



Review of recreational daily bag limits for finfish

Speculation thousands of Coromandel pink maomao ending up on black market

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A rāhui is in place as locals and iwi in the Coromandel town of Tairua are aggrieved at huge numbers of pink maomao being hauled from the ocean by rogue fishermen.



Footage released this week shows boats coming in with chilly bins full of the fish. Source: 1 NEWS

Fish fight: Ngāti Hei iwi announce rāhui over maomao fishery

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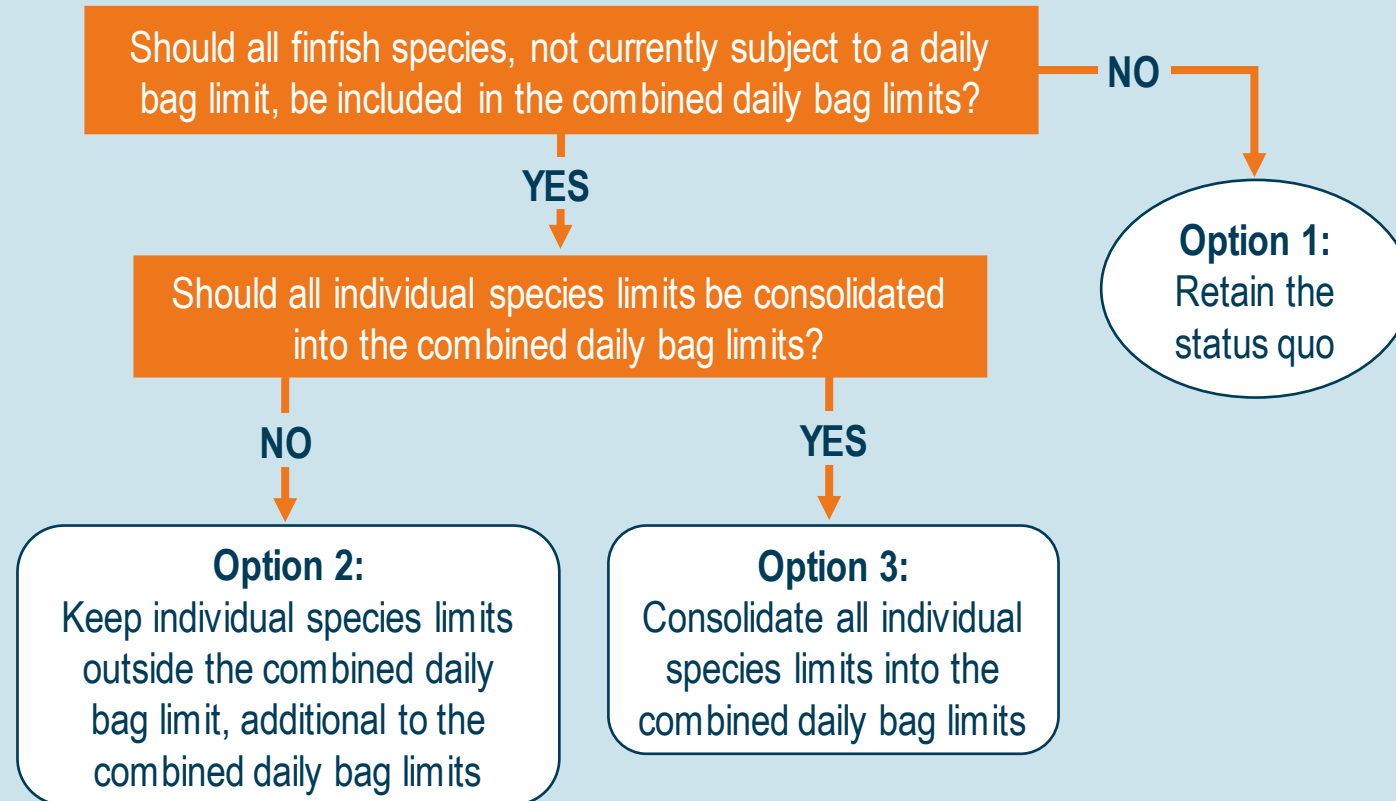
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Limit overfishing.



