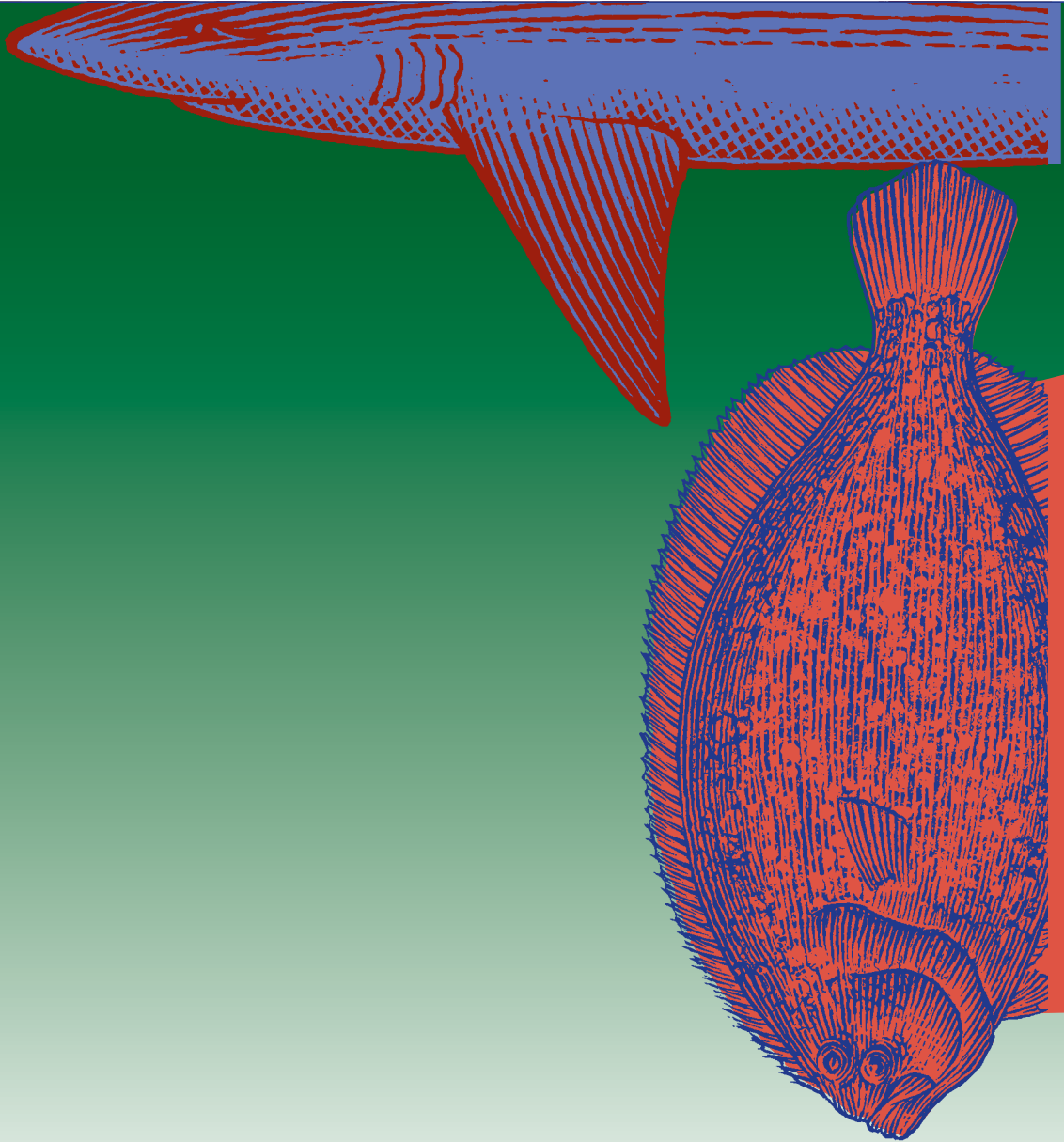
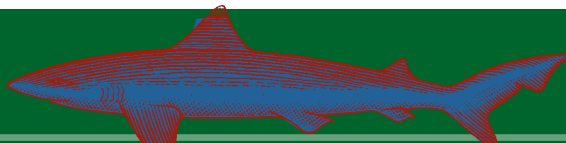


## MARINE FISHING





## SIZE BAG AND BOAT LIMITS

The following are the size, bag and boat limits that apply to those species you could expect to catch with a rod and line or other permitted devices.

