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Fish Deaths in Cockburn Sound under Investigation

The Kwinana Industries Council (KIC) is working with regulators following recent reports of hundreds of fish deaths around Cockburn Sound, which were reported last Thursday.

The first of the reports was received by the Department of Fisheries on Thursday 19 November.

KIC Director Chris Oughton said that the KIC had no reason to believe at this stage that the cause of fish deaths were related to industry, but that industry's monitoring system had not identified any unusual discharges and no exceedances had been reported.

Mr Oughton said that the KIC and its members had for many years been proactive in improving the health of the Sound and ensuring it is a clean and sustainable waterway. There are comprehensive monitoring systems in place and the coastal interface with industry is highly regulated.

"We are concerned about anything that impacts the health of Cockburn Sound, and keen to understand what may have led to these fish deaths," Mr Oughton said.

"The KIC is aware that water samples from Cockburn Sound and tissue samples from some of the dead fish are being analysed with the aim of determining the cause of the fish kill.

"Results of the analysis have yet to be advised, so at this stage we do not know why the fish have died."

The Kwinana Industries Council (KIC) has no additional information regarding the cause of the deceased fish in the Cockburn Sound.

"Monitoring of waters surrounding industry has continued this week and continues to be highly regulated."

Sightings of dead fish can be reported to FISHWATCH on 1800 815 507.

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