

Recreational fishing rules and regulations Guide



Changes to fishing rules

Changes to Queensland's fisheries legislation commenced 1 September 2019. We are working through changes to this website to ensure information is up to date.

If you intend to fish recreationally in our waterways it is important you are fully aware of the rules and regulations in place that protect fish species and the sustainability of the industry.

You do not require a licence to fish recreationally in Queensland, except if fishing in some stocked impoundments where a stocked impoundment permit is required.

You should make sure you are fully aware of the rules that apply to the area you are intending to fish. Restrictions can vary (either interstate, or even on the opposite side of a river) so ensuring you are familiar with the rules in place will help protect our fisheries resources and save you from receiving a fine.

Other local, state and federal regulations may apply – you will need to check with the relevant local authorities.

Fishing equipment

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In order to protect fish stock from overfishing, there are requirements about the type of equipment you can use in fresh and tidal waters. It is also your responsibility to ensure a piece of equipment you are using is not prohibited for the species you are trying to catch, or the location you are using it in.

Equipment requirements for fresh and tidal waters

Piece of equipment	Requirements
Breathing devices	Freshwater and tidal water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apparatus (other than a snorkel) is not permitted when taking fish by spear, spear gun, hand or other means.
Canister trap	Freshwater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The trap must not exceed 60cm in length or 50cm in width, height or diameter. It must open at one end. Size of the mesh must be no more than 25mm (if not made of rigid material). When the width, height or diameter is measured anywhere along the length of the trap, it must not exceed the diameter of the trap's opening.
Cast nets	Tidal water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must not exceed 3.7m from the point of rope attachment to the rest of the net, the net lead line or the bottom of the lowest pocket of the net. Mesh size should not exceed 28mm.
Collapsible trap	Freshwater and tidal water (crab apparatus only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The trap should be made of rigid material and have at least one collapsible side.
Crab pots and dillies	Tidal water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than four pots, dillies or a combination of both may be used per person. There must not be more than four pots on a boat per person when on the water. You must have an identification tag on your pot bearing the surname and address of the person using the apparatus. All crab pots must have a light coloured solid float attached when not tied to a fixed object. The float must not be less than 15cm in any dimension and also identify the user's name. When the pot is tied to a fixed object a tag must be attached to a part of the rope (above the high water mark) that identifies the user's name. A dilly for spanner crab fishing should be made of solid steel with a thickness of at least 6mm and not exceeding 1m in each dimension.
Dilly nets	Freshwater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The net must not have a diameter of more than 125cm and a mesh size of more than 25mm.
Fishing lines	Freshwater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than six fishing lines should be used alone or combined. A set fishing line must not be used. A set fishing line must not be used as a cross-line.