Bag limits apply to individual fishers. Boat limits apply when fishing from a boat and are generally set at three times the personal bag limit, where three or more

persons are fishing on board the boat. If three or less persons are fishing, the individual bag limit applies to each person. The exceptions to this rule are abalone and rock lobster.

**Other restrictions apply.**

### Abalone (all species)

#### *Haliotis spp*

Greenlip

Western Zone Minimum legal length: 14.5cm

All other waters: 13cm

Blacklip: 13cm

All other species: 13 cm

Combined blacklip/greenlip abalone catch limits

Bag limit: 5      Boat limit: 10



### Bream (all species)

#### *Acanthopagrus spp*

Minimum legal length: 28cm

Bag limit: 10      Boat limit: 30

\* Closed season 1 September to 30 November inclusive in the Onkaparinga River upstream of the Main South Road Bridge at Noarlunga.



### Cockle, Goolwa - see Pipi

### Cockle, Mud

#### *Katelysia spp.*

Minimum legal length taken from Coffin Bay: 3.8cm

All other waters of the state: 3.0cm

Bag limit: 300



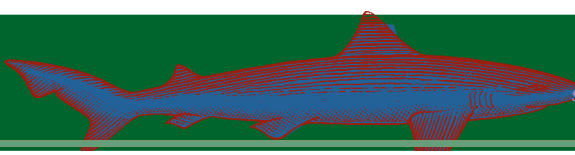
### Cowrie, Black

#### *Zoila friendii thersites*

Minimum legal length: Not applicable

Bag limit: 1





## SIZE BAG AND BOAT LIMITS

### Crab, Blue Swimmer

*Portunus pelagicus*

Minimum legal length: 11cm measured across carapace from base of largest spines

Combined blue swimmer crab / sand crab catch limits:

Bag limit: 40      Boat limit: 120



### Crab, Sand

*Ovalipes australiensis*

Minimum legal length: 10cm

Combined blue swimmer crab / sand crab catch limits:

Bag limit: 40      Boat limit: 120



### Crab, Giant

*Pseudocarcinus gigas*

Minimum legal length: 15cm



### Cuttlefish

*Sepia spp*

Minimum legal length: Not applicable

Combined squid / cuttlefish catch limits

Bag limit: 15      Boat limit: 45

\* Total closure for cephalopods (cuttlefish, squid and octopus) in False Bay near Whyalla. See page 19 for more information.



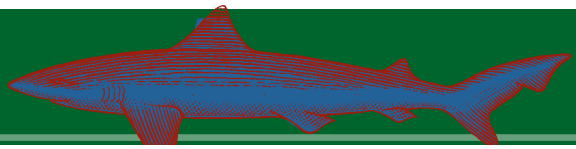
### Flathead, (all species)

*Platycephalus spp*

Minimum legal length: 30 cm

Bag limit: 10      Boat limit: 30





## SIZE BAG AND BOAT LIMITS

### Flounder

*Family Pleuronectidae / Bothidae*

Minimum legal length: Not applicable

Bag limit: 20      Boat limit: 60

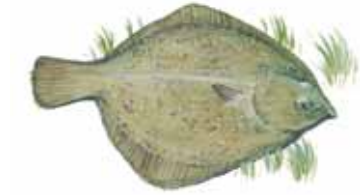
### Garfish

*Hyporhamphus melanochir*

Minimum legal length: 23cm

Bag limit: 60      Boat limit: 180

\* Garfish are measured from the tip of the upper jaw to the tip of the tail



### Groper, Blue

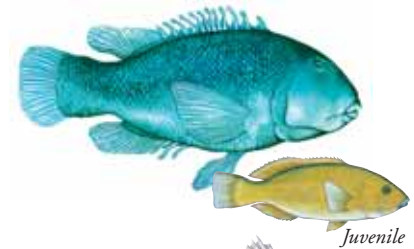
*Achoerodus gouldii*

Minimum legal length: 60cm

Maximum legal length: 100cm

Bag limit: 2      Boat limit: 6

\* Total closure at all times both gulfs, Investigator Strait and Backstairs Passage.



Juvenile

### Herring, Australian (Tommy Ruff)

*Arripis georgianus*

No minimum legal length

Bag Limit: 60      Boat Limit: 180



Juvenile salmon and Australian Herring (Tommy Ruffs) can look similar.

