



KAIKŌURA MARINE AREA

Changes to the recreational fishing rules

Sperm whale © Whale Watch Kaikoura

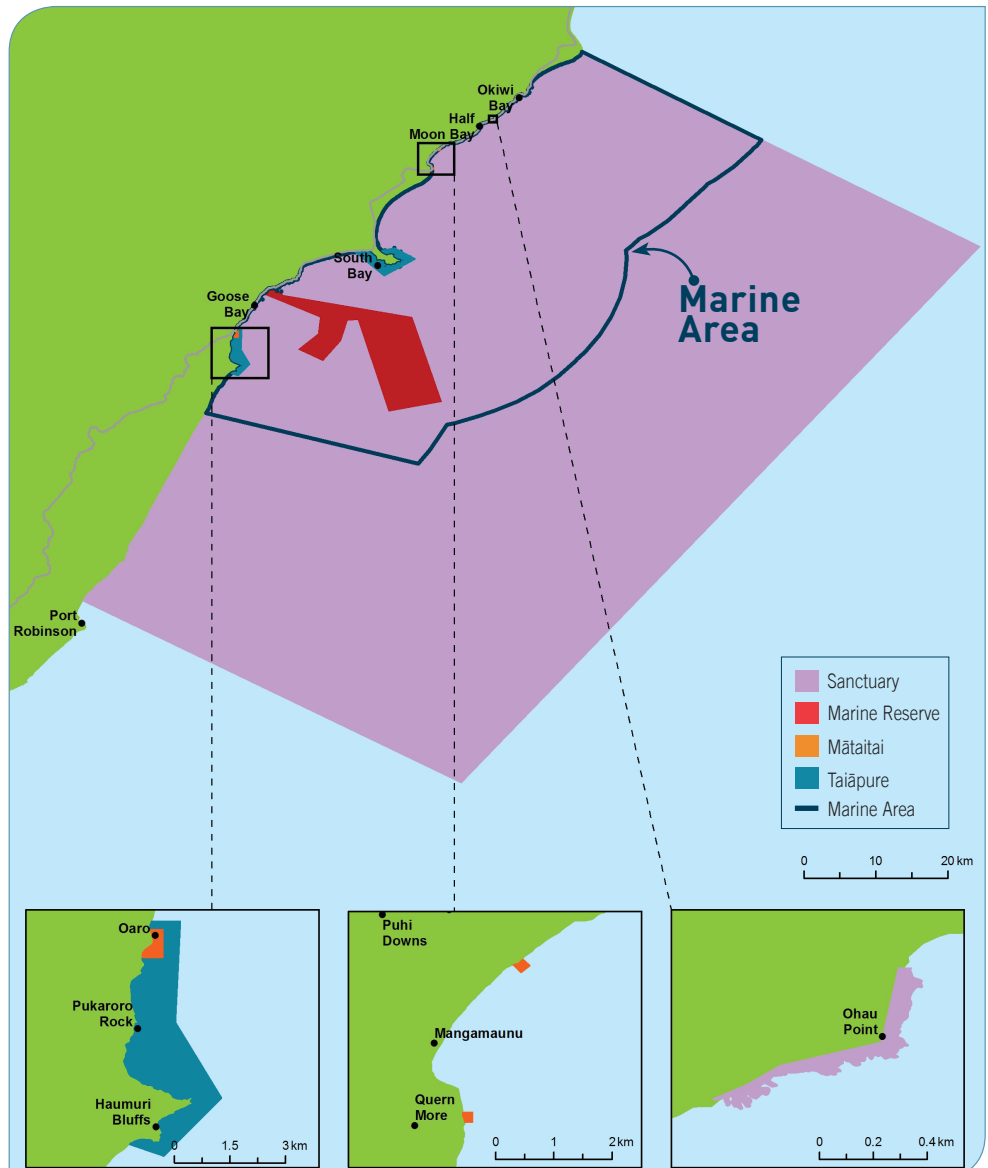
To help keep fish stocks sustainable and protect against illegal fishing and poaching, the Kaikōura Marine Area has been introduced.

Within the Marine Area (blue line on the map) there are changes to the recreational fishing rules.

What are the new rules?

- » The recreational daily bag limits for some finfish and shellfish species have been reduced.
- » The size limits for blue cod and sea perch have changed.
- » Daily limits for the harvest of bladder kelp and karengo have been introduced.
- » A prohibition on the taking of red moki.
- » The introduction of 'telson clipping' and an accumulation limit for spiny rock lobster.

Turn over for a summary of the new rules. These are not the full rules – for a full version visit www.mpi.govt.nz



Finfish

Species	Maximum daily limit per fisher	Minimum length (cm)
Blue cod	6	33
Tarakihi	10	25
Sea Perch	20	26
Kahawai	10	No limit
Butterfish	10	35
Red Moki	NO TAKE	
Blue Moki	10	40
Rig	3	No limit
School shark	3	No limit
Kingfish		75
Bass and Hapuku	Daily combined bag limit of five per person with a maximum of 3 of any one species	No limit
Bluenose		No limit
Ling		No limit
Albacore tuna		No limit
Game sharks (seven-gilled shark, mako shark, blue shark, hammerhead shark, porbeagle shark, thresher shark)	1 game shark total	No limit

Shellfish

Species	Maximum daily limit per fisher	Minimum size (mm)
Ordinary paua	6	125
Yellow foot paua	6	80
Pupu (Cat's eye)	20	No limit
Cockles	50	No limit
Kina	20	No limit
All "other shellfish" as specified in the regulations	30	No limit

Seaweed

Species	Maximum daily limit per fisher	Restriction
Karengo	5 litre wet volume measured in a 5 litre bucket	Require hand gathering
Bladder kelp	5 litre wet volume measured in a 5 litre bucket	Require hand gathering

Rock Lobster

Species	Maximum daily limit per fisher	Restriction
Rock Lobster	6	Size limits remain unchanged. Telson clipping now required for spiny rock lobster. Accumulation limit of 18 (3 day take) for spiny rock lobster

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What is the 'telson clipping' rule?

The telson is the central part of the tail fan on a rock lobster.

Telson clipping is a way of marking spiny rock lobster to make it clear that they have been recreationally caught. One-third of the telson is cut off so that it is noticeably shorter than the other sections of the tail fan. (See the picture below).



One-third of the central telson has been clipped.

Photo: Professional Skipper magazine

Under the new rules, once a fisher has checked that a lobster is legal size, condition and not subject to any other protections (i.e. carrying eggs) they must immediately cut one-third off the telson.

A person must not possess any spiny rock lobster taken from within the Kaikōura Marine Area if it has not had one-third of the telson cut off.

How do I find out more?

Use one of our **FREE** services:

- » Download our free Smartphone app by texting the word **'app'** to **9889** OR by scanning the **QR code**. The app works even when you have no coverage.
- » **Free text** the name of the species you are fishing for (e.g. blue cod or paua) to **9889** and receive legal size and bag limit via return text.
- » Visit **www.mpi.govt.nz** for a full recreational fishing rules brochure for the Kaikōura Marine Area.