Piece of equipment	Requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only one hook, artificial fly, bait jig or lure can be attached to a line. ○ You can't be more than 50m away from any of your fishing lines. <p>Tidal water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Up to three fishing lines are permitted consisting of a total of six hooks. ○ An artificial fly, lure, bait jig or gang hook is considered equal to one hook. ○ A cross line, drum line, free-floating line or set line is not included as a fishing line. ○ You must be present with the line at all times.
Funnel traps	<p>Freshwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maximum length of 70cm and width or height of 50cm. ○ A maximum of four entrances, with each measuring no more than 10cm in any dimension. ○ Trap entrance must be made of rigid material. ○ Size of the mesh must be no more than 25mm (if not made of rigid material).
Hand pumps	<p>Tidal water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be used on foreshores for collecting yabbies only.
Open-top pyramid trap	<p>Freshwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must have a single, rigid top opening, with a minimum size of 15cm in all its dimensions, parallel to the base of the trap ○ Must have a mesh size of no more than 25mm ○ Must have a maximum base size of 60cm in length and width
Scoop or dip nets	<p>Freshwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must not exceed 1m in any dimension. ○ Handle should be no longer than 2.5m. ○ Mesh size should not exceed 25mm. <p>Tidal water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must not exceed 2m in any dimension. ○ Handle should be no longer than 2.5m. ○ Mesh size should be at least 25mm. ○ You can use a gaff or landing net to secure a line-caught fish.
Marking traps	<p>Freshwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A tag must be attached to the trap with the surname and address of the person using the trap. ○ A light coloured solid float should be attached to the trap if it is not fixed to a stationery object above water level. The float must feature the user's surname and be 15cm in each dimension.
Round traps	<p>Freshwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No longer than 70cm in diameter and 50cm in height. ○ A maximum of four entrances, with each measuring no more than 10cm in any dimension. ○ Size of the mesh must be no more than 25mm (if not made of rigid material).
Seine nets (bait or drag nets)	<p>Tidal water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must not exceed 16m in length and 3m in drop. ○ Mesh size should not exceed 28mm. ○ The net must not contain a bag, pocket or anything similar. ○ It must not be anchored, staked or fixed. ○ The net should not be out of the water when containing fish other than to remove and release them. ○ All regulated fish not intended to be taken should be released into deep enough water to allow escape.
Shell dredges	<p>Tidal water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mouth of the dredge must not exceed 60cm across ○ Teeth should be no longer than 7.5cm ○ Conditions should be checked further in the <i>Fisheries Regulation 2008</i> [https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sl-2008-0083]
Spearfishing and spear guns	<p>Freshwater and tidal water (selected locations only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A power head is not permitted unless in defence against a shark. ○ You are not able to hunt barramundi between 6pm and 6am.
Tropical rock lobster fishing gear	<p>Tidal water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Free-diving using a mask and snorkel and a rubber-powered spear or spear gun is the only form of breathing and equipment apparatus permitted.
Worm digging fork	<p>Tidal water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be used on foreshores for collecting worms only.

Catch limits and closures

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There are limits on the size (length) of a species you can take and the amount of a certain species you can have in your possession. Size limits generally allow a fish to spawn at least once in order to add to the species numbers. Some fish have a maximum and a minimum size limit because it is the larger individuals who may contribute more to their population.

Possession limits are in place to conserve heavily sought after species, species that are easily captured, share more catch, reduce illegal fish marketing and promote responsible fishing. Possession limits do not apply on a per day basis. Any fish you have caught previously and may be keeping at home in your freezer, for example, are included in your possession limit for a fish species.

Certain waterways are regulated, or closed for a period of time due to a population of endangered or threatened species living there, fish spawning in the location, potential overfishing of a species or to support the successful migration of a fish through the waterway. You aren't allowed to fish during closed seasons or in regulated waters because of the impact it could have on a particular species and their lifecycle.

Find out more about size and possession limits in tidal waters [<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/boating-fishing/rec-fishing/rules/limits-tidal>] or size and possession limits in fresh waters [<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/boating-fishing/rec-fishing/rules/limits-fresh>].

Detailed information is available about recreational fishing closures [<https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/fisheries/recreational>] in your area.

Size and possession limits - tidal waters

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General possession limit

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Coral reef fin fish	Other tidal species
<p>Refer to coral reef fin fish closures [#coral-reef-fin-fish-closures].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cods and groupers [#cods] ○ Coral trout [#coral-trout] ○ Emperors [#emperors] ○ Fusiliers [#fusiliers] ○ Parrotfishes [#parrotfishes] ○ Surgeonfishes [#surgeonfishes] ○ Sweetlips [#sweetlips] ○ Tropical snappers and sea perches [#tropicalsnappers] ○ Wrasse [#wrasse] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Australian bass [#bass] ○ Barramundi [#barramundi] ○ Bream [#bream] ○ Bugs [#bugs] ○ Cobia (black kingfish) [#cobia] ○ Cod (estuary) [#cod-estuary] ○ Crab [#crab] ○ Eels [#eels] ○ Flathead [#flathead] ○ Garfish [#garfish] ○ Green snail [#green-snail] ○ Golden snapper (fingermark) [#snapper-golden] ○ Grass emperor (sweetlip) [#grass-emperor] ○ Javelin [#javelin] ○ Jewfish [#jewfish] ○ Luderick [#luderick] ○ Mackerel [#mackerel] ○ Mahi mahi (dolphin fish) [#mahi] ○ Mangrove jack [#mangrove] ○ Mullet [#mullet] ○ Bivalve molluscs and gastropods [#molluscs] ○ Oysters [#oysters] ○ Mulloway [#mulloway] ○ Pearl perch [#pearl-perch] ○ Prawns [#prawns] ○ Rays [#rays] ○ Sawfish [#sawfish] ○ Sea cucumber [#sea-cucumber] ○ Sharks [#sharks] ○ Snapper [#snapper]