Here are some tips on how to tell them apart.

### Kingfish, Yellowtail

*Seriola lalandi*

\* Minimum legal length: 45 – 60 cm

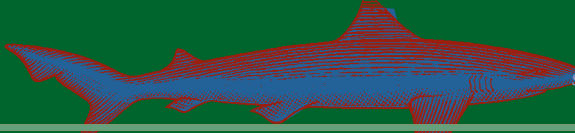
Bag limit: 10      Boat limit: 30

\* This applies to fish caught in Spencer Gulf only.

Minimum legal length: 60cm

Bag limit: 2      Boat limit: 6





## SIZE BAG AND BOAT LIMITS

### Morwong, Blue (Queen Snapper)

*Nemadactylus valenciennesi*

Minimum legal length: 38cm

Bag limit: 5      Boat limit: 15



### Mullet

*Family Mugilidae*

Minimum legal length: 21cm

Bag limit: 60      Boat limit: 180



### Mulloy

*Argyrosomus japonicus*

Minimum legal length within Coorong only:  
(not the surf beach) 46cm

Minimum legal length outside Coorong waters: 75cm  
46cm - 75cm within Coorong only:

Bag limit: 10

Over 75cm all other waters of the state:

Bag limit: 2      Boat limit: 6

75cm or larger fish caught in Coorong have personal  
bag limit of 2



### Nannygai (Bight Redfish, Red Snapper, Swallowtail)

*Centroberyx spp*

Minimum legal length: 30cm

Bag limit: 10      Boat limit: 30



### Pipi (Goolwa cockle)

*Donax deltoides*

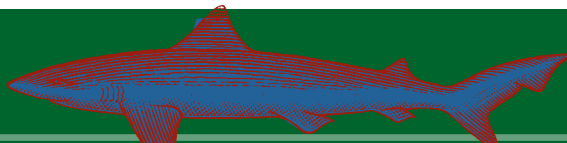
Minimum legal length: 3.5cm

Bag limit: 300



\*The taking of Papis (Goolwa cockles) is prohibited 1 June to 31 October (inclusive). Recreational fishers are not permitted to take papis on the Younghusband Peninsula between the River Murray mouth and 28 Mile Beach (Coorong Beach). This is a commercial-only fishing zone.

The same rules and closures apply to Papis caught anywhere in the state. This includes the Gunyah and Almonta Beaches on the West Coast.



## SIZE BAG AND BOAT LIMITS

### Razorfish

*Pinna bicolor*

Minimum legal length: Not applicable

Bag limit: 25      Boat limit: 75



### Rock Lobster

*Jasus edwardsii*

Southern Zone

Minimum legal length: 9.85cm

Bag limit: 4      Boat limit: 8

Northern zone

Minimum legal length: 10.5cm

Bag limit: 4      Boat limit: 8



### Salmon (Australian)

*Arripis truttaceus*

Minimum legal length: 21cm

Salmon 21cm - 35cm

Bag limit :20      Boat limit: 60

Salmon larger than 35 cm

Bag limit: 10      Boat limit: 30



Juvenile salmon and Australian herring (Tommy ruffs) can look similar.

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### Samson Fish

*Seriola hippos*

Minimum legal length: 75cm

Bag limit: 2      Boat limit: 6



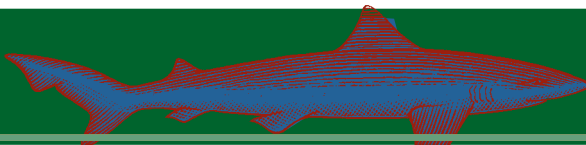
### Scallop

Family Pectinidae

Minimum legal length: 6.5cm

Bag limit: 100      Boat Limit: 300





## SIZE BAG AND BOAT LIMITS

### Shark, Gummy

*Mustelus antarcticus*

Minimum legal length: 45cm  
Combined school / gummy shark catch limits:  
Bag limit: 2                      Boat limit: 6

\* measured from 5th gill slit to the base of the tail



### Shark, School

*Galeorhinus galeus*

Minimum legal length: 45cm  
Combined school / gummy shark catch limits:  
Bag limit: 2                      Boat limit: 6  
\* measured from 5th gill slit to the base of the tail



### Snapper

*Pagrus auratus*

Minimum legal length (all waters): 38cm  
**In the waters of Gulf St Vincent, Investigator Strait, Backstairs Passage:**

