

## Size and bag limits

# Fresh waters (updated 1 February 2012)

The following legal limits apply to fish taken in Queensland waters. A bag limit (take and possession limit) is the total number of fish that one person can legally take and keep at any one time.

These size and bag limits are part of *Recreational fishing rules for Queensland*. To get your copy, call 13 25 23, ask at your local bait and tackle shop or download a copy at [www.fisheries.qld.gov.au](http://www.fisheries.qld.gov.au)

Fishers should consult the *Fisheries Regulation 2008* or [www.fisheries.qld.gov.au](http://www.fisheries.qld.gov.au) for updates.

| Species   | Size limit (cm)                                       | Bag limit  |
|---|---|--|
| Australian bass*  | 30 min  | 2  |
| Australian lungfish   |   | <b>No take</b>   |
| <b>Barramundi*</b>  |   |  |
| East coast  | 58 min 120 max (1 greater than 120 cm from some dams) | 5 (1 during closed season for some dams)   |
| Gulf of Carpentaria   | 58 min 120 max (1 greater than 120 cm from some dams) | 5 (1 during closed season for some dams)   |
| <b>Cherabins</b>  | No limit  | Combined limit of 10 in total of both species: <i>Macrobrachium lar</i> and <i>M. rosenbergii</i>  |
| <b>Cod</b>  |   |  |
| Bloomfield River cod  |   | <b>No take</b>   |
| Mary River cod—upstream of the walls of Cressbrook, Hinze, Maroon, Moogerah, North Pine, Somerset and Wivenhoe dams, and lakes Dyer (Bill Gunn Dam) and Clarendon | 50 min  | 1  |
| Mary River cod—elsewhere in Queensland  |   | <b>No take</b>   |
| Murray cod** (Queensland part of Murray–Darling Drainage Division)  | 60 min 110 max  | 2  |
| <b>Eels</b>   |   |  |
| Longfin   | 30 min  | Combined limit of 10 in total of all species   |
| Pacific shortfin (south Pacific)  | 30 min  |  |
| Southern shortfin   | 30 min  |  |
| <b>Freshwater catfish</b> (eel-tailed catfish) ( <i>Tandanus tandanus</i> )   | 35 min  | Combined limit of 5 in total of fish in the genera <i>Neosilurus</i> , <i>Tandanus</i> and <i>Neosiluroides</i> (e.g. black, Cooper Creek, eel-tailed, false spine, short-finned catfish and Hyrtl's tandan) |
| <b>Freshwater sawfish</b>   |   | <b>No take</b>   |
| <b>Garfish</b>  | No limit  | 50   |
| <b>Mangrove jack</b>  | 35 min  | 5  |
| <b>Molluscs</b> any—excluding oysters   | No limit  | 50   |
| <b>Perch and grunter</b>  |   |  |
| Golden perch (yellowbelly)  | 30 min  | 10   |
| Jungle perch  | 35 max  | Combined limit of 1 in total of jungle perch and spotted flagtail  |
| Spotted flagtail (northern jungle perch)  | 35 max  | Combined limit of 1 in total of jungle perch and spotted flagtail  |
| Silver perch  | 30 min  | Combined limit of 5 in total of silver perch, Welch's grunter and Barcoo grunter<br>Silver perch in Paroo and Warrego River basins are catch and release only  |
| Barcoo grunter  | 30 min  | Combined limit of 5 in total of silver perch, Welch's grunter and Barcoo grunter   |
| Welch's grunter   | 30 min  | Combined limit of 5 in total of silver perch, Welch's grunter and Barcoo grunter   |

\* A closed season applies to these species. Please refer to *Recreational fishing rules for Queensland* for more information.

\*\* Murray cod cannot be taken from the Barwon, Macintyre or Dumaresq Rivers from 1 September to 30 November.



| Species  | Size limit (cm) | Bag limit   |
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| <b>Perch and grunter (cont.)</b>   |                 |   |
| Sooty grunter  | 28 min          | Combined limit of 10 in total for sooty grunter and khaki grunter   |
| Khaki grunter (khaki bream)  | No limit        | Combined limit of 10 in total for sooty grunter and khaki grunter   |
| <b>Rainbowfish</b> ( <i>Melanotaenia</i> sp.)  | No limit        | Combined limit of 50 (banded, blackbanded, chequered, crimsonspotted, desert, eastern, Lake Eacham, McCulloch's and Murray River rainbowfish) |
| <b>Redclaw</b> (redclaw crayfish) in its natural range   |                 |   |
| Gulf of Carpentaria Drainage Division and from the Jacky Jacky River basin south to the Normanby River basin on the east coast of Queensland | No limit        | 40 (females carrying eggs or young must be returned to the water within their natural range)  |
| <b>River blackfish</b>   |                 | <b>No take</b>  |
| <b>Saratoga</b>  |                 |   |
| Northern   | 50 min          | Combined limit of 1 in total of northern and southern saratoga  |
| Southern   | 50 min          | Combined limit of 1 in total of northern and southern saratoga  |
| <b>Sea mullet</b>  | 30 min          | 20  |
| <b>Spiny crayfish</b>  |                 | <b>No take</b>  |
| <b>Yabby</b> (freshwater blueclaw crayfish)  | No limit        | 100 (females carrying eggs or young must be returned to the water within their natural range)   |

**The following freshwater species have a bag limit of 20:**

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| Aggassiz's glassfish (perchlet)            | Aru gudgeon                                | Australian smelt                               | Banded grunter (barred grunter)              |
| Blackmast (strawman)                       | Blue catfish (lesser salmon catfish)       | Bony bream                                     | Boofhead catfish (triangular shield catfish) |
| Cairns rainbowfish                         | Celebes flathead goby                      | Coal grunter                                   | Concave flathead goby                        |
| Delicate blue eye                          | Desert goby                                | Elongate glassfish (yellowfin perchlet)        | Empire gudgeon                               |
| Fimbriate gudgeon                          | Firetail gudgeon                           | Flagtail glassfish (flagtail perchlet)         | Flathead gudgeon (bigheaded gudgeon)         |
| Flyspecked hardyhead                       | Freshwater longtom                         | Gilbert's grunter                              | Golden flathead goby                         |
| Golden goby (dwarf goby)                   | Highfin catfish (Berney's catfish)         | Lake's carp gudgeon                            | Leathery grunter                             |
| Lorentz's grunter                          | Macleay's glassfish (reticulated perchlet) | Marjorie's hardyhead                           | Midgley's carp gudgeon                       |
| Mueller's glassfish                        | Mulgrave goby                              | Northern purplespotted gudgeon (trout gudgeon) | Obbes' catfish                               |
| Ornate rainbowfish                         | Pacific blue eye                           | Penny fish                                     | Poreless gudgeon                             |
| Rendahl's catfish                          | Roman nose goby                            | Sailfin glassfish (sailfin perchlet)           | Scaleless goby                               |
| Sevenspot archer fish (common archer fish) | Silver catfish (silver tandan)             | Silver cobbler (shovel nosed catfish)          | Sleepy cod                                   |
| Small headed grunter                       | Snakehead gudgeon                          | Southern purplespotted gudgeon                 | Spangled perch                               |
| Speckled goby                              | Spotted blue eye                           | Square blotch goby                             | Striped gudgeon                              |
| Tank goby (flathead goby)                  | Threadfin rainbowfish                      | Western carp gudgeon                           |  |

**No-take species**

|                     |                      |                    |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Australian lungfish | Bloomfield River cod | Freshwater sawfish |
| Mary River cod†     | River blackfish      | Spiny crayfish     |

† Except upstream of some dams—see 'Cod' section