Coral reef fin fish	Other tidal species
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tailor_[#tailor] ○ Teraglin_[#teraglin] ○ Threadfin (salmon)_[#threadfin] ○ Trevally_[#trevally] ○ Trochus_[#trochus] ○ Tropical rock lobster_[#rock-lobster] ○ Wahoo_[#wahoo] ○ Whiting_[#whiting] ○ Wolf herring_[#wolf-herring] ○ Worms_[#worms] ○ Tidal bait species_[#tidal-bait]

☐ Coral reef fin fish closures apply. In addition to individual possession limits for each coral reef fin fish species listed, a combined possession limit of 20 in total of all coral reef fin fish applies.

☐ Cods and groupers

Species	Size and possession limits
All (exceptions follow)	38cm min Combined limit of 5 in total of all cod and grouper species
Barramundi cod	No take
Camouflage grouper	50cm min 70cm max Combined limit of 5 in total of all cod and grouper species
Flowery rockcod	50cm min 70cm max Combined limit of 5 in total of all cod and grouper species
Greasy rockcod	38cm min 100cm max Combined limit of 5 in total of all cod and grouper species
Maori rockcod	45cm min Combined limit of 5 in total of all cod and grouper species
Potato rockcod	No take
Queensland groper	No take

☐ Coral trout

Species	Size and possession limits
All (exceptions follow)	38cm min Combined limit of 7 in total of all trout species
Blue spotted coral trout (Chinese footballer)	50cm min 80cm max Combined limit of 7 in total of all trout species

☐ Emperors

Species	Size and possession limits
All (exceptions follow)	25cm min 5 per species
Redthroat emperor (sweetlip emperor)	38cm min Possession limit of 8
Long nose emperor	38cm min Possession limit of 5
Spangled emperor	45cm min Possession limit of 5

☐ Fusiliers

Species	Size and possession limits

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No limit

▣ Parrotfishes

Species	Size and possession limits
All	25cm min 5 per species

▣ Surgeonfishes

Species	Size and possession limits
All	25cm min 5 per species

▣ Sweetlips

Species	Size and possession limits
All	25cm min 5 per species

▣ Tropical snappers and sea perches

Species	Size and possession limits
All tropical snappers and sea perches (including Moses perch (snapper) (exceptions follow)	25cm min 5 per species
Chinaman fish	No take
Crimson snapper (small mouth nannygai) and Saddletail snapper (large mouth nannygai)	40cm min Combined limit of 9 in total of both species
Flame snapper	38cm min Possession limit of 5
Goldband snapper	38cm min Possession limit of 5
Green jobfish	38cm min Possession limit of 5
Hussar	25cm min Possession limit of 10
Rosy snapper (jobfish) and Lavendar snapper (jobfish)	38cm min Combined limit of 8 in total of both species
Paddletail	No take
Red bass	No take
Red emperor	55cm min Possession limit of 5
Ruby snapper	38cm min Possession limit of 5
Smalltooth jobfish	38cm min Possession limit of 5
Miscellaneous jobfish	38cm min 5 per species

▣ Wrasse

Species	Size and possession limits
All (exceptions follow)	30cm min 5 per species
Humphead Maori	No take
Tuskfish (all species)	30cm min Combined limit of 6 in total of all tuskfish species

