PURPOSE
The purpose of this policy is to establish a framework for the management of beach and foreshore access by the holder of a Commercial Fishing Boat Licence.

SCOPE
This policy will guide the community and staff in the process for allowing holders of a commercial fishing boat licence to access the City’s beaches and foreshore in a vehicle.

DEFINITIONS
Commercial Fishing: means fishing for a commercial purpose.
Commercial Fishing Boat Licence: means a licence granted under the Fish Resources Management Regulation 1995 authorising an individual to engage in commercial fishing (issued by the Department of Fisheries Western Australia).
Vehicle: means every conveyance and every object capable of being propelled on wheels, tracks or otherwise but does not include a trailer.

POLICY CONTENT
Pursuant to clause 2.1 (1) of the City of Busselton Local Government Property Local Law 2010 (the Local Law):
“Unless under the authority of a permit or determination, a person must not take or cause a vehicle to be taken onto or driven on local government property”.

Beach Access
Beach and foreshore areas and all adjoining reserves are to be left clean at all times.
Vehicles may only enter and exit beaches via the established formal access points at the following locations:
- Abbey Beach (eastern side of car park)
- Bunkers Bay Beach
- Castle Rock
- Dolphin Boat Ramp
- Eagle Bay Beach (eastern end)
- Eagle Bay Beach (western end)
- Eagle Bay Beach (middle, locked gate)
- Meelup Beach
- Siesta Park
- Smiths Beach (southern end)
- Quindalup Professional Fisher’s Boat Ramp
- Quindalup Public Boat Ramp
- Wonnerup Beach Access

Temporary Beach Access Permit
Prior to accessing the City’s beach and foreshore areas in a vehicle, holders of a Commercial Fishing Boat Licence are required to apply for a ‘Commercial Fisher’s Beach Access’ permit from the City.
There is a limit of three vehicles plus trailers per permit. Permits are not transferable between vehicles without written approval from the City.
Permits are subject to the application fee as set out in Council’s Adopted Schedule of Fees and Charges. Beach access permits for holders of a commercial fishing boat licence will generally be valid for a period of three years.

**Vehicles**

Only vehicles licenced/registered with the Department of Transport are permitted on the City’s beaches and foreshore.

**Policy Background**

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Owner Unit – Ranger and Emergency Services  
Originator – Ranger and Emergency Services Coordinator  
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