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QUICK REFERENCE - BAG, POSSESSION AND SIZE LIMITS

Shark Species				
Fish Group				Minimum Size
Shark, Mako and Blue	1	2	2	-
Shark, School and Gummy	2	2	*see below	45cm 75cm or headed & tailed
Sharks and Rays, Other, except elephantfish	2	4	*see below	-
* Shark boat limit (all species combined)			5	
Other Fish				
Fish Group				Minimum Size
Abalone	10	20	-	Blacklip: Arthur River east to Musselroe Point: 120mm Other waters: 138mm Greenlip: Montagu east to Bridport: 132mm Other waters: 145mm
Octopus	5	10	-	-
Rock Lobster				male: 110mm female: 105mm
Eastern Region	2	4	10	
Western Region	5	10	25	
Northern Bass Strait	2	4	As per region	
Mainland Tasmania, Flinders, Cape Barren and Bruny Islands including homes, shacks and vehicles	-	10	-	
Scallops	50	50 on water 100 on land		varies by species and region
Giant Crab	1	1	-	150-215mm
Inshore Crabs	15	30	-	-
Prawns	50	100	-	-
Sea Urchins	no limit	no limit	no limit	no limit
Bait Invertebrates (soldier crabs, burrowing shrimp, marine worms)	50	100	-	-

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20cm

Minimum size



Bag limit





Possession limit




Boat limit

Catch Limits Definitions

 **Bag Limit** – the maximum number or weight of a particular type of fish you as an individual fisher can take in any one day.

 **Possession Limit** – the maximum number or weight of a particular type of fish you as an individual fisher can possess in a specified area in Tasmania. If no area is specified, it applies anywhere in Tasmania including in your home.

 **Boat Limit** – the maximum number or weight of a particular type of fish that can be possessed in one boat at any one time. Personal daily bag and possession limits still apply.

Return fish in excess of any catch limit must be returned to the water even if no longer alive.

SCALEFISH CATCH LIMITS

Fish Group				Minimum Size
Baitfish (anchovy, sprat, sardine, hardyhead)	50	100	-	-
Barracouta	15	30	-	-
Boarfish, Longsnout	2	4	-	45cm
Bream (marine waters)	5	10	-	25cm
Cod	15	30	-	-
Elephantfish	2	4	-	-
Flathead, Sand and Tiger	20	30	-	32cm
Flathead, Bluespotted and Rock	5 (Only 1 over 60 cm)	10	-	40cm
Flounder	15	30	-	25cm
Garfish	15	30	-	25cm
Gurnard and Ocean Perch	15	30	-	-
Kingfish, Yellowtail	5	10	-	45cm
Leatherjacket	10	20	-	20cm
Mackerel and Redbait	30	60	-	-
Morwong, Banded	2	4	-	between 36-46cm
Morwong, Jackass and Other	10	20	-	25cm
Mullet	15	30	-	25cm
Pike, Longfin	15	30	-	-
Salmon, Atlantic (marine waters)	12	24	-	-
Salmon, Australian	15	30	-	20cm
Snapper	5	10	-	30cm
Snook	5	10	-	-
Squid - Southern Calamari	10	20	-	-
Squid - Goulds	15	30	-	-
Tailor	5	10	-	-
Trevalla, Blue-eye	5	10	25	-
Trevally, Silver	10	20	-	20cm
Trout (marine waters)	12	24	-	-
Trumpeter, Bastard	5	10	-	38cm
Trumpeter, Striped	4	8	20	55cm
Tuna, Bluefin, Yellowfin, Bigeye	2	2	4 (only 2 over 1.5m)	-
Tuna, Albacore	5	10	-	-
Tuna, Skipjack	10	20	-	-
Warehou, Blue and Silver	10	20	-	25cm
Whiting, King George	5	10	-	35cm
Whiting, Other	15	30	-	-
Wrasse	5	10	-	30cm
Other fish not listed, except ornamental and protected species	5	10	-	-

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