

South Australian Recreational Fishing Limits: Marine Waters

Current as of 6 August 2026

Temporary precautionary limits apply in certain zones to allow for the recovery of fish stocks from algal bloom impacts.

Species	Size limit (cm)	ZONES					
		Other Waters		Spencer Gulf		Gulf St Vincent & Kangaroo Island	
		Daily bag limit	Daily boat limit	Daily bag limit	Daily boat limit	Daily bag limit	Daily boat limit
Abalone (Blacklip) #	13	5	10	5	10	3	5
Abalone (Greenlip, western zone)	14.5						
Abalone (Greenlip, other waters) #	13						
Abalone (other species) #	13						
Albacore	–	2	6	2	6	2	6
Australian Herring (Tommy Ruff)	–	40	120	40	120	40	120
Bight Redfish	30	10	30	10	30	5	15
Black Cowrie	–	1	–	1	–	1	–
Bloodworm	–	4 litres	–	4 litres	–	2 litres	–
Blue Morwong	38	5	15	5	15	3	8
Blue Swimmer Crab	11	20*	60*	20*	60*	20*	60*
Bream (all species) #	30	10	30	10	30	5	15
Congolli	–	2	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cuttlefish (all species) #	–	15*	45*	15*	45*	8*	23*
Flathead (all species)	30	10	30	10	30	5	15
Flounder (all species)	–	20	60	20	60	10	30
Giant Crab	15	–	–	–	–	–	–
Gummy Shark	45	2*	6*	2*	6*	1*	3*
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
Mullet (all species)	21	60	180	60	180	30	90
Mulloway (within Coorong)	46 to 82	10	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mulloway (all other waters)	82	2	6	2	6	2	6
Pipi (east of longitude 136°E) #	3.5	330	990	330	990	165	495
Pipi (west of longitude 136°E) #	3.5	100	300	100	300	N/A	N/A

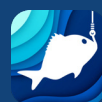
Limit descriptions.

Size limits: There is a minimum (and sometimes maximum) legal size for some fish species.

Bag limits: There are limits on the number of a particular fish species that one fisher may take per day.

Boat limits: If 1 or 2 people are fishing from a boat, the bag limit applies to each person. If 3 or more people are fishing from a boat, the boat limit (the total number of fish that can be landed on the boat) applies.

Bag and boat limits apply for a 24-hour period from midnight to midnight.



Download the SA Fishing app to check current bag and boat limits, fishing zones and report catches:
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Razorfish #	–	25	75	25	75	13	38
Redfish (Red Snapper)	30	10	30	10	30	5	15
Salmon (Western Australian)	21 to 35	20	60	20	60	20	60
	35cm +	10	30	10	30	10	30
Samsonfish	88	1	3	1	3	1	2
Sand Crab	10	20*	60*	20*	60*	10*	30*
Scallop (all species)	6.5	50	150	50	150	25	75
School Shark	45	1*	3*	1*	3*	1*	2*
Sea Urchin	–	20	60	20	60	10	30
Snapper (Other Waters - South East only) #	38	5	15	Closed		Closed	
Snook	45	20	60	20	60	10	30
Southern Bluefin Tuna	–	2	6	2	6	2	6
Southern Calamari #	–	15*	45*	Closed - No take		Closed - No take	
Southern Garfish	23	30	90	30	90	Closed - No take	
Southern Rock Lobster (northern zone) #	10.5	4	8	4	8	4	8
Southern Rock Lobster (southern zone) #	9.85			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Swallowtail	30	10	30	10	30	5	15
Sweep (all species)	24	20	60	20	60	10	30
Trevally (all species)	24	20	60	20	60	10	30
Vongole/Mud Cockle (Coffin Bay)	3.8	300	–	300	–	150	–
Vongole/Mud Cockle (other waters)	3						
Western Blue Groper # (outside Blue Groper closure area)	60 to 100	1	3	1	3	No take	No take
Whaler Shark (Bronze and Dusky)	–	1*	3*	1*	3*	1*	2*
Wrasse (other than Western Blue Groper)	25	5	15	5	15	3	8
Yellowfin Whiting	24	20	60	20	60	10	30
Yellowtail Kingfish	60	1	3	1	3	1	3

*** Combined catch limits apply, you must not exceed the individual species limit.**

For shark and ray species combinations include species not listed in this table, see PIRSA website, SA Fishing App or the Shark and Ray handout for all species.

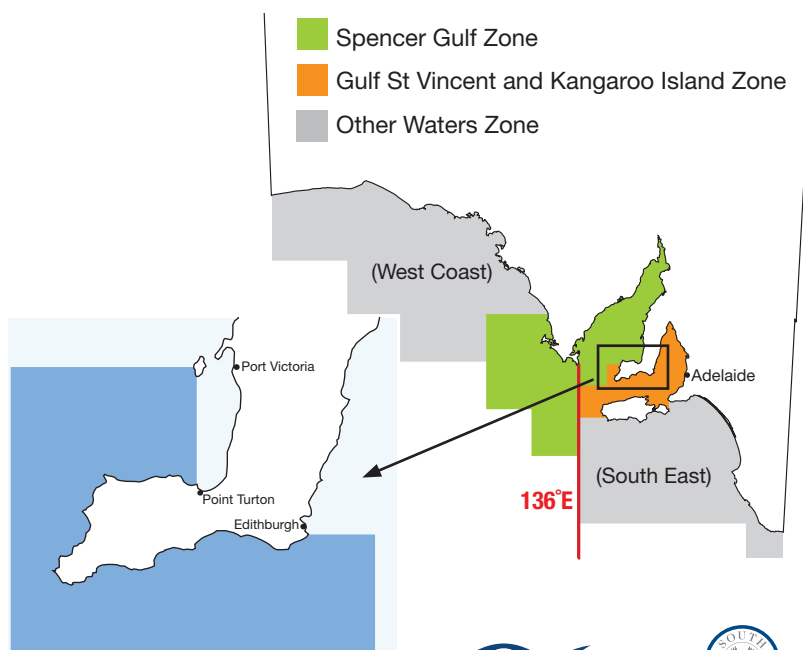
Closures and other restrictions also apply.

Of note:

Snapper - Closures apply to all other waters, excluding South East.

King George Whiting - A spawning spatial closure is in place from 1 March to 30 June each year.

Abalone - A closure on the take of Abalone between the River Murray Mouth and the Victorian border is in place due to Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis (AVG).



King George Whiting closure map



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