

# Recreational Fisheries

## Summary of initiatives

MEASURE/LIMIT:	OUTCOME
Development of a new Recreational Sea Fishing Strategy which will address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource access and sustainability;</li> <li>• Modernising and improving compliance to fairly manage access for Tasmanians, and including the increasing numbers of fishing tourists;</li> <li>• Research priorities to guide future policy and decision making;</li> <li>• Social and economic values; and</li> <li>• Education and awareness.</li> </ul>	<b>New initiative</b>

### East coast rock lobster stock rebuilding strategy

MEASURE/LIMIT:	CURRENT	OUTCOME	IMPACT
<b>Season date</b>	19 weeks, early Dec – 30 April	Maintain the current commercial and recreational season dates in the ECSRZ for 2019.	<b>No change</b>
<b>Bag limit</b>	A daily bag limit of 2 rock lobster in the Eastern Region, 5 rock lobster in the Western Region and 2 rock lobster in northern Bass Strait.	Maintain current bag limit provisions.	<b>No change</b>
<b>Possession limit</b>	A possession limit of 4 rock lobster in Eastern Region waters, 10 rock lobster in the Western Region and 4 rock lobster in northern Bass Strait.  A possession limit of 10 applies on mainland Tasmania, islands in the Western Region and on Flinders, Cape Barren and Bruny Islands including homes, shacks and vehicles.  A non-licensed possession limit of 0 rock lobster on state fishing waters and 2 rock lobster on land.	No change	<b>No change</b>
<b>Special Rock Lobster licence</b>	Special Rock Lobster licence holders can have a possession limit of 15 rock lobster (in the Western Region and on mainland Tasmania only) for the 14 day period of the licence.	No change	<b>No change</b>
<b>Boat Limit</b>	Eastern Region: there is a boat limit of 10 rock lobster.  Western Region: there is a boat limit of 25 rock lobster.	No change	<b>No change</b>

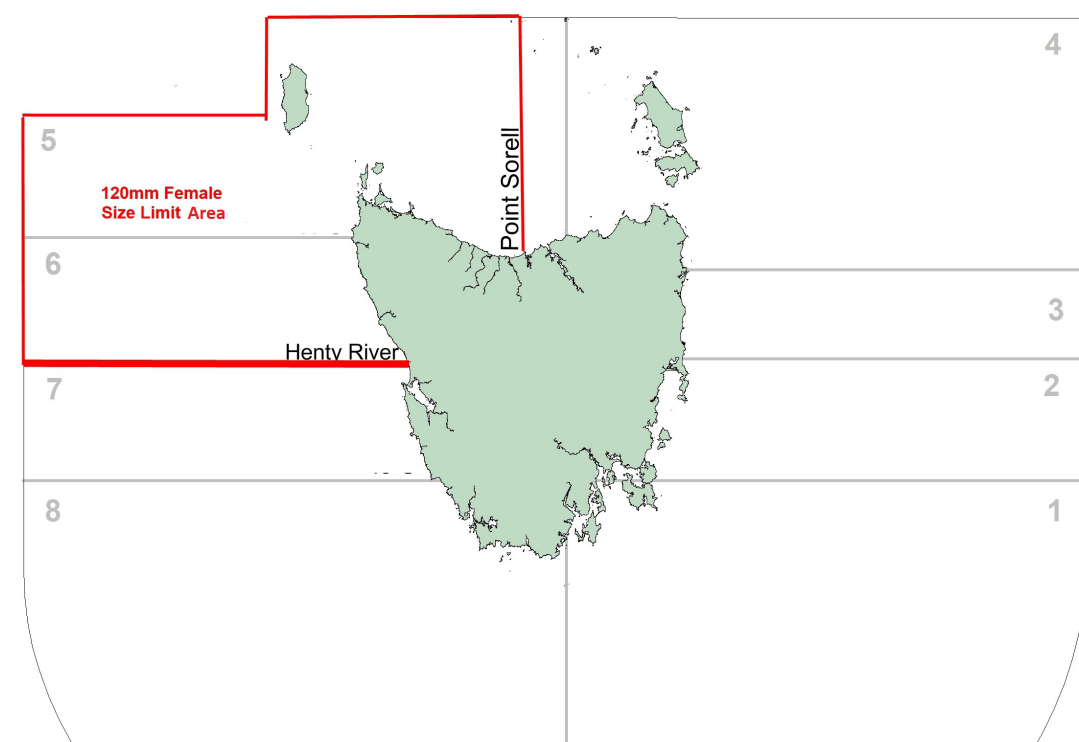
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### Changes to the rock lobster management plan - commencing 1 November 2019

MEASURE/LIMIT:	CURRENT	NEW APPROACH
Increase in the minimum size of female rock lobster from 105mm to 120mm in the North West.	105mm	<b>That the female minimum size limit be increased from 105mm to 120mm in the North West, west of Point Sorell and south to a line of latitude at 42° South (in the vicinity of the Henty River) on the West Coast (STA 5 and 6). See indicative map below.</b>
Alignment of the recreational boat limit of 10 rock lobster for all Northern Bass Strait waters (eastern and western regions) for improved compliance objectives.	Western boat limit of 25 applies	<b>Limit of 10 for all Northern Bass Strait waters.</b>
Provision of greater flexibility for the communication methods associated with the notification of pots that cannot be retrieved within the 48 time period, arrangements for retrieval of pots including provisions for directions from a fisheries officer.	Requires authorisation of a Fisheries Officer	<b>Provides for an automated reporting service.</b>
New provision to allow the publication of a public notice on a web site rather than being restricted to the Gazette and newspapers.	Publication in Gazette and newspapers	<b>Provides for contemporary methods such as website.</b>

*Area for the female size limit changes from 105mm to 120mm.*



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### Changes to abalone bag, possession and boat limits - commencing 1 November 2019

MEASURE/LIMIT:	CURRENT	INITIAL PROPOSAL	RECFAC RECOMMENDATION	OUTCOME
<b>Bag Limit</b>	10	5	5 Eastern Region 10 Western Region	<b>5 Eastern Region</b> <b>10 Western Region</b>
<b>Possession Limit</b>	20	10 statewide	10	<b>10 Statewide</b>
<b>Boat Limit</b>	No boat limit	15 state-wide	5 x bag limit i.e. 25 Eastern Region; 50 Western Region	<b>25 in Eastern Region</b> <b>No boat limit (status quo) Western Region</b>

### Calamari

MEASURE/LIMIT:	CURRENT	PROPOSAL	RECOMMENDATION
Spawning closure – north coast	A spawning closure for southern calamari for the entire month of October 2018 for the entire north coast fishery to provide a wider level of protection for calamari when they are aggregated and laying their eggs.	Implement a spawning closure in 2019 for the north coast (Cape Grim – Cape Naturaliste) of Tasmania from 1 October 2019 to 31 October 2019 inclusive.	<b>Spawning closure approved</b>