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Commencement

This notice comes into force on 1 April 2026.

Revocation

This notice revokes and replaces:

a) the Fisheries (Recreational Management Controls) Notice issued on 2 December 2025.

Issuing Authority

This notice is made under section 297 of the Fisheries Act 1996 and regulation 5A of the Fisheries (Amateur Fishing) Regulations 2013 by the Ministry for Primary Industries.

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1 Introduction

This introduction is not part of the notice but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to set or vary recreational fishing management controls for any fish, aquatic life, or seaweed.

This notice applies to all persons taking or possessing any fish, aquatic life, or seaweed from, or in, New Zealand fisheries waters to which the Fisheries (Amateur Fishing) Regulations 2013 apply.

Background

The Fisheries (Amateur Fishing) Regulations 2013 allow the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries to set or vary recreational fishing management controls for any fish, aquatic life, or seaweed. Some of these controls apply generally throughout New Zealand fisheries waters and others apply only within certain defined areas. This notice specifies those recreational fishing controls.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
2 February 2026	Part 1	New daily limit for packhorse rock lobsters
	Part 2	Reduction to the daily limit for spiny rock lobsters taken from CRA1
4 November 2025	Part 13.2	New daily limit for blue cod taken from fishery management area 8—Central (Egmont)
	Part 38.2	New daily limit for blue cod taken from Paterson Inlet (Whaka a Te Wera)
	Part 41.7	New daily limit for blue cod taken from Southern blue cod management area.
19 March 2025	Part 5A	New minimum length for pāua taken from Marfells Beach to Conway River area.
1 August 2024	Part 2	New daily limit for kina taken from Auckland (East) FMA.
25 April 2024	Part 1	Reduction to the daily limit for quinnat salmon.
	Part 5B	New Part 5B added with Controls for Fishery Management Area 4 South East (Chatham Rise) – Daily limits for finfish and shellfish
	Part 6	Amendments made to the daily limits for finfish and shellfish in Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) marine area. New daily limits for finfish and shellfish in the Fiords. Amendments made to the daily limits for finfish and shellfish in internal waters of Fiordland. New combined daily limits for finfish in Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) marine area and in the Fiords.
1 April 2024	Part 1	Removal of minimum length for packhorse rock lobster. New minimum widths now apply for female (90 mm) and male (84 mm) packhorse rock lobster.

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
	Part 4	A daily limit for blue cod in Challenger (East) area was revoked to ensure consistency with the National Blue Cod Strategy.
	Part 5	A daily limit for blue cod in Kaikoura-North Canterbury area was revoked to ensure consistency with the National Blue Cod Strategy.
4 September 2023	Part 3	New daily limit for ordinary pāua (5) and yellowfoot pāua (5) in Central FMA.
15 April 2023	Part 2	New daily limit for spiny rock lobsters (3) taken from CRA1.
	Part 4	New daily limit for ordinary pāua (5) and yellowfoot pāua (5) taken from PAU7. New accumulation limit for pāua taken from PAU7.
	Part 5	New daily limit for ordinary pāua (5) and yellowfoot pāua (5) taken from PAU3B. New accumulation limit for pāua taken from PAU3B.
	Part 5A	New Part 5A added with Controls for Marfells Beach to Conway River area
1 November 2022	N/A	New Fisheries (Recreational Management Controls) Notice. Certain recreational management controls that were previously specified in the Fisheries (Amateur Fishing) Regulations 2013 are now in this Notice.

2 Definitions

(1) In this notice:

Act means the Fisheries Act 1996

Regulations means the Fisheries (Amateur Fishing) Regulations 2013

(2) Any term used in this notice and defined in the Act or Regulations carry the defined meaning.

Part 1: General recreational controls

3 Daily limits for finfish

3.1 Daily limit for eels

(1) The daily limit for eels is: 6 (*see* regulation 11).

(2) *See also* clause 36.1, which specifies the daily limit for eels in Fishery Management Area 4 South East (Chatham Rise).

