

Abalone

Licence: A licence is required to take abalone.

You must be 10 years or older to hold an abalone licence.

You cannot take abalone on behalf of another licence holder.

Size limits:

Please note recreational and commercial size limits may not be the same.

Blacklip abalone

Arthur River east to Musselroe Point: 120mm

Other waters: 138mm

Greenlip abalone

Montagu east to Bridport: 132mm

Other waters: 145mm

Daily bag limit: 10 abalone

Possession limit: 20 abalone

Boat limit: No boat limit

Non-licensed possession limit:

On land - 5 abalone

On state waters - 0 abalone

Child under 10 - 0 abalone

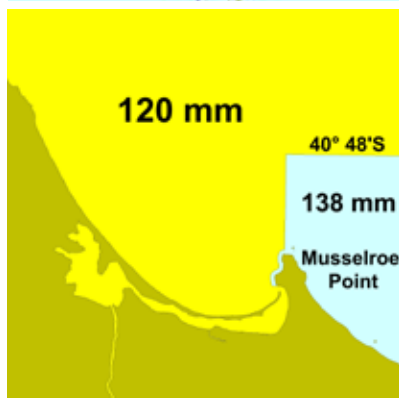
Season: open all year

Eating abalone safely: see page 63

Blacklip Size Limits



Blacklip abalone



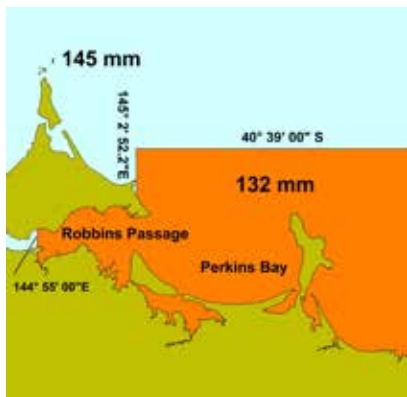
Get a free abalone multi-gauge from Service Tasmania.

You cannot possess abalone below the minimum legal size for a particular area. For example, you cannot enter waters south of Arthur River and Musselroe Point with blacklip abalone smaller than 138mm.

Greenlip Size Limits



Greenlip abalone



Measuring Abalone

- Abalone are measured across the widest part of the shell.



Widest point

- **You must carry a measuring device while taking abalone.**
- Measure the abalone before detaching it where possible as abalone that have been cut may die.
- Immediately replace undersize abalone.

Highgrading your catch is not allowed
– see page 9.

Measuring tools

An abalone measuring device must be either:

- A Vernier calliper; or
- A gauge, knife or abalone iron with prominent markings or extended prongs that indicates the minimum size limits for abalone.

Abalone

Abalone tools

Only the following tools can be used to take abalone:

- A commercially manufactured knife with a blade not less than 18mm wide excluding that part of the blade that is within 50mm of the tip;



- An abalone iron that is a broadly flat-bladed, chisel-like lever not less than 18mm in width.

This does not apply to Aboriginal fishers.

Shucking and eating abalone

You can shuck (remove from shell) and eat one abalone per licence holder at sea. The shell must be retained and brought ashore. This abalone is included in your daily bag limit.

All other abalone must be brought ashore above the high-water mark before shucking.

No night fishing

You cannot take abalone between sunset and sunrise.

Area Restrictions

Northern Bass Strait Waters

You cannot take or possess abalone in Northern Bass Strait Waters, unless you are within 50 metres of the shore of any island. This restriction aims to limit the risks associated with the spread of Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis.

See page 61.

Recreationally caught abalone cannot be on board any vessels other than commercial trading vessels in the Northern Bass Strait Waters area unless within 50 metres of the shore of any land.



Research areas

There are multiple Abalone Research Areas where the take of abalone is not permitted. These include the Bay of Fires, Waterwitch Reef, Inner Sister Island and Swan Island Abalone Research Areas. Restrictions also apply to other reserves and research areas (see page 68).