**Small Snapper** (38cm - 60cm)

Bag limit: 5                      Boat limit: 15

**Large Snapper** (greater than 60cm)

Bag limit: 2                      Boat limit: 6

**All other waters of the state:**

**Small Snapper** (38cm - 60cm)

Bag limit: 10                      Boat limit: 30

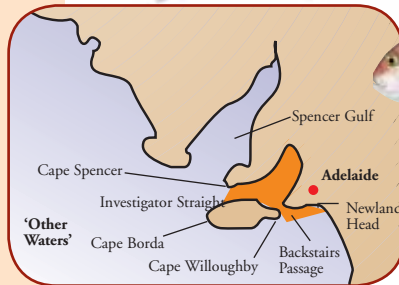
**Large Snapper** (greater than 60cm)

Bag limit: 2                      Boat limit: 6

A seasonal closure applies to the taking of snapper.  
It is unlawful to take snapper from any waters of the State from 12 midday 1 November to 12 midday 30 November.



Juvenile

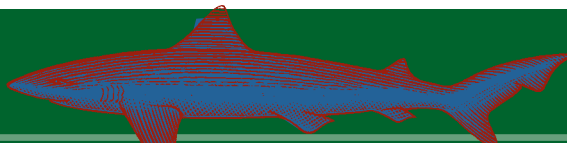


### Snook

*Sphyræna novaehollandiae*

Minimum legal length: 45cm  
Bag limit: 20                      Boat limit: 60





## SIZE BAG AND BOAT LIMITS

### Squid (Southern Calamary)

*Sepioteuthis australis*

No minimum legal length

Combined squid / cuttlefish catch limits:

Bag limit: 15      Boat limit: 45

\* Total closure for cephalopods (cuttlefish, squid and octopus) in False Bay near Whyalla. See page 19 for more information.



### Sweep

*Scorpiis spp.*

Minimum legal length: 24cm

Bag limit: 20      Boat limits: 60



### Tommy Ruff – see Herring, Australian

### Trevally, Silver

*Pseudocaranx dentex*

Minimum legal length: 24cm

Bag limit: 20      Boat limit: 60



### Tuna, Southern Blue Fin

*Thunnus maccoyii*

No minimum legal length

Combined southern blue fin / yellow fin tuna catch limits:

Bag limit: 2      Boat limit: 6



### Tuna, Yellow Fin

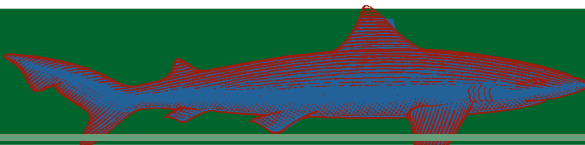
*Thunnus albacares*

No minimum legal length

Combined southern blue fin / yellow fin tuna catch limits:

Bag limit: 2      Boat limit: 6





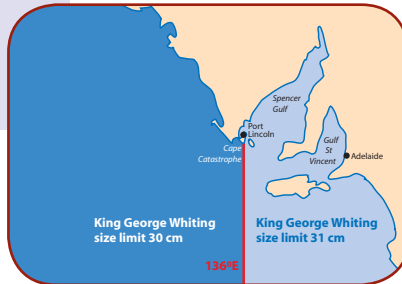
## SIZE BAG AND BOAT LIMITS

### Whiting, King George

#### *Sillaginodes punctata*

Minimum legal length: 31cm all waters east of long 136° (which runs through Cape Catastrophe just south of Port Lincoln) including all gulf waters  
Bag limit: 12 Boat limit: 36

Minimum legal length: 30cm all waters west of long 136°  
Bag limit: 12 Boat limit: 36



### Whiting, Yellowfin

#### *Sillago schomburgkii*

Minimum legal length: 24cm  
Bag limit: 20 Boat limit: 30



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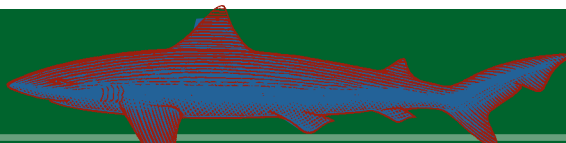
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## ABALONE

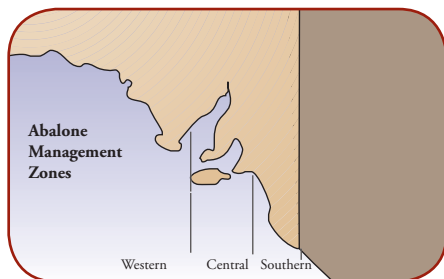
### Abalone

#### *Haliotis spp*

##### General

Abalone are found on rocky reefs in many parts of South Australia. Two main species of abalone are taken in this State. They are the greenlip abalone (*Haliotis laevis*) and the blacklip abalone (*Haliotis rubra*).