▣▣ Australian bass †

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Species	Size and possession limits
All	30cm min Possession limit of 2 Read note 1_[#note1]

▣ Barramundi †

Species	Size and possession limits
All	58cm min 120cm max Possession limit of 5 per person / 10 per boat (with 2 or more people on board) Read note 1_[#note1]

▣ Bream

Species	Size and possession limits
Pikey, Tarwhine and Yellowfin	25cm min Combined limit of 30 in total of these species

▣ Bugs ^

Species	Size and possession limits
Moreton Bay (bay lobster)	7.5cm min (across widest part of carapace) No possession limit Read note 2_[#note2]
Smooth (Balmain)	10.5cm min (across widest part of carapace) No possession limit Read note 2_[#note2]

▣ Cobia (black kingfish)

Species	Size and possession limits
All	75cm min Possession limit of 2

▣ Cod (estuary)

Species	Size and possession limits
Blackspotted rockcod and Goldspotted rockcod	38cm min 120cm max Combined limit of 5 in total of all cod and grouper species

▣ Crab ^†

Species	Size and possession limits
Blue swimmer	11.5cm min Possession limit of 20 Read note 2_[#note2]
Mud	15cm min Possession limit of 7 per person / 14 per boat (with 2 or more people on board)

Species	Size and possession limits
	Read note 2 [#note2]
Spanner †	10cm min Possession limit of 20 Read note 1 [#note1] and note 2 [#note2]
Three-spot	10cm min No possession limit Read note 2 [#note2]

Eels

Species	Size and possession limits
Longfin, Pacific shortfin (south Pacific) and Southern shortfin	30cm min Combined limit of 10 in total of all species

Flathead

Species	Size and possession limits
All (exceptions follow)	30cm min Combined limit of 5 in total of all species (except dusky flathead)
Dusky (mud flathead)	40cm min 75cm max Possession limit of 5

Garfish

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No size limit Possession limit of 50

Green snail

Species	Size and possession limits
All	280g min No possession limit

Golden snapper (fingermark)

Species	Size and possession limits
All	35cm min Possession limit of 5

Grass emperor (sweetlip)

Species	Size and possession limits
All	30cm min Possession limit of 10

Javelin

Species	Size and possession limits
Barred (spotted grunter)(East coast)	40cm min Possession limit of 10
Barred (spotted grunter)(Gulf of Carpentaria)	40cm min (whole or with head or tail removed) or 26cm min (fillet length) 10 whole fish or 20 fillets
Silver (small spotted grunter)	30cm min Possession limit of 10

Jewfish

Species	Size and possession limits
Black (East coast)	75cm min Possession limit of 1 per person / 2 per boat (with 2 or more people on board) Fish must be kept whole while on a boat. Note: Will become a no-take species if the total allowable commercial catch is reached – fishery currently open.
Black (Gulf of Carpentaria)	60cm min Possession limit of 1 per person / 2 per boat (with 2 or more people on board) Fish must be kept whole while on a boat. Note: Will become a no-take species if the total allowable commercial catch is reached – fishery currently open.
Scaly (jewel fish)	45cm min No possession limit (fish must be kept whole while on a boat)

□ Luderick

Species	Size and possession limits
All	30cm min Possession limit of 10

□ Mackerel

Species	Size and possession limits
Grey	60cm min Possession limit of 5
Spanish	75cm min Possession limit of 3 per person / 6 per boat (with 2 or more people on board)
School	50cm min Possession limit of 10
Shark	50cm min Possession limit of 10
Spotted	60cm min Possession limit of 5

□ Mahi mahi (dolphin fish)

Species	Size and possession limits
All	50cm min Possession limit of 5

□ Mangrove jack

Species	Size and possession limits
All	35cm min Possession limit of 5

□ Mullet

Species	Size and possession limits
Diamondscale	30cm min Possession limit of 20
Sea	30cm min Possession limit of 20
Mullet exceptions (all other mullet except diamondscale, sea and freshwater)	No size limit Possession limit of 50

□ Bivalve molluscs and gastropods

Includes pipis, mud whelks and cockles, and excluding oysters.

