

Size, take and possession limits

Fresh waters

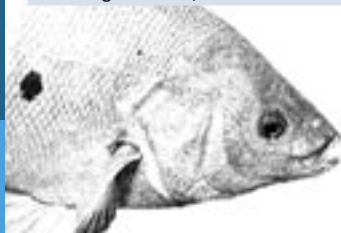
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Freshwater species

Species	Legal size (cm)	Take and possession limit
Australian bass*	30 min	2
Barramundi *		
East coast	58 min 120 max	5 (1 during closed season for some dams)
Gulf of Carpentaria	60 min 120 max	5
Blueclaw crayfish (yabby)	No limit	100 (females carrying eggs or young must be returned to the water within their natural range)
Catfish eel-tailed (<i>Tandanus tandanus</i>)	35 min	Combined limit of 5 in total for 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)
Cherabins	No limit	Combined limit of 10 for both species <i>Macrobrachium lar</i> and <i>M. rosenbergii</i>
Cod		
Bloomfield River cod		No take
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
Elsewhere in Queensland	No take	
Murray cod* (Queensland part of Murray-Darling Drainage Division)	60 min 110 max	2

Species	Legal size (cm)	Take and possession limit
Eels		
Long-finned	30 min	Combined limit of 10 in total of all species
Short-finned	30 min	
South Pacific	30 min	
Lungfish		No take
Mangrove jack		
East coast	35 min	No limit
Gulf of Carpentaria	35 min	5
Molluscs any—excluding oysters	No limit	50
Perch and grunter		
Golden perch (yellowbelly)	30 min	10
Jungle perch	35 max	Combined limit of 1 for both species (i.e. only one jungle perch may be taken)
Northern jungle perch (spotted flagtail)	35 max	As above
Silver	30 min	Combined limit of 5 for silver perch, Welch's grunter and Barcoo grunter. Silver perch in Paroo and Warrego River basins are catch and release only
Barcoo grunter	30 min	As above
Welch's grunter	30 min	As above
Sooty grunter	28 min	Combined limit of 10 for sooty grunter and khaki bream
Khaki bream	No limit	Combined limit of 10 for sooty grunter and khaki bream

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Rainbow fish <i>Melanotaenia</i> sp.	No limit	Combined limit of 50 (banded, black banded, chequered, crimson spotted, desert, Duboulay's, eastern, Lake Eacham and McCulloch's rainbowfish)	River blackfish		No take
Redclaw crayfish in its natural range			Saratoga		
(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)	Northern	50 min	Combined limit of 1 for both species (i.e. only one saratoga may be taken)
			Southern	50 min	As above
			Sea mullet	30 min	No limit
			Spiny crayfish		No take

The following freshwater species have a take and possession limit of 20:

Aggassiz's perchlet	Aru gudgeon	Mueller's perchlet	Mulgrave goby
Banded grunter	Berney's catfish	Obbes' catfish	Ornate rainbowfish
Bigheaded gudgeon	Bony bream	Pacific blue-eye	Penny fish
Bug eyed goby	Cairns rainbowfish	Purple spotted gudgeon	Rendahl's catfish
Celebes goby	Coal grunter	Reticulated perchlet	Roman nose goby
Common archer fish	Concave goby	Poreless gudgeon	Sailfin perchlet
Delicate blue-eye	Desert goby	Scaleless goby	Shovel nosed catfish
Dwarf goby	Empire gudgeon	Silver tandan	Sleepy cod
Fimbriate gudgeon	Flagtail perchlet	Small headed grunter	Smelt
Flathead goby	Firetail gudgeon	Snakehead gudgeon	Spangled perch
Flyspecked hardyhead	Freshwater long tom	Spotted blue-eye	Square blotch goby
Gilbert's grunter	Golden goby	Strawman	Striped gudgeon
Lake's carp gudgeon	Leathery grunter	Threadfin rainbowfish	Triangular shield catfish
Lesser salmon catfish	Lorentz's grunter	Trout gudgeon	Western carp gudgeon
Marjorie's hardyhead	Midgley's carp gudgeon	Yellowfin perchlet	

No-take species

- Bloomfield River cod
- Lungfish
- River blackfish
- Spiny crayfish

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Tidal waters

The following legal limits apply to fish taken in Queensland waters. A take and possession limit is the total number of fish a person may take or possess at any one time.

Coral reef fin fish*

Species	Legal size (cm)	Take and possession limit
All cods and groupers	38 min	Combined limit of 5 in total of all cod species
<i>Cod exceptions</i>		
Camouflage rockcod	50 min 100 max	
Estuary cod	<i>(see other tidal species)</i>	
Flowery cod	50 min 100 max	
Greasy rockcod	38 min 100 max	
Maori cod	45 min	
Barramundi cod		No take
Potato cod		No take
Queensland grouper		No take
All coral trout	38 min	Combined limit of 7 in total of all trout species
<i>Coral trout exceptions</i>		
Chinese footballer trout (blue spot trout)	50 min 80 max	
All emperors	25 min	5 per species
<i>Emperor exceptions</i>		
Red throat sweetlip	38 min	8
Long nose emperor	38 min	5
Spangled emperor	45 min	5
Red emperor	55 min	5
All fusiliers	No limit	No limit
All parrotfishes	25 min	5 per species
All surgeonfishes	25 min	5 per species

*A closed season applies to coral reef fin fish.