The State is divided into three zones - southern, central and western. The southern zone is the coastal waters east of longitude 139° east. The central zone is the coastal waters between longitude 136° 30' east and 139° 0' east. The western zone is the coastal waters west of longitude 136° 30' east.



Abalone may be taken by recreational fishers provided certain requirements are met. When fishing for abalone, the diver must:

- carry a suitable measuring device;
- measure abalone as soon as it is removed from the surface where it was attached. If it is undersized, immediately replace it in the same spot; and
- bring abalone to a position above the high water mark (ie. land catch) before removing the meat from the shell (shucking).



##### Size limits

Abalone must be measured across the greatest dimension of the shell:

- 13.0cm for all species in all waters; except,
- 14.5cm for greenlip abalone from the Western Zone.

The legal minimum length applies to all abalone, no matter where they are taken.



##### Bag limits

There is a combined bag limit of five abalone per person per day.

##### Boat limits

A combined boat limit of 10 abalone per boat applies (for two or more persons). If only one person in the boat is taking abalone, the personal bag limit applies.

##### Closures

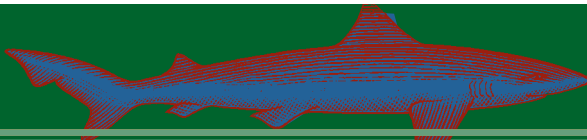
Abalone are protected in

- all aquatic reserves
- the waters of Waterloo Bay
- must not be taken from intertidal reef areas.

Other seasonal and temporary closures are declared from time to time. Contact your local PIRSA Fisheries Office for further details.

##### Recreational catch

Recreational fishers are not permitted to sell or trade their catch.



## SOUTHERN ROCK LOBSTER

### Southern Rock Lobster

*Jasus edwardsii*

#### General

Southern rock lobster are distributed widely across southern Australia and are one of our most sought after seafood delicacies.

To ensure the long-term health of our rock lobster stocks there are a number of rules that apply to rock lobster fishing. They are put in place to allow reasonable access to the resource but at the same time ensuring we will have fish for the future.

#### Size limit

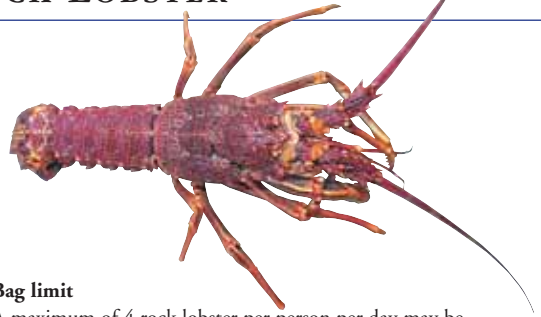
The minimum legal size for rock lobster caught in the northern zone is 10.5 centimetres.

The northern zone is the area from longitude 139° 0' east, (located east of the Murray mouth) including Kangaroo Island to the Western Australia border.

The minimum legal size for rock lobster caught in the southern zone is 9.85 centimetres.

The southern zone is from the same longitude east to the Victorian border.

Rock lobster must be measured along the middle and on the top of the carapace (main body shell) from the front edge of the groove between the antennae (frontal tubercle) to the rear edge of the carapace, but not including any hairs attached to the carapace. Any measuring device must fit firmly into the groove between the antennae.



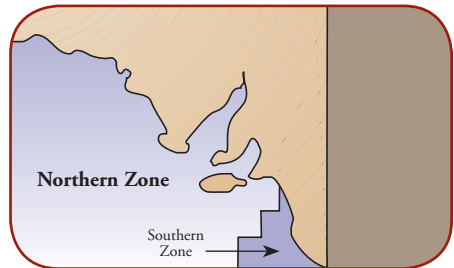
#### Bag limit

A maximum of 4 rock lobster per person per day may be taken regardless of how they were legally taken.

