



## Nelson Area General Fishing Rules

- Don't take undersize fish.
- Don't take more than the daily limit.
- Only the person who catches or gathers fish can claim a daily limit.
- You cannot use underwater breathing apparatus (SCUBA) when taking or possessing paua.
- Use a flat blade tool to carefully remove paua.
- Measure all your catch before placing it into your catch bag.
- All undersize and excess fish (including paua) must be returned to the sea immediately whether alive, dead or harmed.
- Do not use undersize or excess fish for bait.
- Paua must remain in their shell until you leave the beach.
- Do not sell or trade your catch.
- Only buy fish from a fish shop or supermarket.

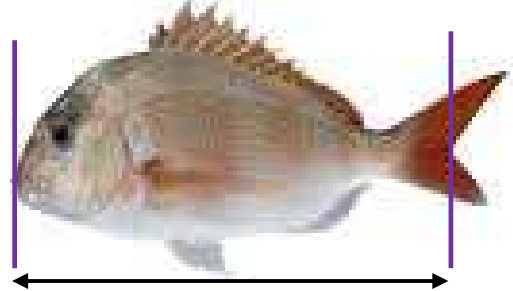
### How to measure Paua

**Paua:** measure the greatest length of the shell in a straight line. Do not measure over the curve of the shell.











### How to measure Fish

**Finfish:** measure from the nose of the fish to middle of the tail fin.



Use a flat blade tool, not a knife or screwdriver, to gather Paua



<b>SHELLFISH</b>		<b>Daily limit per person</b>	<b>Minimum size (mm)</b>
	<b>Ordinary paua (black foot)</b>	10	125
	<b>Yellow foot paua</b>	10	80
	<b>Mussels</b>	50	No minimum size
	<b>Cockles</b>	150	No minimum size
	<b>Pipi</b>	150	No minimum size
<b>Combined bag species</b>	<b>Crabs, cat's eyes, periwinkles, limpets, whelks, barnacles, starfish, and freshwater crayfish</b>	50 (combined)	No minimum size
 Crab	 Cat's-eye	 Periwinkle	 Whelk
			 Limpets

<b>FINFISH</b>		<b>Daily limit per person</b>	<b>Minimum size (mm)</b>
	<b>Snapper – Nelson</b>	10	250
	<b>Snapper – Marlborough Sounds</b>	3	250
	<b>Kahawai</b>	20	No minimum size
	<b>Spotty</b>	No limit	No minimum size
	<b>Yellow eyed mullet</b>	No limit	No minimum size

This is a guide only. For more detailed information about our fishing regulations please contact the local Ministry of Fisheries office on 03 548 1069

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