

Table 1: Options for proposed regulatory changes to the blue cod fishing rules in the MSA and Challenger (East) area.

Management measures	Current settings – <i>Status quo</i>		Option 1 (BCMG preferred package) <i>consistent rules between areas</i>		Option 2 (alternative proposal) <i>rules are <u>not</u> consistent between areas</i>	
	MSA	Challenger (East)	MSA	Challenger (East)	MSA	Challenger (East)
Recreational size limits	‘Slot’ rule: Minimum legal size 30 cm Maximum legal size 35 cm	Minimum legal size 30 cm No maximum legal size	Minimum legal size 33 cm No maximum legal size		Minimum legal size 30 cm No maximum legal size	
Recreational daily bag limit /person/day	Daily bag limit of 2 blue cod	Daily bag limit of 3 blue cod	Daily bag limit of 2 blue cod		Daily bag limit of 2 blue cod	Daily bag limit of 3 blue cod
Recreational accumulation	Allow accumulation of 1 daily bag limit	Allow accumulation of 2 daily bag limits	Accumulation limit of 2 daily bag limits		Allow accumulation of 1 daily bag limit	Allow accumulation of 2 daily bag limits
Recreational ‘transit rule’	No transporting of blue cod through the MSA that do not meet the rules applied to the area		No transport restrictions		No transport restrictions	
Recreational filleting rule	Must possess blue cod in a whole or gutted state only, unless fish are for immediate personal consumption		Must possess blue cod in a whole or gutted state only, unless fish are for immediate personal consumption		Allow possession of filleted blue cod with frames kept for proof of length	
Seasonal closure	Seasonal closure for recreational blue cod fishing 1 Sep to 19 Dec No commercial closure	N/A	Introduce ‘Inner’ Sounds recreational & commercial seasonal closure 1 Sep to 19 Dec Fishing allowed in the ‘Outer’ Sounds year round	N/A	Recreational closure 1 Sep to 19 Dec in the MSA Introduce a seasonal closure for commercial fishers in the MSA (time period to be determined)	N/A
Maud Island no take zone	Recreational fishers must not take any finfish from the Maud Island closed area No commercial restriction	N/A	Recreational fishers must not take any finfish from the Maud Island closed area Introduce a finfish no-take zone for commercial fishers around Maud Island	N/A	Recreational fishers must not take any finfish from the Maud Island closed area Introduce a finfish no-take zone for commercial fishers around Maud Island	N/A
Recreational hook limit	Maximum of 2 hooks per line when fishing for any species	N/A	Maximum of 2 hooks per line when fishing for any species	N/A	Maximum of 2 hooks per line when fishing for any species	N/A