

# ABALONE

**Licence:** abalone licence required

**Size limit:**

**Blacklip abalone**

Arthur River east to Musselroe Point:

120mm

Other waters: 138mm

**Greenlip abalone**

Montagu east to Bridport: 132mm

Other waters: 145mm

**Daily bag limit:** 10 abalone

**Possession limit:** 20 abalone

**Non-licensed possession limit:** 0  
abalone on state waters; 5 abalone on land

**Season:** open all year

**Eating abalone safely:** see page 48

## Blacklip Size Limits

**Size limits**



## Licence

A recreational abalone licence is required to fish for abalone. You cannot take abalone on behalf of another licence holder.

## Size Limits

The maps show the areas corresponding to the different size limits. Please note that recreational and commercial size limits may not be the same.

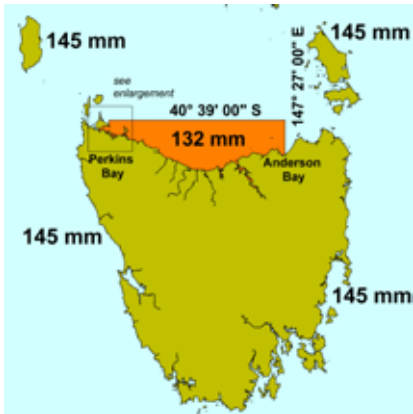


*Blacklip abalone*

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## Greenlip Size Limits

### Size limits



*Greenlip abalone*

### Bag and possession limits

👜 10 🏠 20 (combined)

Fishers without a recreational abalone licence:

- Can not take abalone;

- Can not possess abalone on state waters; and
- Can possess up to 5 abalone without a receipt on land. If you possess more than this, keep your receipt for purchases.

### Measuring Abalone

- Abalone are measured across the widest part of the shell.



- **You must carry a measuring device while taking abalone.**
- Measure the abalone before detaching it where possible as abalone that have been cut may die.
- Undersize abalone must be replaced immediately.
- Before you shuck or shell abalone, they must be brought ashore above the high water mark.

### Area Restrictions

#### Northern Bass Strait Waters



You can take abalone within 50 metres of the shore of any island in Northern Bass Strait Waters but abalone cannot be taken or possessed elsewhere in the area. This restriction aims to limit the risks associated with the spread of AVG.

Recreationally caught abalone cannot be on board any vessels other than commercial trading vessels in the Northern Bass Strait Waters area unless within 50 metres of the shore of any land.

## Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis

Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis (AVG) is a viral disease affecting the nervous system of abalone resulting in weakness and death. AVG only affects abalone and there are no human health implications from handling or eating infected abalone.

### Signs of AVG

- Patches of weak or dead abalone;
- Abalone with protruding mouth parts; and / or
- Abalone with the edges of the foot curling inwards, exposing clean shiny shells.



*Greenlip abalone showing the symptoms of AVG*

### Help prevent the spread of AVG

The virus only survives a short time in the water so the most likely method of disease spread is through contact between infected abalone and healthy abalone (including offal, mucus, shells, contaminated fishing equipment or people).

- No abalone or abalone products can be brought into Tasmania from interstate.
- **RETAIN** all abalone waste, including shells and offal. Dispose of it in land-based facilities. It is illegal to shuck abalone at sea or use abalone viscera as fishing bait.
- **CLEAN** and **DRY** all boats, fishing and diving equipment between fishing trips. This includes catch bags, gloves, knives, measuring devices, wetsuits, buoyancy vests, masks, regulators, tanks, boats and people who have come into contact with abalone. Allow equipment to dry in the sun.
- **REPORT** any suspected signs of AVG to the Disease Watch Hotline 1800 675 888 (24-hours).

