

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Individual passenger catch limits are the number of fish permitted per person, per day.
2. On multi-day charters, the catch limit for Southern Bluefin Tuna is restricted to one per person, regardless of the number of days fished.
3. On multi-day charters being more than 3 days, the catch limit for State-managed species is restricted to 3 times the individual daily catch limit.
4. 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.
5. All undersize fish must be carefully returned to the water immediately.
6. Charter boat operators and recreational fishers are not permitted to sell their catch.
7. 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).
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.



South Australian Charter Boat Fishing Limits

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SPECIES	Size (cm)	Individual passenger catch limit (per person, per day)
Abalone		
Greenlip (western zone)	14.5	3
Greenlip (all other waters)	13	3
Blacklip (all waters)	13	3
All other species	13	3
Albacore	-	1
Australian Herring (Tommy Ruff)	-	40
Barracouta	-	5
Bight Redfish	30	5*
Bloodworm	-	4 litres
Blue Morwong (Queen Snapper)	38	3
Blue Swimmer Crab	11	20*
Blue Warehou	-	10 (per trip)
Bream	30	5
Cockle (other than Pipi)	3	150*
Congolli	-	2
Cuttlefish (Sepia species)	-	8*
Flathead	30	5
Flounder	25	10
Garfish	23	30
Gemfish	-	5
Giant Crab	15	2
Gummy Shark	45	1*
Harlequin Fish	-	2
King George Whiting		
East of 136°E	32	10
West of 136°E	30	10
Morwong (Jackass)	-	5
Mullet (all species)	21	30
Mulloway (outside Coorong)	>82	1 (per trip)
Pipi		
East of 136°E	3.5	300
West of 136°E	3.5	100
Note: A 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
Rock Ling	-	3 (per trip)

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Salmon (Western Australian)	21-35 >35	10 5
Samsonfish	88	1 (per trip)
Sand Crab	10	20*
Scallops	6.5	50
School Shark	45	1*
School Whiting	-	10
Sea Urchin	-	20
Silver Warehou	-	10 (per trip)
Snapper West Coast/Spencer Gulf/Gulf St Vincent waters — Closed until 30 June 2026. South East waters38-603 >601 Note: Fishing will be closed when the Total Allowable Recreational Catch is reached. Strict reporting requirements apply.		
Snook	45	10
Southern Bluefin Tuna	-	1 (per trip)
Southern Calamari	-	8
Southern Rock Lobster		
Southern Zone	9.85	2
Northern Zone	10.5	2
Note: A 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.		
Swallowtail	30	5
Sweep	24	10
Trevally (all species)	24	10
Vongole (Mud Cockle)		
Coffin Bay	3.8	150*
All other waters	3	150*
Western Blue Groper	Min 60, Max 100	1 (per trip)
Note: A closure applies at all times in both Gulfs, Investigator Strait and Backstairs Passage.		
Whaler Shark (Bronze/Dusky)	-	1 (per trip)
Wrasse (all species)	Min 25, Max 35	5
Yelloweye Redfish	30	5*
Yellowfin Whiting	24	10
Yellowtail Kingfish	60	1 (per trip)

* The daily individual catch limit is a combined limit of two or more species. Combined limits apply to Blue Swimmer Crab/Sand Crab, Bight Redfish/Yelloweye Redfish, Cuttlefish/Southern Calamari, Gummy Shark/School Shark, Vongole/Cockle (other than Pipi).