Species	Size and possession limits
All (exceptions follow)	No size limit Combined possession limit of 30 except in Moreton Bay where bivalve molluscs and gastropods (excluding pipi) are no take
Clams (family <i>Tridacnidae</i>), Helmet shells and Trumpet shells	No take

□ Oysters ≈

Species	Size and possession limits
All (exceptions follow)	No limit Read note 3_[#note3]
Blacklip pearl oyster	9cm min No possession limit Read note 3_[#note3]
Goldlip pearl oyster	13cm min 23cm max No possession limit Read note 3_[#note3]

□ Mulloway

Species	Size and possession limits
All	75cm min Possession limit of 2 (fish must be kept whole while on a boat)

□ Pearl perch

Species	Size and possession limits
All	38cm min Possession limit of 4

□ Prawns ‡

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No size limit Possession limit of 10 litres per person / 20 litres per boat (with 2 or more people on board) Read note 4_[#note4]

□ Rays

Species	Size and possession limits
All (exception follows)	1.5m max or interdorsal length 60cm max Possession limit of 1
Guitarfish	1.5m max or interdorsal length 60cm max Possession limit of 1
Manta ray	No take
Shovelnose ray	1.5m max or interdorsal length 60cm max Possession limit of 1

□ Sawfish

Species	Size and possession limits

Species	Size and possession limits
Sawfish	No take

Sea cucumber

Species	Size and possession limits
All (exceptions follow)	No size limit Possession limit of 5 per person / 10 per boat (with 2 or more people on board) for waters north of latitude 20° south (near Bowen) and waters east of longitude 142°31'49" East
All	No take in waters south of latitude 20° south (near Bowen) and waters west of longitude 142°31'49" East (Gulf waters)
Black teatfish	No take
White teatfish	No take

Sharks

Species	Size and possession limits
All (exceptions follow)	1.5m max or interdorsal length 60cm max Possession limit of 1 per person / 2 per boat (with 2 or more people on board)
Grey reef shark	1.5m max or interdorsal length 60cm max Possession limit of 1
Whitetip reef shark	1.5m max or interdorsal length 60cm max Possession limit of 1
White shark	No take
Sand tiger shark	No take
Spertooth shark	No take
Hammerhead sharks	No take

Snapper

Species	Size and possession limits
All	35cm min 4 per person with no more than 1 over 70cm / 8 per boat with no more than 2 over 70cm (with 2 or more people on board)

Tailor

Species	Size and possession limits
All	35cm min Possession limit of 20

Teraglin

Species	Size and possession limits
All	38cm min Possession limit of 5

Threadfin (salmon)

Species	Size and possession limits
King (East coast)	65cm min Possession limit of 5

Species	Size and possession limits
King (Gulf of Carpentaria)	60cm min Possession limit of 5
Blue (East coast)	40cm min Possession limit of 10
Blue (Gulf of Carpentaria)	40cm min Possession limit of 20

▣ Trevally (family Carangidae)

Includes but is not limited to trevally and scad/yakka.

Species	Size and possession limits
All (exceptions follow)	No size limit Combined limit of 20 in total for all members of the <i>Carangidae</i> family
Amberjack and Samsonfish	50cm min Combined limit of 2 in total of both species
Swallowtail dart	30cm min Possession limit of 30
Giant queenfish	50cm min Possession limit of 5
Yellowtail kingfish	60cm min Possession limit of 2

