

# Recreational Blue Cod Regulations Overview

## Nationwide

- Pot mesh size: 54 mm
- Minimum legal size: 33 cm, except BCO1 which is 30cm
- Accumulation limit: 2 times the daily blue cod limit (except for the Fiordland Marine Area where no accumulation applies)
- Measurable state: All blue cod must be landed in a measurable 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

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

## Kahurangi (Heaphy River to Farewell Spit lighthouse)

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

## Westland (South Bank of Haast River to Heaphy River)

- Measurable 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)

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

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

- Measurable 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)

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

## Kaik ūra (Clarence River to Hurunui River)

- Measurable state: Whole or gutted
- Kaik ūra Marine Area: **6** per person
- Te Taumanu o Te Waka a Mui Tai pure: **2** per person
- Oaro-Haumuri Tai pure: **2** per person
- Outside these areas: **10** per person

## Canterbury (Hurunui River to Rakaia River)

- Measurable state: Whole or gutted
- Daily blue cod limit **2** per person (including Akaroa Tai pure)

## North Otago (Rakaia River to Taiaroa Head)

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

## Chatham Islands

- Measurable 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)

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