3.2 Daily limit for baitfish

(1) The daily limit for baitfish (whether of the same or different species) is: 50 (*see* regulation 11A).

3.3 Daily limit for southern bluefin tuna

(1) The daily limit for southern bluefin tuna is: 1 (*see* regulation 11B).

3.4 Daily limit for quinnat salmon

(1) The daily limit for quinnat salmon is: 1 (*see* regulation 17).

4 Size limit for finfish

4.1 Minimum length for finfish

(1) The minimum lengths for finfish specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 18):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Minimum species length** (cm)
Blue cod (except blue cod without a head) as measured from the tip of the nose to the posterior end of the middle ray of the tail fin	33
Blue cod (without a head) as measured from the rear of the base of the pectoral fin to the posterior end of the middle ray of the tail fin	24
Blue moki	40
Butterfish	35
Flatfish (except sand flounder)	25
Kingfish	75
Red cod	25
Red gurnard	25
Red moki	40
Sand flounder	23
Snapper	25
Tarakihi	25
Trevally	25
Trumpeter	35

(2) *See also* Parts 2, 3, 4, and 5, which specify size limits for finfish in certain areas.

5 Daily limit for shellfish

5.1 Daily limit for shellfish

(1) The daily limits for shellfish specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 12):

Column 1 **Species of shellfish**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Cockle	150
Kina	50
Mussel	50
Dredge oyster (*see also* regulations 14 and 15)	50
Pacific oyster or rock oyster	250
Ordinary pāua	10
Yellowfoot pāua	10
Pipi	150
Scallop	20
Tuatua	150
Any other shellfish (whether of the same or different species)	50

(2) See also clause 5.2, which specifies the daily limit for rock lobsters, and Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B and 6, which specify daily limits for shellfish in certain areas.

5.2 Daily limit for rock lobsters

(1) The daily limit for rock lobsters is: 6 (*see* regulation 13).

(2) Within the daily limit specified in subclause (1) the daily limit for packhorse rock lobsters is: 3 (*see* regulation 13).

(3) *See also* Parts 2, 3, 5, 5B and 6, which specify daily limits for rock lobsters in certain areas.

6 Accumulation limit for shellfish

6.1 Accumulation limit for pāua

(1) The accumulation limit for pāua is (*see* regulation 16):

a) 20 pāua; or
b) if the number of pāua cannot be determined, the amount of pāua that comprises a shucked weight of 2.5 kg.

(2) *See also* Parts 4, 5, and 5A, which specify accumulation limits for pāua in certain areas.

7 Size limit for shellfish

7.1 Minimum length for shellfish

(1) The minimum lengths for shellfish specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 19):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Minimum length** (mm)
Dredge oyster	58
Ordinary pāua	125
Scallop	100
Yellowfoot pāua	80

(2) *See also* Parts 3, 4, and 5A which specify size limits for shellfish in certain areas.

7.2 Minimum width for rock lobsters

(1) A rock lobster is undersized if the tail is (*see* regulation 30)—

a) less than 60 mm wide, in the case of a female spiny rock lobster, when measured in accordance with clauses 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 of the Regulations:
b) less than 54 mm wide, in the case of a male spiny rock lobster, when measured in accordance with clauses 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 of the Regulations:
c) less than 90 mm wide, in the case of a female packhorse rock lobster, when measured in accordance with clauses 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 of the Regulations:
d) less than 84 mm wide, in the case of a male packhorse rock lobster, when measured in accordance with clauses 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 of the Regulations:

Part 2: Controls for Auckland and Kermadec FMA

8 Daily limit for finfish

8.1 Daily limit for finfish in Auckland and Kermadec FMA

(1) The daily limits for finfish in the Auckland and Kermadec FMA specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 55):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Bluenose	5
Grey mullet	20
Kingfish	3
Snapper	15

(2) *See also* the other provisions of this Part that specify individual species limits for specific areas within the Auckland and Kermadec FMA.

