

Proposed changes to Aboriginal cultural fishing rules

The below table provides a comparison between:

- The **proposed the daily limits** outlined in the draft *Fisheries Management (General) Amendment (Aboriginal Cultural Fishing) Regulation 2015 (draft Regulation)* and
- The **current daily limits** as per the *Aboriginal Cultural Fishing Interim Access*.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) are currently **seeking comment** on the draft Regulation until 9 November 2015. For more information please visit the DPI website at: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/aboriginal-fishing/cultural-fishing/draft-regulation>.

Of the 84 species or groups of species listed below, the daily bag/possession limits are proposed to be reduced for 49. These are indicated in red.

Species	Proposed daily limit	Current daily limit as per Interim Access Policy
Abalone	10	10
Flathead (other than Dusky flathead)	40	40
Bream and Tarwhine ^{10/26/2015}	40	40
Tailor Blue Swimmer Crab	40	40
Trevally Luderick (Blackfish)	40	40
Murray Cod	4	4
Mullet	20	40
Pipis	100	100
Mud crabs	10	10
Eastern Rocklobster	4	4
Oysters	100	100
Australian anchovy	100	200
Banded Rockcod	5 (2 of which can be Gemfish)	10
Rock Blackfish	10	20
Cobia	5	10
Australian Bonito	10	20
Dusky flathead	10	20

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Flounder	20	40
Eastern Sea Garfish	40	40
Eastern Blue Groper, Blue Groper, Brown Groper, Red Groper	4 (only 1 of which can be longer than 60 cm)	4 – by line only
Largehead Hairtail, Hairtail	10	20
Hardyhead, Silverfish	50	100
Southern Herring	100	200
Yellowtail Kingfish	5	10
Leatherjacket	20	40
Luderick, Blackfish	40	20
Blue Mackerel, Slimy Mackerel	50	100
Spotted Mackerel	5	10
Mahi Mahi, Dolphinfish	10 (only 1 of which can be longer than 110cm)	20
Mangrove Jack	5	10
Maray, Round Herring	100	200
Banded Morwong	5	10
Jackass Morwong	10	20
Red Morwong, Sea Carp	5	10
Grey Morwong, Rubberlip	10	20
Mulloway, Jewfish	2	4
Moses Snapper, Moses Perch	2	10
Pearl Perch	5	10
Australian Sardine, Pilchard	100	200
Eastern Australian Salmon, Australian Salmon	5	10

Samsonfish, Amberjack	5	10
Eastern Red Scorpionfish, Eastern Red Rockcod	5	10
Sharks and Rays (other than Wobbegongs)	5 with no more of one of the following: Tiger shark, shortfin Mako, Whaler shark, Blue Shark, Smooth hammerhead shark.	10
Snapper	10	20
Blue Sprat, Bluebait	100	200
Sandy Sprat, Whitebait	100	200
Australian Sawtail, Sawtail Surgeon	5	10
Tailor	40	40
Teraglin	5	10
Trevally	40	20
Albacore, Albacore Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna	7 (2 of which can have a length of 90cm or more and 5 of which can have a length of less than 90cm)	10 (4 more than 90cm)
Southern Bluefin Tuna	1	2
Wahoo	5	10
Wobbegong	0	0
Whiting	20	40
Yellowtail, Jack Mackerel	50	100
Beach worm	40 in whole or part	40
Cockle, Mussels	100	100
Blue Swimmer Crab, Sand Crab	40	40
Black Crab, Mangrove Crab	10	10
Spanner Crab	10	20
Soldier Crab	100	200

Crab (except for Blue Swimmer, Sand Crab, Mud Crab, Spanner Crab and Solider Crab)	10	20
Cunjevoi	20	40
Eastern, Southern, Tropical, Pained and Ornate Rocklobster	4	4
Slipper Lobster, Flat Lobster	2	4
Octopus	10	20
Sydney Rock Oyster	100	100
Molluscs (except squid, octopus and cuttlefish)	40	40
Prawns	20 litres	20 litres
Saltwater nippers	100	200
Scallops	100	100
Sea Urchin	10	20
Squid	20	20
Cuttlefish	20	20
Worms (except beachworms)	100	200
Golden Perch, Yellow Belly Perch*	20	10
Atlantic Salmon*	10	8
Spiny Crayfish (other than Murray Crayfish and Fitzroy Falls Spiny Crayfish)*	20 (only 2 of which can be longer than 12cm)	10
Murray Crayfish*	4	4
Yabby	400	400
Silver Perch*	10	10
Freshwater Catfish, Eel-tailed Catfish*	20	10
Australian Bass, Estuary Perch*	4	4

* The total allowable daily limit is calculated as twice the “daily limit” listed in the *Regulations*, as per s89A(4) of the *Regulations*