#### Boat limit

When fishing from a boat a maximum of 8 rock lobster per day may be taken. Where the rock lobster have been taken by only one person whether by diving or drop net, hoop net or registered rock lobster pot, then no more than one personal bag limit of 4 rock lobster may be taken.

#### Seasonal Closures

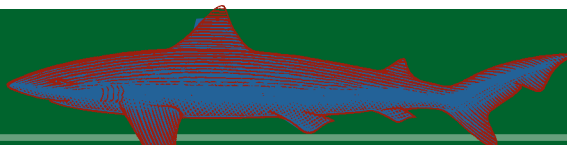


#### Southern zone

The taking of rock lobster in the southern zone is prohibited between 6:00pm 31 May and 6:00am 1 November.

#### Northern zone

The taking of rock lobster in the northern zone is prohibited between 6:00pm 31 May and 12 noon 1 November.



## SOUTHERN ROCK LOBSTER

### Southern Rock Lobster

#### Closed areas

Apart from these seasonal closures, there are rock lobster sanctuaries where rock lobster are totally protected at all times. These are:

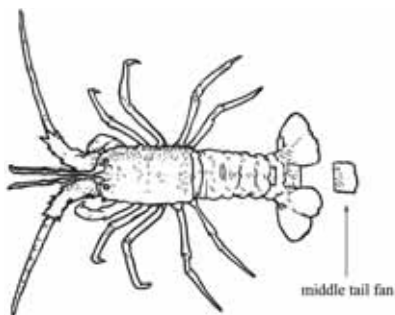
- Cape Jaffa
- Margaret Brock Reef (within 1000 metres of the light)
- Rivoli Bay, including Penguin Island (from Glen Point to Cape Martin)
- Gleeson Landing
- All aquatic reserves

Maps of these closures can be obtained from your local PIRSA Fisheries Office or from the PIRSA web site

[www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing)

#### Removal of tail fan for recreational rock lobster

All rock lobster taken by recreational fishers must have the middle tail fan clipped in half to a recognisable straight line before landing regardless of how taken. This should be done by using a pair of scissors. Failure to clip the middle tail fan may result in prosecution. Heavy penalties may apply.



#### Recreational catch

**Recreational fishers are not permitted to sell or trade their catch.**

#### Protected female rock lobster

Berried rock lobster (ie females carrying external eggs) are protected at all times and must be handled with care and returned to the water immediately.

#### Prohibited devices

It is an offence to take or attempt to take rock lobster using a spear, hook or other pointed instrument.

#### Corfs

The use of corfs to keep rock lobster alive in the water is prohibited. Returning a lobster pot to the water that contains rock lobster is also prohibited.

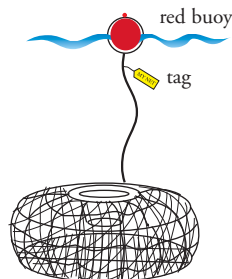
#### Permitted gear commonly used to catch rock lobster

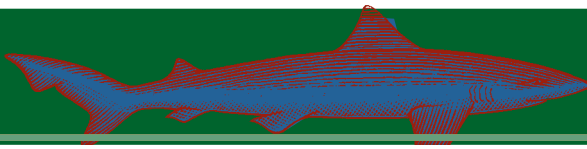
##### Rock lobster pot

Rock lobster pots must be registered with PIRSA Fisheries and can only be used by the holder of a current registration. A maximum of two pots can be registered per person.

Dimensions of rock lobster pots must meet the following. Maximum width 1.5 metres, maximum height 1.2 metres. The mouth of the pot must be at the top. There must be 2 escape gaps on opposite sides of the pot or if there are no escape gaps, the pot must be covered in a mesh that will easily allow a cylindrical rod 5 centimetres in diameter to pass through the mesh. The tops of the escape gaps must be no more than 11cm from the base of the pot and the minimum dimensions of escape gaps are 15cm wide by 5.5cm high. Each rock lobster pot must be marked with a red buoy of 4 litre volume and a current registration tag as provided by PIRSA. An additional tag showing the registered owner's name, address and registration number is recommended.

Rock lobster pots can only be used by the holder of the registration. This includes setting and retrieving of pots.



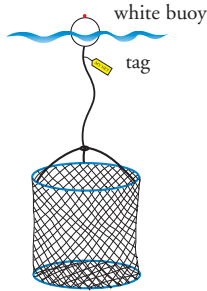


## SOUTHERN ROCK LOBSTER

### Drop net

Two hoops joined by a cylindrical or cone shaped net bag. Maximum hoop diameter 107cm. Must be marked with a white buoy of 4 litre volume and a tag showing the owner's name and address if unattended.

