

South Australian Charter Boat Fishing Limits

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		Other Waters		Spencer Gulf		Gulf St Vincent & Kangaroo Island	
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Abalone (Blacklip) #	13	3	9	3	9	2	5
Abalone (Greenlip, western zone)	14.5						
Abalone (Greenlip, other waters) #	13						
Abalone (other species) #	13						
Albacore	–	1	3	1	3	1	3
Australian Herring (Tommy Ruff)	–	40	120	40	120	40	120
Barracouta	–	5	15	5	15	5	15
Bight Redfish	30	5*	15*	5*	15*	3*	8*
Bloodworm	–	4 litres	–	4 litres	–	2 litres	–
Blue Morwong	38	3	9	3	9	2	5
Blue Swimmer Crab	11	20*	60*	20*	60*	20*	60*
Blue Warehou	–	Trip limit applies	10	Trip limit applies	10	Trip limit applies	5
Bream (all species) #	30	5	15	5	15	3	8
Cockle (other than Pipi)	3	150*	450*	150*	450*	75*	225*
Congolli	–	2	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cuttlefish (Sepia species) #	–	8*	24*	8*	24*	4*	12*
Flathead (all species)	30	5	15	5	15	3	8
Flounder	25	10	30	10	30	5	15
Gemfish	–	5	15	5	15	3	8
Giant Crab	15	2	6	2	6	1	3
Gummy Shark	45	1*	3*	1*	3*	1*	2*
Harlequin Fish	–	2	6	2	6	1	3
King George Whiting (east of longitude 136°E or gulf waters) #	32	10	30	10#	30#	5#	15#
King George Whiting (west of longitude 136°E excluding gulf waters) #	30					N/A	N/A
Note: A King George Whiting spawning spatial closure applies from 1 March to 30 June each year. No take or possession. Transit only if prior reported.							
Morwong (Jackass)	–	5	15	5	15	3	8
Mullet (all species)	21	30	90	30	90	15	45
Mulloway (outside Coorong)	>82	Trip limit applies	1	Trip limit applies	1	Trip limit applies	1
Pipi (east of longitude 136°E) #	3.5	300	900	300	900	150	450
Pipi (west of longitude 136°E) #	3.5	100	300	100	300	–	–
Note: A Pipi closure applies statewide from 1 June to 31 October. No recreational fishing for Pipi is permitted on the Younghusband Peninsula between the Murray Mouth and 28 Mile Crossing. This is a commercial fishing zone only.							
Razorfish	–	13	39	13	39	7	20
Rock Ling	–	Trip limit applies	3	Trip limit applies	3	Trip limit applies	2
Salmon (Western Australian)	21-35	10	30	10	30	10	30
	>35	5	15	5	15	5	15
Samsonfish	88	Trip limit applies	1	Trip limit applies	1	Trip limit applies	1
Sand Crab	10	20*	60*	20*	60*	10*	30*
Scallops	6.5	50	150	50	150	25	75
School Shark	45	1*	3*	1*	3*	1*	2*
School Whiting	–	10	30	10	30	5	15
Sea Urchin	–	20	60	20	60	10	30
Silver Warehou	–	Trip limit applies	10	Trip limit applies	10	Trip limit applies	5

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Snapper (Other waters-south east only) #	38-60	3	9	Closed - No take		Closed - No take	
	>60	1	3				
Note: Fishing by fishers on a Charter Boat in the South East when the Total Allowable Charter Catch is reached. Snapper must not be taken from West Coast, Spencer Gulf, Gulf St Vincent and Kangaroo Island fishing zones. Existing fishing restrictions apply. A release weight should be used to release undersized or unintentionally caught Snapper.							
Snook	45	10	30	10	30	5	15
Southern Bluefin Tuna	–	Trip limit applies	1	Trip limit applies	1	Trip limit applies	1
Southern Calamari	–	8*	24*	Closed - No take		Closed - No take	
Southern Garfish #	23	30	90	30	90	Closed - No take	
Southern Rock Lobster (southern zone)	9.85	2	6	2	6	2	6
Southern Rock Lobster (northern zone)	10.5	2	6	2	6	2	6
Note: A Southern Rock Lobster closure applies in the Southern Zone from 6pm 31 May to 6am 1 October and in the Northern Zone from 6pm 31 May to 12pm 1 November from 6pm 31 May to 12pm 1 November.							
Swallowtail	30	5	15	5	15	3	8
Sweep	24	10	30	10	30	5	15
Trevally (all species)	24	10	30	10	30	5	15
Vongole (Mud Cockle) Coffin Bay	3.8	150	450	150	450	75*	225*
Vongole (Mud Cockle) All other waters	3						
Western Blue Groper	Min 60, Max 100	Trip limit applies	1	Trip limit applies	1	Trip limit applies	1
Note: A Western Blue Groper closure applies at all times in both Gulfs, Investigator Strait and Backstairs Passage.							
Whaler Shark (Bronze/Dusky)	–	1*	3*	1*	3*	1*	2*
Wrasse (other than Western Blue Groper)	Min 25	5	15	5	15	3	8
Yelloweye Redfish	30	5*	15*	5*	15*	3*	8*
Yellowfin Whiting	24	10	30	10	30	5	15
Yellowtail Kingfish	60	Trip limit applies	1	Trip limit applies	1	Trip limit applies	1

* Indicates the limits apply to combination of species.

