

TASMANIA

FISHERIES (PENALTIES) REGULATIONS 2021
STATUTORY RULES 2021, No. 12

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I, the Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995*.

Dated 15 February 2021.

C. WARNER
Governor

By Her Excellency's Command,

GUY BARNETT
Minister for Primary Industries and Water

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

These regulations may be cited as the *Fisheries (Penalties) Regulations 2021*.

2. Commencement

These regulations take effect on 2 March 2021.

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3. Interpretation

In these regulations –

abalone has the same meaning as in the
Fisheries (Abalone) Rules 2017;

Act means the *Living Marine Resources
Management Act 1995*;

commercial licence means a licence issued for
commercial purposes;

first offence means a first offence against any
fisheries regulation or fisheries rule;

fisheries regulation means a regulation made
and in force under the Act;

fisheries rule means a rule made and in force
under Part 3 or 5 of the Act;

fish trap has the same meaning as in the
Fisheries (Scalefish) Rules 2015;

giant crab has the same meaning as in the
Fisheries (Giant Crab) Rules 2013;

level 1 offence means an offence that
involves –

- (a) fewer than –
 - (i) 10 rock lobsters; or
 - (ii) 2 giant crabs; or
 - (iii) 100 scallops; or

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- (iv) 5 sharks; or
 - (v) 20 abalone; or
 - (vi) 20 kilograms of abalone;
or
 - (vii) 20 fish of any other
species; or
- (b) fewer than –
- (i) 3 rock lobster pots; or
 - (ii) 4 rock lobster rings; or
 - (iii) 3 fish traps; or
- (c) less than 1% of the total number of rock lobster, giant crab, abalone or scallops taken by, or in the possession of, the person convicted of the offence if the person was operating under a subsisting commercial licence for that species when the offence was committed;

level 2 offence means an offence that involves –

- (a) no fewer than –
- (i) 10 rock lobsters; or
 - (ii) 2 giant crabs; or
 - (iii) 100 scallops; or

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- (iv) 5 sharks; or
 - (v) 20 abalone; or
 - (vi) 20 kilograms of abalone;
or
 - (vii) 20 fish of any other
species; or
- (b) no fewer than –
- (i) 3 rock lobster pots; or
 - (ii) 4 rock lobster rings; or
 - (iii) 3 fish traps; or
- (c) not less than 1% of the total number of rock lobster, giant crab, abalone or scallops taken by, or in the possession of, the person convicted of the offence if the person was operating under a subsisting commercial licence for that species when the offence was committed;

rock lobster has the same meaning as in the
Fisheries (Rock Lobster) Rules 2011;

rock lobster pot has the same meaning as in
the *Fisheries (Rock Lobster) Rules 2011*;

rock lobster ring has the same meaning as in
the *Fisheries (Rock Lobster) Rules 2011*;

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scallop has the same meaning as in the *Fisheries (Scallop) Rules 2020*;

second offence means an offence against any fisheries regulation, or fisheries rule, committed by a person who has previously been convicted of one offence under any –

- (a) fisheries regulation; or
- (b) fisheries rule; or
- (c) section of the Act;

shark has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 to the *Fisheries (Scalefish) Rules 2015*;

third or subsequent offence means an offence against any fisheries regulation, or fisheries rule, committed by a person who has previously been convicted of 2 or more offences under any –

- (a) fisheries regulation; or
- (b) fisheries rule; or
- (c) section of the Act.

4. References to applicable Grade penalties

A reference in any fisheries regulation, fisheries rule or management plan to a fine not exceeding an applicable Grade penalty includes a reference to a fine of not less than the minimum specified for that penalty.

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5. Grade 1 penalties

The penalty for an offence against any fisheries regulation or fisheries rule specified as a Grade 1 penalty is a fine of not less than one penalty unit and not more than 20 penalty units.

6. Grade 2 penalties

The penalty for an offence against any fisheries regulation or fisheries rule specified as a Grade 2 penalty is a fine of –

- (a) not less than one penalty unit and not more than 1 000 penalty units, for a first offence; or
- (b) not less than 2 penalty units and not more than 1 000 penalty units, for a second offence; or
- (c) not less than 5 penalty units and not more than 1 000 penalty units, for a third or subsequent offence.

7. Grade 3 penalties

(1) The penalty for an offence against any fisheries regulation or fisheries rule specified as a Grade 3 penalty is as follows:

- (a) for a level 1 offence –

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- (i) a fine of not less than one penalty unit and not more than 5 penalty units, for a first offence; or
 - (ii) a fine of not less than 2 penalty units and not more than 100 penalty units, for a second offence; or
 - (iii) a fine of not less than 5 penalty units and not more than 200 penalty units or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both, for a third or subsequent offence;
- (b) for a level 2 offence –
- (i) a fine of not less than 2 penalty units and not more than 5 000 penalty units or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both, for a first offence; or
 - (ii) a fine of not less than 5 penalty units and not more than 5 000 penalty units or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or both, for a second offence; or
 - (iii) a fine of not less than 10 penalty units and not more than 5 000 penalty units or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2

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years, or both, for a third or subsequent offence;

(c) for any other offence –

(i) a fine of not less than one penalty unit and not more than 5 000 penalty units or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both, for a first offence; or

(ii) a fine of not less than 2 penalty units and not more than 5 000 penalty units or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or both, for a second offence; or

(iii) a fine of not less than 5 penalty units and not more than 5 000 penalty units or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years, or both, for a third or subsequent offence.

(2) A reference in any fisheries regulation or fisheries rule to a fine not exceeding the applicable Grade 3 penalty includes a reference to a term of imprisonment as specified in that penalty.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations)

These regulations –

- (a) specify the quantum of Grade 1 penalties, Grade 2 penalties and Grade 3 penalties for offences against regulations and rules under the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995* that provide for such penalties; and
- (b) are made consequentially on the repeal of the *Fisheries (Penalties) Regulations 2011* under section 11 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1992*.