8.2 Daily limit for snapper in Auckland (East) FMA and Auckland (West) FMA

(1) The daily limit for snapper in the Auckland (West) FMA is: 10 (*see* regulation 59(2)).

(2) The daily limit for snapper in the Auckland (East) FMA is: 7 (*see* regulation 59(3)).

8.3 Daily limit for hāpuku/bass in Auckland (East) FMA and Auckland (West) FMA

(1) The daily limit for hāpuku/bass in the Auckland (East) FMA and the Auckland (West) FMA is: 2 (*see* regulation 59A(2)).

8.4 Daily limit for kingfish in Auckland (East) FMA and Auckland (West) FMA

(1) The daily limit for kingfish in the Auckland (East) FMA and the Auckland (West) FMA is: 3 (*see* regulation 59A(3)).

9 Combined daily limit for finfish

9.1 Combined daily limit for finfish in Auckland and Kermadec FMA

(1) The combined daily limit for finfish in the Auckland and Kermadec FMA is: 20 (*see* regulation 55).

(2) *See also* clause 9.2, which specifies the combined daily limit for hāpuku/bass and kingfish in the Kermadec FMA.

9.2 Combined daily limit for hāpuku/bass and kingfish in Kermadec FMA

(1) The combined daily limit for hāpuku/bass and kingfish in the Kermadec FMA is: 5 (*see* regulation 55).

10 Accumulation limit for finfish

10.1 Accumulation limit for hāpuku/bass in Auckland (East) FMA and Auckland (West) FMA

(1) The accumulation limit for hāpuku/bass in the Auckland (East) FMA and the Auckland (West) FMA is: 3 (*see* regulation 16A(2)).

11 Size limit for finfish

11.1 Minimum length for snapper in Auckland and Kermadec FMA

(1) The minimum length for snapper taken from the Auckland (West) FMA or the Kermadec FMA is: 27 cm (*see* regulation 62).

(2) The minimum length for snapper taken from the Auckland (East) FMA is: 30 cm (*see* regulation 62).

11.2 Minimum length for blue cod in Auckland FMA

(1) The minimum length for blue cod taken from the Auckland FMA is: 30 cm (*see* regulation 63).

12 Daily limit for shellfish

12.1 Daily limit for shellfish in Auckland Coromandel Area

(1) The daily limits for shellfish in the Auckland Coromandel area specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 60):

Column 1 **Species of shellfish**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** **(**per person)
Cockle	50
Green-lipped mussel	25
Pacific oyster or rock oyster	100
Pipi	50
Tuatua	50

(2) *See also* the other provisions of this Part that specify individual species limits for specific areas within the Auckland and Kermadec FMA.

12.2 Daily limit for green-lipped mussels in Maketu taiāpure

(1) The daily limit for green-lipped mussels in the Maketu taiāpure is: 25 (*see* regulation 61).

12.3 Daily limit for spiny rock lobsters taken from CRA1

(1) The daily limit for spiny rock lobsters in CRA1 is: 2 (*see* regulation 13).

12.4 Daily limit for spiny rock lobsters taken from CRA2

(1) The daily limit for spiny rock lobsters in CRA2 is: 3 (*see* regulation 155A).

12.5 Daily limit for kina taken from Auckland (East) FMA

(1) The daily limit for kina in Auckland (East) FMA is: 150 (*see* regulation 12).

Part 3: Controls for Central FMA

13 Daily limit for finfish

13.1 Daily limit for finfish in Central FMA

(1) The daily limits for finfish in the Central FMA specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 78):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Bluenose	5
Hāpuku/bass	2
Kingfish	3
Snapper	10

13.2 Daily limit for blue cod in fishery management area 8—Central (Egmont)

(1) The daily limit for blue cod in fishery management area 8—Central (Egmont) is: 2 (*see* regulation 81A).

14 Combined daily limit for finfish

14.1 Combined daily limit for finfish in Central FMA

(1) The combined daily limit for finfish in the Central FMA is: 20 (*see* regulation 78).

