

Recreational Blue Cod Regulations Overview

Nationwide

- Pot mesh size:** 54 mm
- Minimum legal size:** 33 cm, except BCO1 which is 30 cm
- Accumulation limit:** 2 times the daily blue cod limit (except for the Fiordland Marine Area where no accumulation applies)
- Measureable state:** All blue cod must be landed in a measureable state. Fishers may possess blue cod in another state if it is immediately eaten on board the fishing vessel from which it was taken.



North Island

- Measureable state:** Whole or gutted
- Daily blue cod limit:** BCO1 = **20**
BCO2 = **20**
BCO8 = **10**

Kahurangi (Heaphy River to Farewell Spit lighthouse)

- Measureable state:** Whole or gutted
- Daily blue cod limit:** **10** per person

Westland (South Bank of Haast River to Heaphy River)

- Measureable state:** Whole, gutted, or headed* and gutted
- Daily blue cod limit:** **15** per person

South West (Sand Hill Point to South Bank of Haast River)

- Measureable state:** Whole or gutted
- Daily blue cod limit:** **10** per person

Internal Waters of Fiordland (defined in Schedule 18 of the Amateur Regs)

- Measureable state:** Whole or gutted
- Daily blue cod limit:** **3** per person, with no accumulation except Doubtful (Patea), Thompson and Bradshaw Sounds where the limit is **1** per person, with no accumulation

*Headed = 24 cm. Where permitted, headed state minimum length is measured from the base of the side pectoral fin to the middle ray of the tail fin.

Tasman (Farewell Spit to Clarence River)

- Measureable state:** Whole or gutted
- Daily blue cod limit:** **2** per person

Kaikōura (Clarence River to Hurunui River)

- Measureable state:** Whole or gutted
- Kaikōura Marine Area:** **6** per person
- Te Taumanu o Te Waka a Māui Taiāpure:** **2** per person
- Oaro-Haumuri Taiāpure:** **2** per person
- Outside these areas:** **10** per person

Canterbury (Hurunui River to Rakaia River)

- Measureable state:** Whole or gutted
- Daily blue cod limit:** **2** per person (including Akaroa Taiāpure)

North Otago (Rakaia River to Taiaroa Head)

- Measureable state:** Whole or gutted
- Daily blue cod limit:** **10** per person except East Otago Taiāpure where the limit is **2** per person

Chatham Islands

- Measureable state:** Whole, gutted, or headed* and gutted
- Daily blue cod limit:** **15** per person

Southern Taiaroa Head to Sand Hill Point (Southern boundary of the Fiordland Marine Area)

- Measureable state:** Whole, gutted, or headed* and gutted
- Daily blue cod limit:** **15** per person except Te Whaka ā Te Wera / Paterson Inlet Mātaitai Reserve where the limit is: **10** per person

