

Size and bag limits Fresh waters

The following legal limits apply to fish taken in Queensland waters. A bag limit (take and possession limit) is the total number of fish that one person can legally take and keep at any one time.

These size and bag limits are part of the *Recreational fishing rules and regulations for Queensland: A brief guide*. To get your copy, call 13 25 23 or ask at your local bait and tackle shop. The rules and regulations are also available at www.deedi.qld.gov.au

Species	Size limit (cm)	Bag limit
Australian bass*	30 min	2
Australian lungfish		No take
Barramundi*		
East coast	58 min 120 max (1 greater than 120 cm from some dams)	5 (1 during closed season for some dams)
Gulf of Carpentaria	60 min 120 max (1 greater than 120 cm from some dams)	5 (1 during closed season for some dams)
Cherabins	No limit	Combined limit of 10 in total of 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
Mary River cod—elsewhere in Queensland		No take
Murray cod* (Queensland part of Murray–Darling Drainage Division)	60 min 110 max	2

*A closed season applies to these species. Please refer to the *Recreational fishing rules and regulations for Queensland: A brief guide* for more information.

Species	Size limit (cm)	Bag limit
Eels		
Longfin	30 min	Combined limit of 10 in total of all species
Pacific shortfin (south Pacific)	30 min	
Southern shortfin	30 min	
Freshwater catfish (eel-tailed catfish) (<i>Tandanus tandanus</i>)	35 min	Combined limit of 5 in total of 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)
Freshwater sawfish		No take
Garfish	No limit	50
Mangrove jack	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 in total of jungle perch and spotted flagtail
Spotted flagtail (northern jungle perch)	35 max	Combined limit of 1 in total of jungle perch and spotted flagtail
Silver perch	30 min	Combined limit of 5 in total of 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	Combined limit of 5 in total of silver perch, Welch's grunter and Barcoo grunter
Welch's grunter	30 min	Combined limit of 5 in total of silver perch, Welch's grunter and Barcoo grunter

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Perch and grunter (cont.)		
Sooty grunter	28 min	Combined limit of 10 in total for sooty grunter and khaki grunter
Khaki grunter (khaki bream)	No limit	Combined limit of 10 in total for sooty grunter and khaki grunter
Rainbowfish (<i>Melanotaenia</i> sp.)	No limit	Combined limit of 50 (banded, blackbanded, chequered, crimsonspotted, desert, eastern, Lake Eacham, McCulloch's and Murray River rainbowfish)
Redclaw (redclaw crayfish) in its natural range		
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)
River blackfish		No take
Saratoga		
Northern	50 min	Combined limit of 1 in total of northern and southern saratoga
Southern	50 min	Combined limit of 1 in total of northern and southern saratoga
Sea mullet	30 min	20
Spiny crayfish		No take
Yabby (freshwater blueclaw crayfish)	No limit	100 (females carrying eggs or young must be returned to the water within their natural range)

The following freshwater species have a bag limit of 20:

Aggassiz's glassfish (perchlet)	Aru gudgeon	Australian smelt
Banded grunter (barred grunter)	Blackmast (strawman)	Blue catfish (lesser salmon catfish)
Bony bream	Boofhead catfish (triangular shield catfish)	Cairns rainbowfish
Celebes flathead goby	Coal grunter	Concave flathead goby
Delicate blue eye	Desert goby	Elongate glassfish (yellowfin perchlet)
Empire gudgeon	Fimbriate gudgeon	Firetail gudgeon
Flagtail glassfish (flagtail perchlet)	Flathead gudgeon (bigheaded gudgeon)	Flyspecked hardyhead
Freshwater longtom	Gilbert's grunter	Golden flathead goby
Golden goby (dwarf goby)	Highfin catfish (Berney's catfish)	Lake's carp gudgeon
Leathery grunter	Lorentz's grunter	Macleay's glassfish (reticulated perchlet)
Marjorie's hardyhead	Midgley's carp gudgeon	Mueller's glassfish
Mulgrave goby	Northern purplespotted gudgeon (trout gudgeon)	Obbes' catfish
Ornate rainbowfish	Pacific blue eye	Penny fish
Poreless gudgeon	Rendahl's catfish	Roman nose goby
Sailfin glassfish (sailfin perchlet)	Scaleless goby	Sevenspot archer fish (common archer fish)
Silver catfish (silver tandan)	Silver cobbler (shovel nosed catfish)	Sleepy cod
Small headed grunter	Snakehead gudgeon	Southern purplespotted gudgeon
Spangled perch	Speckled goby	Spotted blue eye
Square blotch goby	Striped gudgeon	Tank goby (flathead goby)
Threadfin rainbowfish	Western carp gudgeon	

No-take species

Australian lungfish	Bloomfield River cod	Freshwater sawfish
Mary River cod [†]	River blackfish	Spiny crayfish

[†] Except upstream of some dams—see 'Cod' section