▣ Trochus

Species	Size and possession limits
All	8cm min 12.5cm max Possession limit of 50

▣ Tropical rock lobster †^#

Species	Size and possession limits
All (exceptions follow)	No size limit Combined possession limit of 5 per person / 10 per boat in total of all species (with 2 or more people on board)
Painted crayfish †#^ (<i>Panulirus ornatus</i>)	11.5cm tail min 9cm carapace min Combined possession limit of 5 per person / 10 per boat in total of all species (with 2 or more people on board) Read note 1_[#note1], note 2_[#note2] and note 5_[#note5]
Red Champagne Lobster	7.5 min Combined possession limit of 5 per person / 10 per boat in total of all species (with 2 or more people on board)

▣ Wahoo

Species	Size and possession limits
All	75cm min Possession limit of 2

▣ Whiting

Species	Size and possession limits
Sand (summer),	23cm min

Species	Size and possession limits
Goldenline and Northern	Combined limit of 30 in total of these whiting species
Trumpeter (winter)	No size limit Possession limit of 50

☐ Dorab Wolf herring

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No size limit Possession limit of 10

☐ Worms (including part thereof)

Species	Size and possession limits
Beach worm	No size limit Possession limit of 30
Cribb Island worms – formerly known as bloodworms	No size limit Possession limit of 50

☐ Tidal bait species

Species	Size and possession limits
Southern herring	No size or possession limit
Common hardyhead	No size or possession limit
Australian sardine	No size or possession limit
Australian anchovy	No size or possession limit
Silver biddy	No size or possession limit
Saltwater yabby	No size or possession limit
Soldier crab	No size or possession limit
Non-regulated worms (e.g. mangrove worm)	No size or possession limit
Mullet (excluding diamondscales, sea and freshwater)	No size limit Possession limit of 50
Cuttlefish or squid (excluding tiger squid)	No size limit Possession limit of 50
Smooth-clawed rock crab	No size limit Possession limit of 50
Yellowtail pike	No size limit Possession limit of 50

Notes:

- ☐† A closed season applies to these species.
- ☐^ Female mud crabs and blue swimmer crabs are **no take**. Egg-bearing spanner crabs, three-spot crabs, slipper lobsters, tropical rock lobsters and bugs are **no take**. Tropical rock lobsters with tar spots attached (tar spots and sperm packets) are **no take**.
- ☐≈ It is illegal to take oysters (excluding pearl oysters) from any oyster ground; however, you may consume oysters on the spot where taken in any public oyster reserve or unlicensed oyster grounds.
- ☐‡ A person must not possess prawns with the heads or any other part removed, unless the removal is to process the prawns for immediate consumption.
- ☐# Recreational fishers must not possess live tropical rock lobsters.

6. Grey nurse sharks, whales, porpoises, dugongs, turtles and dolphins are protected under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

Size and possession limits - fresh waters

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Freshwater species
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Australian bass [#bass] ○ Australian lungfish [#lungfish] ○ Barramundi [#barramundi] ○ Bivalve molluscs and gastropods [#molluscs] ○ Cherabins [#cherabins] ○ Cod [#cod] ○ Eels [#eels] ○ Freshwater catfish [#freshwater-catfish] ○ Freshwater sawfish [#freshwater-sawfish] ○ Garfish [#garfish] ○ Goby [#goby] ○ Edgbaston hardyhead, Myross hardyhead [#edgbaston] ○ Mangrove jack Molluscs [#mangrove-jack] ○ Mullet [#mullet] ○ Perch and grunter [#perch-grunter] ○ Rainbowfish [#rainbowfish] ○ Redclaw [#redclaw] ○ River blackfish [#river-blackfish] ○ Saratoga [#saratoga] ○ Spiny crayfish [#spiny-crayfish] ○ Yabby [#yabby]

□ Australian bass

Species	Size and possession limits
All (in all dams and weirs under the Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme [https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/boating-fishing/rec-fishing/dams])	30cm min Possession limit of 5
All (elsewhere in Queensland)	30cm min Possession limit of 2

□ Australian lungfish

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No take

□ Barramundi †

Species	Size and possession limits
All	58cm min 120cm max (1 greater than 120cm from some dams) Possession limit of 5 per person / 10 per boat (with 2 or more people on board) Possession limit of 1 per person / 2 per boat (with 2 or more people on board) during the closed season for some dams Read note 1 [#note1]