15 Accumulation limit for finfish

15.1 Accumulation limit for hāpuku/bass in Central FMA

(1) The accumulation limit for hāpuku/bass in the Central FMA is: 3 (*see* regulation 16A(2)).

16 Size limit for finfish

16.1 Minimum length for snapper in Central FMA

(1) The minimum length for snapper taken from the Central FMA is: 27 cm (*see* regulation 82).

17 Daily limit for shellfish

17.1 Daily limit for spiny rock lobsters taken from CRA2

(1) The daily limit for spiny rock lobsters in CRA2 is: 3 (*see* regulation 155A).

17.2 Daily limit for spiny rock lobsters taken from CRA3

(1) The daily limit for spiny rock lobsters in CRA3 is: 3 (*see* regulation 13).

17.3 Daily limit for pāua in Central FMA

(1) The daily limit for ordinary pāua in the Central FMA is: 5 (*see* regulation 12).

(2) The daily limit for yellowfoot pāua in the Central FMA is: 5 (*see* regulation 12).

18 Size limit for shellfish

18.1 Minimum length for ordinary pāua in Amateur Taranaki Pāua Fishery area

(1) The minimum length for ordinary pāua taken from the Amateur Taranaki Pāua Fishery area is: 85 mm (*see* regulation 83).

Part 4: Controls for Challenger FMA

19 Daily limit for finfish

19.1 Daily limit for finfish in Challenger FMA

(1) The daily limits for finfish in the Challenger FMA specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 92):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Bluenose	5
Hāpuku/bass	2
Kingfish	3
Snapper	10

(2) *See also* the other provisions of this Part that specify individual species limits for specific areas within the Challenger FMA.

19.2 Daily limit for snapper in Marlborough Sounds area

(1) The daily limit for snapper in the Marlborough Sounds area is: 3 (*see* regulation 96).

20 Combined daily limit for finfish

20.1 Combined daily limit for finfish in Challenger FMA

(1) The combined daily limit for finfish in the Challenger FMA is: 20 (*see* regulation 92).

21 Accumulation limit for finfish

21.1 Accumulation limit for hāpuku/bass in Challenger FMA

(1) The accumulation limit for hāpuku/bass in the Challenger FMA is: 3 (*see* regulation 16A(2)).

22 Size limit for finfish

22.1 Minimum length for sand flounder in Challenger FMA

(1) The minimum length for sand flounder taken from the Challenger FMA is: 25 cm (*see* regulation 100).

23 Daily limit for shellfish

23.1 Daily limit for scallops in Challenger FMA

(1) The daily limit for scallops in the Challenger FMA is: 50 (*see* regulation 97).

23.2 Daily limit for pāua taken from PAU7

(1) The daily limit for ordinary pāua in PAU7 is: 5 (see regulation 12).

(1) The daily limit for yellowfoot pāua in PAU7 is: 5 (see regulation 12).

(2) *See also* Part 5A, which specifies daily limits for pāua in part of PAU7.

24 Size limit for shellfish

24.1 Minimum length for scallops in Challenger FMA

(1) The minimum length for scallops taken from the Challenger FMA is: 90 mm (*see* regulation 101).

25 Accumulation limit for shellfish

25.1 Accumulation limit for pāua taken from PAU7

(1) The accumulation limit for pāua in PAU7 is (*see* regulation 16):

a) 10 pāua; or
b) if the number of pāua cannot be determined, the amount of pāua that comprises a shucked weight of 1.25 kg.

(2) *See also* Part 5A, which specifies accumulation limits for pāua in part of PAU7.

Part 5: Controls for South-East FMA

26 Daily limit for finfish

26.1 Daily limit for finfish in South-East FMA

(1) The daily limits for finfish in the South-East FMA specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 117):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Blue moki	15
Blue shark	1
Bluenose	5
Bronze shark	1
Butterfish	15
Elephant fish	5
Hammerhead shark	1
Kahawai	15
Kingfish	3
Mako shark	1
Marlin	1
Porbeagle shark	1
Red cod	10
Red moki	15
Rig	5
School shark	5
Seven gill shark	1
Skate	5
Snapper	10
Spiny dogfish	15
Tarakihi	15
Thresher shark	1
Trumpeter	15
Warehou	15

(2) *See also* the other provisions of this Part as well as Parts 5A and 5B that specify individual species limits for specific areas within the South-East FMA.