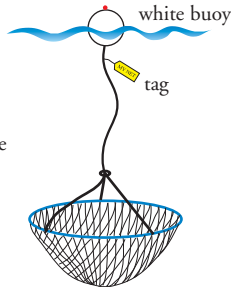
A maximum 3 per person.



### Hoop net

A net attached to a hoop. Maximum hoop diameter 107cm. Maximum depth of bag 92 cm. Must be marked with a white buoy of 4 litre volume and a tag showing the owner's name and address if unattended.

A maximum of 3 hoop nets may be used to take rock lobster.



### A snare

A snare is a noose attached to a length of tubing designed and constructed for the taking of rock lobster and is a permitted device for taking rock lobster.

### Other important information

To take rock lobster you may use up to 2 (registered) pots OR 3 drop nets OR 3 hoop nets per person. All these devices must conform to the legal specifications. If you are using rock lobster pots OR hoop nets OR drop nets, you are not entitled to use any other fishing equipment other than a fishing rod or handline.

There is no limit to the number of times pots, drop nets or hoop nets may be checked from the one boat in any one day. Any number or registered pots, drop or hoop nets may be used from the one boat as long as the owner or in the case of rock lobster pots, the registered owner, is on board the vessel. However daily bag and boat limits still apply.

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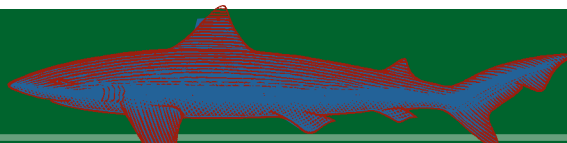
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## CRABS

### Crabs

Crabbing is a popular recreational pastime in South Australia. The two main species targeted are blue swimmer crabs and sand crabs. The giant crab (or king crab) is also occasionally caught in rock lobster pots set in deeper water.

There is a combined blue swimmer / sand crab catch limit in South Australia. For example, 22 blue swimmer crabs and 18 sand crabs constitutes the daily crab bag limit of 40.

A number of legally permitted devices are commonly used to catch crabs. They must meet the following dimensions.

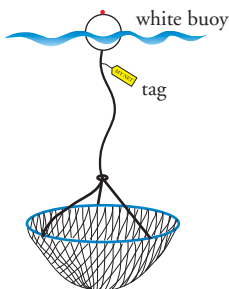
#### Bait

When baiting for crabs, you are permitted to use fish or fish based products only. It is illegal to use bone, meat, offal or the skin of an animal including birds.

#### Hoop nets

A net attached to a hoop.

Maximum hoop diameter: 107cm  
Maximum depth of net bag: 92cm



**\* If no other fishing gear is used, a maximum of 10 hoop nets can be used. If other fishing gear is used (ie rod and line) then the maximum number of hoop nets permitted is three.**

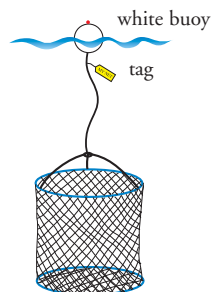
#### Drop net

Two hoops joined by a cylindrical cone-shaped net bag.

Maximum hoop diameter: 107cm

Maximum depth: 92cm

Three drop nets per person can be used.



**\* If other fishing gear is being used, you are only permitted to use 3 drop nets OR 3 hoop nets OR a combination of both to a maximum of 3.**

#### Hand net

May be a dab net, dip net or shrimp net consisting of conical shaped netting which is attached to a hoop which is attached to a rigid handle.

Maximum hoop diameter: 1 metre

Maximum depth of net: 1 metre



#### Crab rake

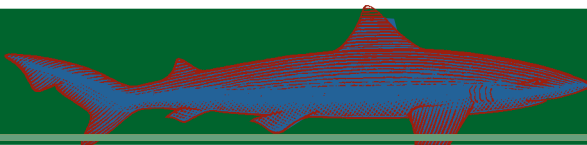
Hand-held device for scraping the bed of any waters consisting of a pole with a rake attached.



**To report illegal fishing activity, contact**



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## CRABS

### Blue Crabs

*Portunus pelagicus*



#### General

Blue swimmer crabs are widely distributed throughout the inshore waters of South Australia particularly in areas with extensive sandy bottom and seagrass meadows in Gulf St Vincent and Spencer Gulf.