Michael Bhana started this petition to David Parker

Primary Proposal





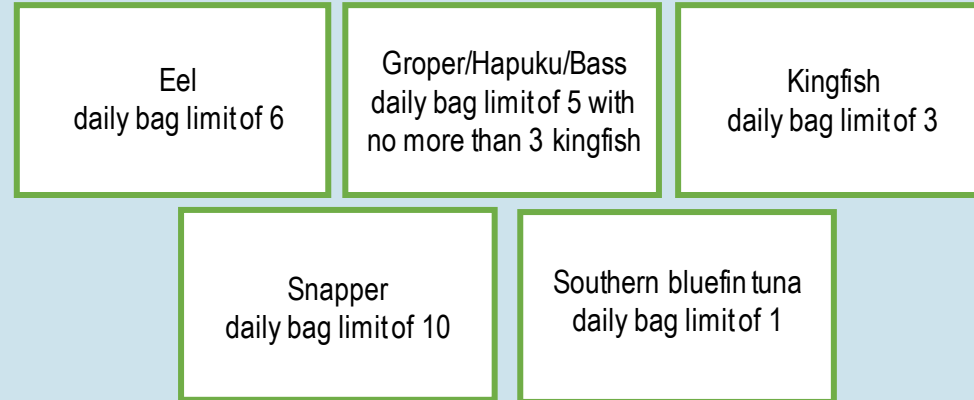
Example of Option 2 (include all finfish species, not currently subject to a daily bag limit, in the combined daily bag limit)

Using the Central recreational fishing area rules for the purposes of illustration

Combined daily bag limit of 20 finfish
(individual species limits exist therein)

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Blue cod - Taranaki to Titahi Bay	10
Blue cod - Titahi Bay South	20
Blue moki	20
Bluenose	5
Butterfish	20
Elephant fish	20
Flatfish (except Sand flounder)	20
Grey mullet	20
John dory	20
Kahawai	20
Parore	20
Porae	20
Red cod	20
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Red moki	20
Red snapper	20
Rig	20
Sand flounder	20
School shark	20
Tarakihi	20
Trevally	20

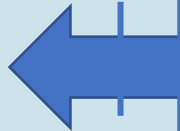
Individual species limits (additional to the combined daily bag limit)



All other finfish species (not subject to a daily bag limit)

For example:

- Pink maomao
- Gemfish





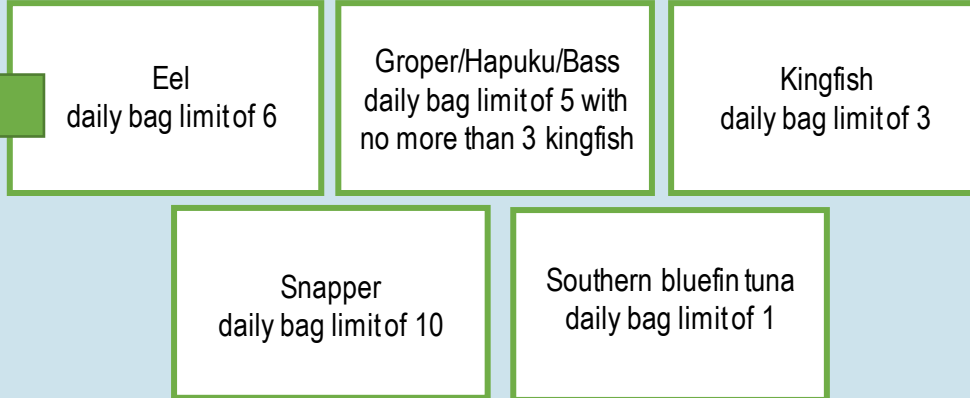
Example of Option 3 (include all finfish species, including those with additional individual species limits, in the combined daily bag limit)