26.2 Daily limit for blue cod in East Otago taiāpure

(1) The daily limit for blue cod in the East Otago taiāpure is: 2 (*see* regulation 122A).

26.3 Daily limit for finfish in Akaroa Harbour taiāpure

(1) The daily limits for finfish in the Akaroa Harbour taiāpure specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 123):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Butterfish	3
Red cod	3
Sea perch	3
Trumpeter	3
Butterfish	3

26.4 Daily limit for finfish in Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area

(1) The daily limits for finfish in Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 123A):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Albacore	3
Blue cod (except blue cod taken from Te Taumanu o Te Waka a Māui taiāpure or Oaro-Haumuri taiāpure)	6
Blue cod taken from Te Taumanu o Te Waka a Māui taiāpure or Oaro-Haumuri taiāpure	2
Blue moki	10
Bluenose	3
Butterfish	10
Hāpuku/bass	3
Kahawai	10
Kingfish	3
Ling	3
Rig	3
School shark	3
Sea perch	20
Tarakihi	10

27 Combined daily limit for finfish

27.1 Combined daily limit for finfish in South-East FMA

(1) The combined daily limit for finfish in the South-East FMA is: 30 (*see* regulation 117).

(2) *See also* clause 27.2, which specifies the combined daily limit for hāpuku/bass and kingfish in the South-East FMA.

27.2 Combined daily limit for hāpuku/bass and kingfish in South-East FMA

(1) The combined daily limit for hāpuku/bass and kingfish in the South-East FMA is: 5 (*see* regulation 117).

27.3 Combined daily limit for finfish in southern part of East Otago taiāpure

(1) The combined daily limit for finfish in the southern part of the East Otago taiāpure is: 10 (*see* regulation 122).

27.4 Combined daily limit for finfish in Akaroa Harbour taiāpure

(1) The combined daily limit for finfish in the Akaroa Harbour taiāpure is: 10 (*see* regulation 123).

27.5 Combined daily limit for albacore, bluenose, hāpuku/bass, kingfish, and ling in Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area

(1) The combined daily limit for albacore, bluenose, hāpuku/bass, kingfish, and ling in Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area is: 5 (*see* regulation 123A).

27.6 Combined daily limit for game sharks in Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area

(1) The combined daily limit for game sharks (being blue shark, hammerhead shark, mako shark, porbeagle shark, seven gill shark, and thresher shark) in Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area is: 1 (*see* regulation 123A).

28 Size limit for finfish

28.1 Minimum length for quinnat salmon taken from Otago Harbour

(1) The minimum length for quinnat salmon taken from the Otago Harbour is: 45 cm (*see* regulation 125).

28.2 Minimum length for sea perch taken from Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area

(1) The minimum length for sea perch taken from Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area is: 26 cm (*see* regulation 125A).

29 Daily limit for shellfish

29.1 Daily limit for kina in East Otago taiāpure

(1) The daily limit for kina in the East Otago taiāpure is: 10 (*see* regulation 121).

29.2 Daily limit for shellfish in Akaroa Harbour taiāpure

(1) The daily limits for shellfish in the Akaroa Harbour taiāpure specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 123):

Column 1 Species	Column 2 Daily limit (per person)
Cat's eye	20
Cockle	20
Rock lobster	3

29.3 Daily limit for shellfish in Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area

(1) The daily limits for shellfish in Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 123A):

Column 1 Species	Column 2 Daily limit (per person)
Cat's eye	20
Cockle (whether of the species *Chione* (*Austrovenus*) *stutchburyi* or of the species *Protothaca crassicosta*)	50
Kina	20
Any other shellfish (whether of the same or different species) for which a specific limit is not specified in this table or in clauses 5.1 or 5.2	30

29.4 Daily limit for pāua taken from PAU3B

(1) The daily limit for ordinary pāua in PAU3B is: 5 (see regulation 12).