#### Size limits

A blue crab is undersized if the carapace is less than 11 centimetres when measured from side to side at the base of the largest spines. Size limits apply in all waters of the State. Any undersize crabs must be returned to the water immediately.



#### Bag limit

A combined blue swimmer / sand crab catch limit of 40 crabs per person per day applies. For example, twenty-two blue swimmer crabs and eighteen sand crabs constitutes a bag limit of 40.

#### Boat limit

If fishing from a boat, then the same combined blue swimmer / sand crab individual bag limits applies up to a total of 3 persons, after which a combined blue swimmer / sand crab boat limit of 120 applies.

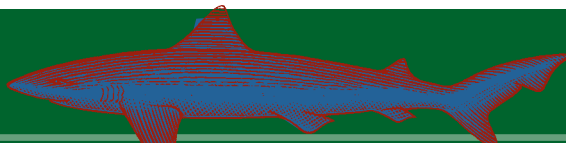
#### Females carrying eggs

Female blue crabs with external eggs are totally protected and must be returned to the water immediately.



#### Recreational catch

Recreational fishers are not permitted to sell or trade their catch.



## CRABS

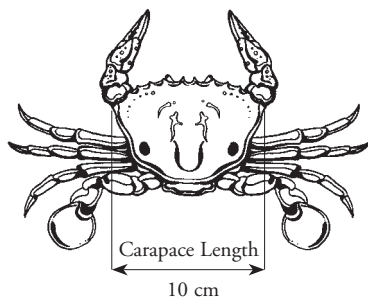
### Sand Crabs

#### *Ovalipes australiensis*



#### General

In South Australia, the sand crab is common throughout many ocean beaches and the southern areas of Gulf St Vincent and Spencer Gulf. Sand crabs are easily distinguished by two coloured spots at the tail end of its carapace.



#### Size limits

A sand crab is undersized if the distance from side to side of the carapace is less than 10cm. Size limits apply in all waters of the State. Any undersize crabs must be returned to the water immediately.

#### Bag limit

A combined blue swimmer / sand crab bag limit of 40 crabs per person per day applies. For example, twenty two blue swimmer crabs and eighteen sand crabs constitutes a bag limit of 40.

#### Boat limit

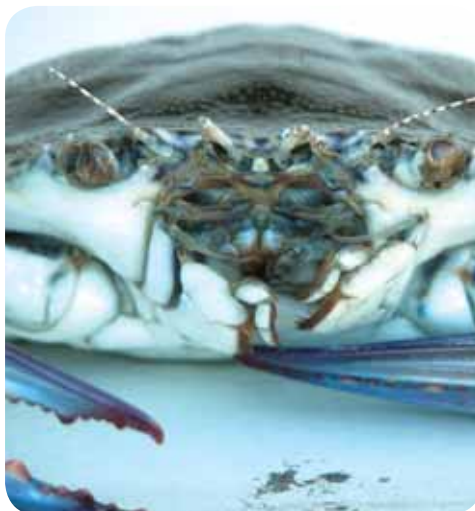
If fishing from a boat, then the same combined blue swimmer / sand crab individual bag limits applies up to a total of 3 persons, after which a combined blue swimmer / sand crab boat limit of 120 applies.

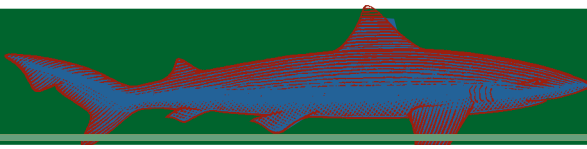
#### Females carrying eggs

Female sand crabs with external eggs are totally protected and must be returned to the water immediately.

#### Recreational catch

Recreational fishers are not permitted to sell or trade their catch.





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### Giant Crabs

#### *Pseudocarcinus gigas*

Giant crabs are occasionally taken in rock lobster pots in deep water.



#### Size limits

A giant crab is undersized if the distance from the top to the bottom of its carapace is less than 15cm.

#### Bag limit / boat limit

There are currently no bag limits or boat limits applicable to giant crabs.

#### Females carrying eggs

Female giant crabs with external eggs are totally protected and must be returned to the water immediately.

#### Recreational catch

Recreational fishers are not permitted to sell or trade their catch.



Australian Herring  
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