

## Size and bag limits Tidal waters

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 the *Recreational fishing rules and regulations for Queensland: A brief guide*. To get your copy, call 13 25 23 or ask at your local bait and tackle shop. The rules and regulations are also available at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au)

Coral reef fin fish*		
Species	Size limit (cm)	Bag limit
<b>All cods and groupers</b>	38 min	Combined limit of 5 in total of all cod and grouper species
<b>Cod and grouper exceptions</b>		
Camouflage grouper	50 min 70 max	
Flowerly rockcod	50 min 70 max	
Greasy rockcod	38 min 100 max	
Maori rockcod	45 min	
Barramundi cod		<b>No take</b>
Potato rockcod		<b>No take</b>
Queensland grouper		<b>No take</b>
<b>All coral trout</b>	38 min	Combined limit of 7 in total of all trout species
<b>Coral trout exceptions</b>		
Blue spotted coral trout (Chinese footballer)	50 min 80 max	
<b>All emperors</b>	25 min	5 per species
<b>Emperor exceptions</b>		
Redthroat emperor (sweetlip emperor)	38 min	8
Long nose emperor	38 min	5
Spangled emperor	45 min	5
<b>All fusiliers</b>	No limit	No limit

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Species	Size limit (cm)	Bag limit
<b>All parrotfishes</b>	25 min	5 per species
<b>All surgeonfishes</b>	25 min	5 per species
<b>All sweetlips</b>	25 min	5 per species
<b>All tropical snappers and sea perches</b>	25 min	5 per species
<b>Tropical snappers and sea perch exceptions</b>		
Rosy snapper (jobfish) and lavender snapper (jobfish)	38 min	Combined limit of 8 in total of both species
Chinaman fish		<b>No take</b>
Crimson snapper (small mouth nannygai) and saddletail snapper (large mouth nannygai)	40 min	Combined limit of 9 in total of both species
Flame snapper	38 min	5
Goldband snapper	38 min	5
Hussar	25 min	10
Green jobfish	38 min	5
Paddletail		<b>No take</b>
Red bass		<b>No take</b>
Red emperor	55 min	5
Ruby snapper	38 min	5
Smalltooth jobfish	38 min	5
Miscellaneous jobfish	38 min	5 per species
<b>All wrasse</b>	25 min	5 per species
<b>Wrasse exceptions</b>		
Humphead Maori		<b>No take</b>
Tuskfish (all species)	30 min	Combined limit of 6 in total of all tuskfish species

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In addition to individual bag limits for each coral reef fin fish species listed, they all have a combined bag limit of 20. Please refer to the *Recreational fishing rules and regulations for Queensland: A brief guide* for more information. For a complete list of coral reef species, download the Fisheries (Coral Reef Fin Fish) Management Plan 2003 at [www.legislation.qld.gov.au](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au)

Other tidal species		
Species	Size limit (cm)	Bag limit
<b>Amberjack</b>	50 min	Combined limit of 2 in total of amberjack and samsonfish
<b>Australian bass<sup>†</sup></b>	30 min	2
<b>Barramundi<sup>†</sup></b>		
East coast	58 min 120 max	5
Gulf of Carpentaria	60 min 120 max	5
<b>Bêche de mer (sea cucumber)</b>	No limit	5
<b>Bêche de mer exception</b>		
Black teatfish		<b>No take</b>
<b>Bream</b>		
Pikey	25 min	Combined limit of 30 in total of pikey and yellowfin bream, and tarwhine
Yellowfin		
<b>Blacklip pearl oyster</b>	9 min	No limit
<b>Cobia (black kingfish)</b>	75 min	2
<b>Cod and grouper</b>		
Blackspotted rockcod (estuary cod)	38 min 120 max	Combined limit of 5 in total of all cod and grouper species
Goldspotted rockcod (estuary cod)	38 min 120 max	
<b>Crab</b>		
Blue swimmer	11.5 min	No limit
Mud	15 min	10
Spanner <sup>†</sup>	10 min	20
Three-spot	10 min	No limit
<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>Flathead</b>		
All flathead (except dusky flathead)	30 min	Combined limit of 5 in total of all species (except dusky flathead)
Dusky flathead (mud flathead)	40 min 75 max	5
<b>Garfish</b>	No limit	50