Diving can be **DEADLY**



Know the risks. Get training.

- Learn about decompression illness ('the bends') and how to avoid it.
- Learn how to safely use and maintain your equipment.
- Know the extra risks associated with hookah diving.

***Never
dive
alone.***

Plan the dive, dive the plan.

- Know your maximum dive depth and time at depth.
- Make a safety stop when surfacing.
- Be prepared for conditions.

***Never
hold your
breath.***

Know what to do in an emergency

The bends looks different for everyone. If you feel unwell after diving (even over 24 hours later) **don't risk it - call an expert!**

Emergency (or after hours)

03 6166 8308
Or call **000**

Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH)

Diving Medicine
Specialist on call
(Weekdays 8am – 4pm)
03 6166 8193

Scallops

Licence: Scallop licence required. Scallops can only be taken by hand and only the licence holder can dive for scallops. You must be 10 years or older to hold a scallop licence.

Size limit: commercial and queen scallops 100mm, doughboy scallops 80mm

Daily bag limit: 50 scallops

Possession limit: 100 scallops (on land), 50 scallops (on water)

Non-licensed possession limit:

On state waters – 0 scallops

On land – 100 scallops

Child under 10 – 0 scallops

Season: Open from 12 April to 31 July 2025. The D'Entrecasteaux Channel remains closed.

Eating scallops safely: see page 63

Size Limits



Commercial Scallop – 100mm



Queen scallop – 100mm

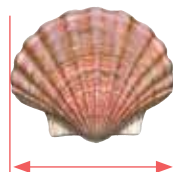


Doughboy – 80mm

Please dispose of scallop shells in the rubbish, don't dump them.

Measuring Scallops

Scallops are measured across the widest part of the shell (usually parallel to the hinge).



Widest point

Scallop gauges are available at Service Tasmania shops.

Bag and Possession Limits



50



50 on water



100 on land (or 3kgs of scallop meat)

- Limits apply to all species combined.
- On-land possession limit also applies to unlicensed persons, unless they have receipts for purchases.
- Only licensed fishers can possess scallops on the water.
- Scallops can be shucked for immediate consumption at sea as long as the shells are retained and brought ashore. Any scallops consumed count towards the daily bag limit.
- Landing of shucked meats is prohibited.

Area Restrictions

The D'Entrecasteaux Channel (see map on page 86) is closed to recreational scallop fishing, including possession of scallops while swimming.

See page 67 for a full list of area restrictions.

Other shellfish, shell collection and urchins

Shellfish and Shell Collection

Licence: no licence required

Size limit: no minimum size

Daily bag limit: see table

Season: no seasons apply

Eating shellfish safely: see page 63

Stick to your limits

The daily shellfish limits help make sure local stocks remain sustainable into the future. Taking too many shellfish can cause localised stock depletions.

Report suspected unlawful shellfish gathering to Fishwatch - see page 13.

Shell Collecting








- There is no limit on collecting shells from beaches provided that the shell does not contain a living organism.
- Shells cannot be collected from reserved land – contact Parks and Wildlife for more information.

Taking limpets and elephant snails is prohibited unless you are an Aboriginal fisher (see page 62).

Fish sustainably - Follow a voluntary limit

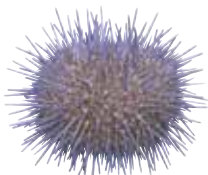
Wavy periwinkles: Shell size 45 mm or larger.

Shortspined sea urchins: Test (shell) size 80 mm or larger. Limit your catch to 50.

Species	Daily bag limit
Clams, cockles and pipis (species combined) 	100
Wedge shells 	200
Mussels 	100
Wavy periwinkles (<i>Lunella undulata</i> only) 	100
Pacific oysters 	no limit
Native oysters 	50
Other shellfish (excludes abalone, scallops and protected species) 	20 (other shellfish species combined)

Sea Urchins

There is no recreational size or catch limit for sea urchins.



Shortspined sea urchin



Longspined sea urchin