Cherabins

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No size limit Combined limit of 10 in total of <i>Macrobrachium lar</i> and <i>M. rosenbergii</i> species

Cod †

Species	Size and possession limits
Bloomfield River cod	No take
Mary River cod (no take except upstream of the walls within Cressbrook, Ewan Maddock, Hinze, Maroon, Moogerah, North Pine, Somerset, Wivenhoe and Wyaralong dams; lakes Dyer (Bill Gunn Dam), Clarendon, Manchester and Kurwongbah (Sideling Creek Dam); Caboolture River Weir; Enoggera Reservoir and Robina Lakes)	60cm min Possession limit of 1
Mary River cod (elsewhere in Queensland)	No take
Murray cod † (Queensland part of Murray-Darling Drainage Division)	60cm min Possession limit of 2 Read note 1_# note1

Eels

Species	Size and possession limits
Longfin, Pacific shortfin (south Pacific) and Southern shortfin	30cm min Combined limit of 10 in total of all species

Freshwater catfish (eel-tailed catfish, *Tandanus tandanus*)

Species	Size and possession limits
All	35cm min Combined limit of 5 in total of fish in the general <i>Neosilurus</i> , <i>Tandanus</i> and <i>Neosiluroides</i> families (e.g. black, Cooper Creek, eel-tailed, false spine, short-finned and Hyrtl's tandan)

Freshwater sawfish

	Size and possession limits
All	No take

Garfish

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No size limit Possession limit of 50

Goby

Species	Size and possession limits
Cling goby (of the subfamily Sicydiinae)	No take

Edgbaston hardyhead, Myross hardyhead

Species	Size and possession limits
Edgbaston hardyhead, Myross hardyhead	No take (Thomson river)

Mangrove jack

Species	Size and possession limits
All	35cm min Possession limit of 5

Bivalve molluscs and gastropods

Includes pipis, mud whelks and cockles. Excludes oysters

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No size limit Combined possession limit of 30 except in Moreton Bay where bivalve molluscs and gastropods (excluding pipis) are no take.

Mullet

Species	Size and possession limits
Freshwater	30 cm min Possession limit of 20
Diamondscale	30cm min Possession limit of 20
Sea	30 cm min Possession limit of 20
Mullet exceptions (all other mullet except diamondscale, sea and freshwater)	No size limit Possession limit of 50

Perch and grunter

Species	Size and possession limits
Golden perch (yellowbelly)	30cm min Possession limit of 10
Jungle perch and Spotted flagtail (northern jungle perch)	35cm max Combined limit of 1 in total of jungle perch and spotted flagtail
Silver perch, Barcoo grunter and Welch's grunter	30cm min Combined limit of 5 in total of these species (no more than 2 of these fish can be silver perch) Silver perch in Paroo and Warrego River basins are a no take species
Sooty grunter	28cm min Combined limit of 10 in total for Sooty grunter and Khaki grunter species
Khaki grunter (khaki bream)	No size limit Combined limit of 10 in total for Sooty grunter and Khaki grunter species

☐ Rainbowfish (Melanotaenia sp.)

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No size limit Combined limit of 20 per species

☐ Redclaw ±

In its natural range including Gulf of Carpentaria Drainage Division and from the Jacky Jacky River basin south to the Normanby River basin on the east coast of Queensland.

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No size limit Possession limit of 40

☐ River blackfish

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No take

☐ Saratoga

Species	Size and possession limits
Northern and Southern	50cm min Combined limit of 1 in total of these species

☐ Spiny crayfish

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No take

☐ Yabby ± (blueclaw crayfish, Cherax destructor)

Species	Size and possession limits
All	No size limit Possession limit of 100 Read note 2_[#note2]

Notes:

- ☐† A closed season applies to these species.
- ☐± Females carrying eggs or young must be returned to the water within their natural range.

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