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SHARK RECEIVERS FOR ESPERANCE

The Shire of Esperance is looking for feedback from the community on where to locate two receivers to detect tagged sharks.

This comes after an announcement from the State Government, regarding a new shark mitigation strategy.

Two satellite-linked VR4 receivers will be deployed in Esperance and the Shire of Esperance has been asked for input on the most suitable locations to install the receivers. Possible locations include Kelp Beds at Wylie Bay, West Beach, the entrance to Bandy Creek, Fourth beach, Twilight Beach, Lucky Bay and Wharton Beach.

An online survey has been prepared by the Department of Fisheries to vote on potentially suitable locations for the receivers. This is available now for the community to vote and is open until Wednesday 14 June. Feedback will be collated and assessed by the Department of Fisheries. The link to the survey: <http://bit.ly/shark-receiver-survey>

The satellite-linked receivers pick up the presence of all tagged sharks and simultaneously transmit an automatic text message to beach responders, and posts the information publicly. All shark sightings should still be reported to the Water Police on 9442 8600.

The Shire of Esperance will look at applying for funding available to install Beach Emergency Numbering signs, a coding system designed to improve emergency response times, which will be available to regional councils from 2017-18.

The State Government Media Statement can be found at <https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2017/05/A-smarter-approach-to-shark-mitigation-in-WA-waters.aspx>

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