In addition to individual take and possession limits for each species above, all coral reef fin fish species have a combined take and possession limit of 20. Please see the guide for more information. For a complete list of coral reef species see the *Fisheries (Coral Reef Fin Fish) Management Plan 2003* on www.legislation.qld.gov.au/OQPChome.htm June, 2006.

Species	Legal size (cm)	Take and possession limit
All sweetlips (excluding red throat sweetlip)	25 min	5 per species
All tropical snappers and sea perches	25 min	5 per species
<i>Tropical snappers and sea perch exceptions</i>		
Crimson (rosy) jobfish and lavender jobfish	38 min	Combined limit of 8 in total for both species
Chinaman fish		No take
Crimson seaperch (small mouth nannygai) and saddletail seaperch (large mouth nannygai)	40 min	Combined limit of 9 in total for both species
Flame snapper	38 min	5
Goldband snapper	38 min	5
Hussar	25 min	10
Green jobfish	38 min	5
Paddletail		No take
Red bass		No take
Red emperor	55 min	5
Ruby snapper	38 min	5
Small-toothed jobfish	38 min	5
All wrasse	25 min	5 per species
<i>Wrasse exceptions</i>		
Hump-headed Maori		No take
Tuskfish (all species)	30 min	Combined limit of 6 in total for all tuskfish species



Other tidal species

Species	Legal size (cm)	Take and possession limit
Australian bass*	30 min	2
Barramundi*		
East coast	58 min 120 max	5
Gulf of Carpentaria	60 min 120 max	5
Bêche de mer (sea cucumber) <i>excluding black teat fish</i>	No limit	5
Bream (pikey and yellow finned)	23 min	No limit
Black lipped pearl oyster	9 min	No limit
Cod (estuary)	35 min 120 max	10
Crab		
Blue swimmer	11.5	No limit
Mud	15 min	10
Spanner*	10 min	20
Dolphin fish	45 min	No limit
Eels		
Long-finned	30 min	Combined limit of 10 in total of all species
Short-finned	30 min	
South Pacific	30 min	
Flathead		
Bar-tailed	30 min	No limit
Dusky (mud)	40 min 70 max	5
Sand	30 min	No limit
Giant trevally		
East coast	No limit	No limit
Gulf of Carpentaria	35 min	No limit
Gold lipped pearl oyster	13 min 23 max	No limit
Grass emperor (grass sweetlip)	30 min	No limit
Grunter bream (small spotted and spotted)		
East coast	30 min	No limit
Gulf of Carpentaria	40 min	10 whole fish or 20 fillets
Jewel fish		
Gulf of Carpentaria	45 min	No limit
Jewfish		
Silver	45 min	No limit
Black (east coast)	45 min	10
Black (Gulf of Carpentaria)	60 min 120 max	5 with no more than 2 over 100 cm
Kingfish		
Black	75 min	10
Yellowtail	50 min	No limit
Large-scale sea perch (fingermark)	35 min	10
Luderick	23 min	No limit
Mackerel		
Grey/broad-barred	50 min	10
Spanish/narrow-barred	75 min	3

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Species	Legal size (cm)	Take and possession limit
Queensland school (east coast)	50 min	30
Queensland school (Gulf of Carpentaria)	50 min	10
Shark	50 min	No limit
Spotted (east coast)	60 min	5
Spotted (Gulf of Carpentaria)	50 min	10
Mangrove jack		
East coast	35 min	No limit
Gulf of Carpentaria	35 min	5
Molluscs any—excluding oysters	No limit	50
Mulloway	45 min	10
Perch pearl	35 min	5
Prawns	No limit	10 litres [†]
[†] No more than 10 prawns with their heads or any other part removed, unless the removal was to process the prawns for immediate consumption.		
Queenfish		
East coast	No limit	No limit
Gulf of Carpentaria	45 min	No limit
Salmon		
King/Burnett (east coast)	40 min	No limit
King/Burnett (Gulf of Carpentaria)	60 min	5
Blue/Cooktown (east coast)	40 min	No limit
Blue/Cooktown (Gulf of Carpentaria)	40 min	20
Snapper	35 min	5
Sea mullet	30 min	No limit
Tailor	30 min	20
72 hours or more on Fraser Island	30 min	30
Tarwhine	23 min	No limit
Teraglin		
Silver	30 min	No limit
Jew	38 min	5
Trochus	8 min 12.5 max	50
Tropical rock lobster* (painted crayfish <i>Panulirus ornatus</i>)	115 mm tail min 90 mm carapace min	Above 14° south lat. 3 per person/6 per boat below 14° south lat. 5 per person/10 per boat
All other <i>Panulirus</i> species	No limit	As above
Wahoo	75 min	10
Whiting (golden lined and sand)	23 min	No limit
Worms (including part thereof)		
Beach	No limit	30
Blood	No limit	50

No-take species

- Barramundi cod
- Paddletail
- Chinaman Fish
- Potato cod
- Red bass
- Queenslander Grouper
- Hump-headed Maori wrasse