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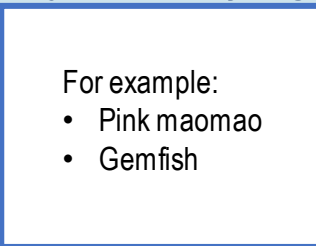
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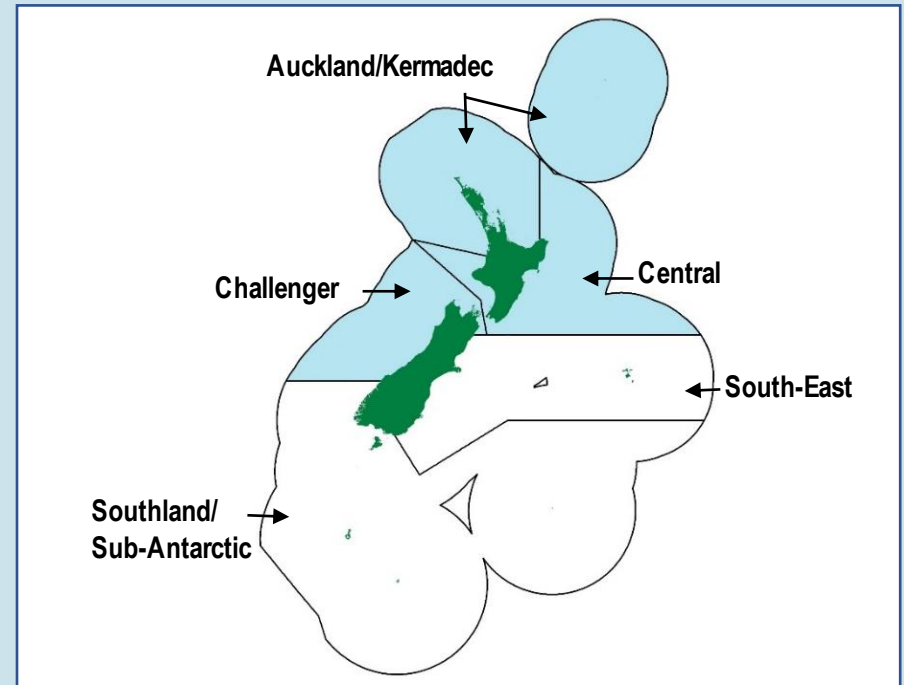


All other finfish species (not subject to a daily bag limit)



Secondary Proposals

Proposal A



* Southern refers to the South-East and Southland/Sub-Antarctic recreational fishing areas only.

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Proposal B

Should a subset of finfish species commonly taken as bait (baitfish**) be excluded from the finfish combined daily bag limits and included within their own combined daily bag limit of 50?

YES

YES, BUT

NO

Exclude baitfish species from the combined daily bag limits and set a separate combined daily bag limit of 50 for these excluded species

Exclude baitfish species from the combined daily bag limits **BUT** do not set a daily bag limit for these species (unconstrained access)

Keep all finfish species within the combined daily bag limits for finfish

** Baitfish species proposed

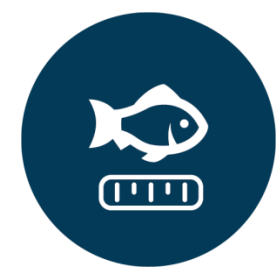
- Yellow eyed mullet
- Slender/stout sprat
- Jack/horse/Chilean mackerel
- Pilchard
- Piper/garfish
- Anchovy
- Koheru/scad

Additional Matter

Southern bluefin tuna

An administrative change is also proposed to move the southern bluefin tuna daily bag limit, currently set by Gazette Notice, to regulation so that offences and penalties align with other finfish daily bag limits.

This change will not affect the existing daily bag limit of one southern bluefin tuna per person, per day.



Next Steps

- Public consultation is now live and will take place over a six-week period.
- Fisheries New Zealand welcomes written submissions on the proposals.
- All submissions must be received by Fisheries New Zealand by **5pm on Thursday 18 November 2021**.
- More information on these proposals and details on how to make a submission can be found at this link: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/review-of-recreational-daily-bag-limits-for-finish/>