(2) The daily limit for yellowfoot pāua in PAU3B is: 5 (see regulation 12).

(3) *See also* Part 5A, which specifies daily limits for pāua in part of the South-East FMA.

30 Combined daily limit for shellfish

30.1 Combined daily limit for shellfish in East Otago taiāpure

(1) The combined daily limit for shellfish in the East Otago taiāpure is: 50 (*see* regulation 120).

31 Daily limit for seaweed

31.1 Daily limit for bladder kelp and karengo in Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area

(1) The daily limit for bladder kelp in Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area is: 5 litres of wet volume (*see* regulation 123B).

(2) The daily limit for karengo in Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area is: 5 litres of wet volume (*see* regulation 123B).

32 Accumulation limit for shellfish

32.1 Accumulation limit for pāua taken from PAU3B

(1) The accumulation limit for pāua in PAU3B is (*see* regulation 16):

a) 10 pāua; or
b) if the number of pāua cannot be determined, the amount of pāua that comprises a shucked weight of 1.25 kg.

(2) *See also* Part 5A, which specifies accumulation limits for pāua in part of the South-East FMA.

Part 5A: Controls for Marfells Beach to Conway River Area

33 Daily limit for shellfish

33.1 Daily limit for pāua in the Marfells Beach to Conway River Area

(1) The daily limit for ordinary pāua in the Marfells Beach to Conway River Area is: 3 (*see* regulation 116A).

(2) The daily limit for yellowfoot pāua in the Marfells Beach to Conway River area is 3: (*see* regulation 116A).

33.2 Daily limit for pāua in the Oaro-Haumuri Taiāpure

(1) The daily limit for ordinary pāua in the Oaro-Haumuri Taiāpure is: 2 (*see* regulation 116B).

(2) The daily limit for yellowfoot pāua in Oaro-Haumuri Taiāpure is: 2 (*see* regulation 116B).

34 Size limit for shellfish

34.1 Minimum length for ordinary pāua in the Marfells Beach to Conway River Area

(1) The minimum length for ordinary pāua taken from the Marfells Beach to Conway River Area is: 130 mm (*see* regulation 116C).

34.2 Minimum length for ordinary pāua in the Oaro-Haumuri Taiāpure

(1) The minimum length for ordinary pāua taken from the Oaro-Haumuri Taiāpure is: 135 mm (*see* regulation 116D).

35 Accumulation limit for shellfish

35.1 Accumulation limit for pāua taken from the Marfells Beach to Conway River Area

(1) The accumulation limit for pāua in the Marfells Beach to Conway River Area is (*see* regulation 16):

a) 6 pāua; or
b) if the number of pāua cannot be determined, the amount of pāua that comprises a shucked weight of 0.75 kg.

Part 5B: Controls for Fishery Management Area 4 South East (Chatham Rise)

36 Daily limit for finfish

36.1 Daily limit for finfish in Fishery Management Area 4 South East (Chatham Rise)

(1) The daily limits for finfish in Fishery Management Area 4 South East (Chatham Rise) specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 117):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Blue cod	5
Blue moki	5
Bluenose	2
Butterfish	5
Eels-shortfin/longfin	2
Flatfish (except sand flounder)	10
Grey mullet	5
Hāpuku/bass	2
Kingfish	1
Kahawai	5
Lamprey	5
Ling	5
Marblefish	5
Red cod	5
Red gurnard	5
Red moki	5
Sand Flounder	10
School Shark	1
Skate	1
Snapper	5
Stargazer	2
Tarakihi	5
Trevally	5
Trumpeter	5
Blue warehou	5
Wrasse	5

