affairs	28 Apr 2010	21 Mar 2013
Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017	Hon Troy Raymond Buswell, MLA	Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Fisheries	21 Mar 2013	11 Dec 2013
	Hon Kenneth Charles Baston, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food; Fisheries	11 Dec 2013	31 Mar 2016
	Hon Michael Joseph (Joe) Francis, MLA	Minister for Emergency Services; Fisheries , Corrective Services; Veterans	31 Mar 2016	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021	Hon David Joseph Kelly, MLA	Minister for Water; Fisheries ; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
McGowan (ALP) 2021	Hon Donald (Don) Thomas Punch, MLA	Minister for Disability Services; Fisheries ; Innovation and ICT; Seniors and Ageing	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
		Minister for Disability Services; Small Business; Fisheries ; Seniors and Ageing	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022

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	Hon Donald (Don) Thomas Punch, MLA	Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries ; Seniors and Ageing	14 Dec 2022	

Abbreviations

ALP	Australian Labor Party
Govt	Government
LA	Legislative Assembly
LC	Legislative Council
Lib	Liberal
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
Nat	Nationalist
Opp	Opposition

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