Closures and other restrictions may also apply.

*COMBINED CATCH LIMITS apply

Cuttlefish/Southern Calamari (Squid) combined limits:

Other waters - Passenger limit: a combined total of 8 per day or a total of 24 for trips > 3 days, including both Southern Calamari and Cuttlefish.

Blue Swimmer Crab/Sand Crab combined limits:

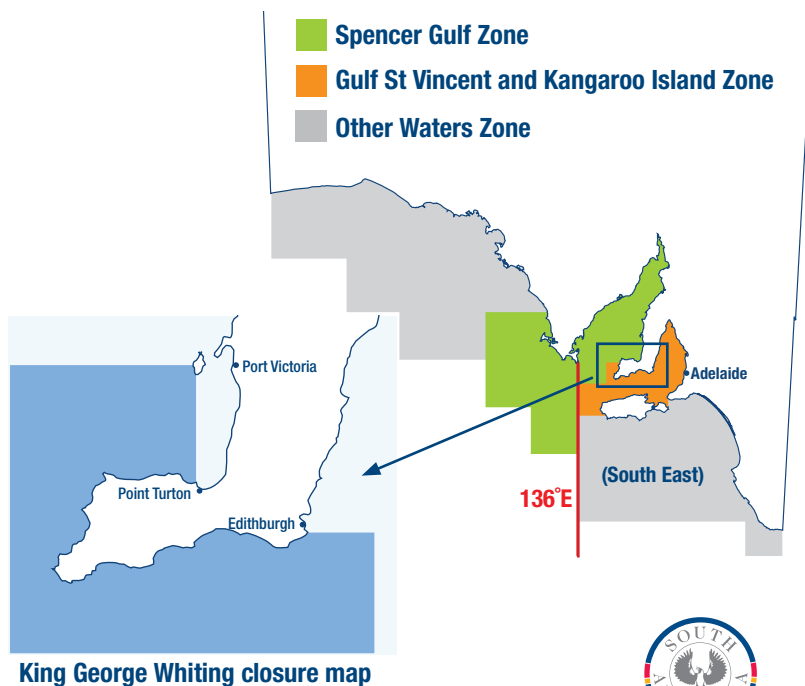
Passenger limit: a combined total of 20 per day or a total of 60 for trips > 3 days, including both Blue Swimmer Crab and Sand Crab. In GSV/KI Fishing Zone max 10 per day or 30 per trip can be Sand Crab.

Sharks and Rays combined limits:

Combined limits apply to a range of sharks and rays species including School Gummy and Whalers

Redfish combined limits:

Combined limits apply to Bight Redfish and Yellowtail Redfish.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Individual passenger limits apply for each day trip of 3 days or less. Trip limits apply to each passenger for trips of more than 3 days or where otherwise indicated.
2. It is an offence to cut up, fillet or otherwise mutilate fish in a boat (except for scaling and gutting) unless the fish are to be eaten on board. This applies to all species subject to minimum legal lengths.
3. All undersize fish must be carefully returned to the water immediately.
4. Charter boat operators and recreational fishers are not permitted to sell their catch.
5. Once a passenger has caught their individual catch limit they are not permitted to catch any more of that species during that 24 hour period (applies from midnight to midnight).
6. A number of closures are in place in South Australia at certain times of years or in certain areas to protect key species. Charter operators and passengers must comply with closure rules at all times.
7. Some species are totally protected in South Australian waters and penalties may apply to anyone who takes or causes them harm. Protected species include; all marine mammals (including whales, seals, sea lions and dolphins); leafy sea dragon; Western Blue Groper in Gulf waters, Investigator Strait and Backstairs Passage; White Shark and all Southern Rock Lobster, Blue Swimmer Crab, Sand Crab and Giant Crab with eggs attached.
8. Charter boat operators are not permitted to undertake personal fishing while conducting a chartered fishing trip.

Penalties may apply for non-compliance with these regulations.

NOTE: These limits specifically apply to recreational fishers participating in charter fishing activities. Information in this brochure is a guide only and should not be relied on as a legal document. For the latest information on recreational fishing generally, visit pir.sa.gov.au/fishing, download the free SA Fishing app from your app store or contact Fishwatch on 1800 065 522.



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