37 Daily limit for shellfish

37.1 Daily limit for shellfish in Fishery Management Area 4 South East (Chatham Rise)

(1) The daily limits for shellfish in Fishery Management Area 4 South East (Chatham Rise) specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 12):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Cockle	50
Kina	10
Ordinary pāua	5
Yellowfoot pāua	5
Pipi	50
Rock lobster	2
Tuatua	50

Part 6: Controls for Southland and Sub-Antarctic FMA

38 Daily limit for finfish

38.1 Daily limit for individual species of finfish in Southland and Sub-Antarctic FMA

(1) The daily limits for finfish in the Southland and Sub-Antarctic FMA specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 141):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Blue moki	15
Blue shark	1
Bluenose	5
Bronze shark	1
Butterfish	15
Elephant fish	5
Hammerhead shark	1
Kahawai	15
Kingfish	3
Mako shark	1
Marlin	1
Porbeagle shark	1
Red cod	10
Red moki	15
Rig	5
School shark	5
Seven gill shark	1
Skate	5
Spiny dogfish	15
Tarakihi	15
Thresher shark	1
Trumpeter	15
Warehou	15

(2) *See also* the other provisions of this Part and Part 7 that specify individual species limits for specific areas within the Southland and Sub-Antarctic FMA.

38.2 Daily limit for blue cod in Paterson Inlet (Whaka a Te Wera)

(1) The daily limit for blue cod in Paterson Inlet (Whaka a Te Wera) is: 10 (*see* regulation 145A).

38.3 Daily limit for finfish in Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) marine area

(1) The daily limits for finfish in the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) marine area specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 146):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Albacore tuna	10
Barracouta	20
Blue cod	10
Blue moki	5
Bluenose	3
Butterfish	4
Flatfish (except sand flounder)	5
Sand flounder	5
Hāpuku/bass	3
Hoki	5
Kahawai	5
Ling	5
Marblefish	5
Red cod	5
Red gurnard	5
Red moki	5
Rig	2
School shark	2
Sea perch	10
Skate	1
Snapper	5
Spiny dogfish	2
Stargazer	5
Tarakihi	10
Trevally	5
Trumpeter	5
Warehou	5
Wrasse	10
Any other finfish for which a specific limit is not specified in this table or in clauses 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, or 38.1	10

38.4 Daily limit for finfish in the Fiords

(1) The daily limits for finfish in the Fiords specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 146A):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Albacore tuna	3
Barracouta	3
Blue cod	1
Blue moki	1
Blue nose	1
Butterfish	2
Flatfish (except sand flounder)	2
Sand flounder	2
Hāpuku/bass	1
Hoki	1
Kahawai	1
Ling	1
Marblefish	1
Red cod	2
Red gurnard	2
Sea perch	1
Stargazer	2
Tarakihi	1
Trevally	1
Trumpeter	1
Warehou	1
Wrasse	4
Any other finfish for which a specific limit is not specified in this table or in clauses 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 38.1 or 38.3	4

38.5 Daily limit for finfish in internal waters of Fiordland

(1) The daily limits for finfish in the internal waters of Fiordland specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 147):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Hāpuku/bass	0

39 Combined daily limit for finfish

39.1 Combined daily limit for finfish in Southland and Sub-Antarctic FMA

(1) The combined daily limit for finfish in the Southland and Sub-Antarctic FMA is: 30 (*see* regulation 141).

(2) The combined daily limit for finfish in the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) marine area is: 20 (see regulation 146).

(3) The combined daily limit for finfish in the Fiords is: 10 (see regulation 146A).

(4) *See also* clause 39.2, which specifies the combined daily limit for hāpuku/bass and kingfish in the Southland and Sub-Antarctic FMA.

39.2 Combined daily limit for hāpuku/bass and kingfish in Southland and Sub-Antarctic FMA

(1) The combined daily limit for hāpuku/bass and kingfish in the Southland and Sub-Antarctic FMA is: 5 (*see* regulation 141).

40 Daily limit for shellfish

40.1 Daily limit for mussels in Southland FMA

(1) The daily limit for mussels in the Southland FMA is: 25 (*see* regulation 144).