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<b>Giant queenfish</b>		
East coast	50 min	5
Gulf of Carpentaria	50 min	No limit
<b>Golden snapper (fingermark)</b>		
East coast	35 min	5
Gulf of Carpentaria	35 min	10
<b>Goldlip pearl oyster</b>	13 min 23 max	No limit
<b>Grass emperor (sweetlip)</b>	30 min	10
<b>Javelin</b>		
Barred (spotted grunter) East coast	40 min	10
Barred (spotted grunter) Gulf of Carpentaria	40 min	10 whole fish or 20 fillets
Silver (small spotted grunter)	30 min	10
<b>Jewfish</b>		
Black (east coast)	75 min	2
Black (Gulf of Carpentaria)	60 min 120 max	5 with no more than 2 over 100 cm
Scaly jewfish (jewel fish)	45 min	No limit
<b>Luderick</b>	30 min	10
<b>Mackerel</b>		
Grey	60 min	5
Spanish	75 min	3
School	50 min	10
Shark	50 min	10
Spotted	60 min	5
<b>Mahi mahi (dolphin fish)</b>	50 min	5
<b>Mangrove jack</b>	35 min	5
<b>Mullet</b>		
Diamondscale	30 min	20
Sea	30 min	20
<b>Molluscs and gastropods</b> (including pipis, mud whelks and cockles)—excluding oysters	No limit	50
<b>Mulloway</b>	75 min	2
<b>Pearl perch</b>	35 min	5

Other tidal species		
Species	Size limit (cm)	Bag limit
Prawns	No limit	10 litres <sup>†</sup>
Samsonfish	50 min	Combined limit of 2 in total of amberjack and samsonfish
Sharks and rays	1.5 m max	1
<b>Sharks and rays exceptions</b>		
Great white sharks Grey nurse sharks Sawfish Speartooth sharks		<b>No take</b>
Snapper	35 min	5
Swallowtail dart	30 min	30
Tailor	35 min	20
Tarwhine	25 min	Combined limit of 30 in total of pikey and yellowfin bream, and tarwhine
Teraglin	38 min	5
<b>Threadfin (salmon)</b>		
King	60 min	5
Blue (east coast)	40 min	10
Blue (Gulf of Carpentaria)	40 min	20
Trevally	No limit	20
Trochus	8 min 12.5 max	50
Tropical rocklobster <sup>‡</sup>	No limit	Above 14° south latitude: combined limit of 3 per person/6 per boat in total of all species Below 14° south latitude: combined limit of 5 per person/10 per boat in total of all species
<b>Tropical rocklobster exceptions</b>		
Painted crayfish <sup>‡</sup> ( <i>Panulirus ornatus</i> )	11.5 tail min 9 carapace min	As above

<sup>†</sup> A person must not possess prawns with the heads or any other part removed, unless the removal was to process the prawns for immediate consumption.

<sup>‡</sup> A closed season applies to these species. Please refer to the *Recreational fishing rules and regulations for Queensland: A brief guide* for more information.

<sup>#</sup> Recreational fishers must not possess live tropical rocklobsters.

Other tidal species		
Species	Size limit (cm)	Bag limit
Wahoo	75 min	2
<b>Whiting</b>		
Summer/sand, goldline and northern whiting	23 min	Combined limit of 30 in total of these whiting species
Trumpeter (winter whiting)	No limit	50
Wolf herring	No limit	10
<b>Worms (including part thereof)</b>		
Beach	No limit	30
Blood	No limit	50
Yellowtail kingfish	60 min	2

#### No-take species

Barramundi cod	Chinaman fish	Humphead Maori wrasse	
Paddletail	Potato rockcod	Queensland grouper	Red bass

#### Other no-take species include:

Female mud and blue swimmer crabs	Egg-bearing spanner crabs, three-spot crabs, slipper lobsters and tropical rocklobsters
Tropical rocklobsters with tar spots attached (tar spots are sperm packets)	All sawfish
Great white sharks, grey nurse sharks and speartooth sharks	Clams in the family Tridacnidae, helmet shells and trumpet shells
Black teatfish	

**Note:** Whales, porpoises, dugongs, turtles and dolphins are all protected under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.