40.2 Daily limit for scallops in Southland and Sub-Antarctic FMA

(1) The daily limit for scallops in the Southland and Sub-Antarctic FMA is: 10 (*see* regulation 145).

40.3 Daily limit for shellfish in Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) marine area

(1) The daily limits for shellfish in the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) marine area specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulations 146 and 160):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** **(**per person)
Cockle	20
Kina	30
Mussels	10
Oysters (flat/dredge oyster)	0
Ordinary pāua	5
Yellowfoot pāua	2
Pipi	20
Scallop	0
Rock lobster	6
Any other shellfish (whether of the same or different species) for which a specific limit is not specified in this table or in clause 5.1	20

40.4 Daily limit for shellfish in the Fiords

(1) The daily limits for shellfish in the Fiords specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 146A):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Ordinary pāua	2

40.5 Daily limit for shellfish in internal waters of Fiordland

(1) The daily limits for shellfish in the internal waters of Fiordland specified in column 2 of the following table apply to the corresponding species listed in column 1 (*see* regulation 147):

Column 1 **Species**	**Column 2** **Daily limit** (per person)
Rock lobsters taken from Milford Sound (as described in paragraph (o) of the definition of the internal waters of Fiordland in Schedule 18 of the Regulations)	3

Part 7: Controls for blue cod management areas

41 Daily limit for blue cod management areas

41.1 Daily limit for blue cod in Canterbury blue cod management area

(1) The daily limit for blue cod in the Canterbury blue cod management area is: 2 (*see* regulation 155E).

41.2 Daily limit for blue cod in Chatham Islands blue cod management area

(1) The daily limit for blue cod in the Chatham Islands blue cod management area is: 5 (*see* regulation 155F).

41.3 Daily limit for blue cod in Kahurangi blue cod management area

(1) The daily limit for blue cod in the Kahurangi blue cod management area is: 10 (*see* regulation 155G).

41.4 Daily limit for blue cod in Kaikōura blue cod management area

(1) The daily limit for blue cod in the Kaikōura blue cod management area is: 10 (*see* regulation 155H).

(2) *See also* clause 26.4, which specifies a daily limit for blue cod in Te Whata Kai o Rakihouia i Te Tai o Marokura—Kaikōura Marine Area.

41.5 Daily limit for blue cod in North Otago blue cod management area

(1) The daily limit for blue cod in the North Otago blue cod management area is: 10 (*see* regulation 155I).

(2) *See also* clause 26.2, which specifies the daily limit for blue cod in the East Otago taiāpure.

41.6 Daily limit for blue cod in South West blue cod management area

(1) The daily limit for blue cod in the South West blue cod management area is: 10 (*see* regulation 155J).

(2) *See also* clause 38.4, which specifies the daily limit for blue cod in the Fiords.

41.7 Daily limit for blue cod in Southern blue cod management area

(1) The daily limit for blue cod in the Southern blue cod management area is: 10 (*see* regulation 155K).

41.8 Daily limit for blue cod in Tasman blue cod management area

(1) The daily limit for blue cod in the Tasman blue cod management area is: 2 (*see* regulation 155L).

41.9 Daily limit for blue cod in Westland blue cod management area

(1) The daily limit for blue cod in the Westland blue cod management area is: 15 (*see* regulation 155M).

Part 8: Accumulation limit for defences

42 Accumulation limit for defence for possessing rock lobsters

42.1 Accumulation limit for defence in relation to possessing spiny rock lobsters taken from CRA5

(1) The accumulation limit for the defence to a charge of possessing more than the daily limit for spiny rock lobsters taken from CRA5 is: 18 (*see* regulation 159A).

42.2 Accumulation limit for defence in relation to possessing rock lobsters taken from Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) marine area

(1) The accumulation limit for the defence to a charge of possessing more than the daily limit for rock lobsters taken from the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) marine area is: 15 (*see* regulation 160).

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