

# SOUTH SYDNEY AMATEUR FISHING ASSOCIATION INC

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## EDITORIAL

**IMPORTANT!!!!!!!!!! PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THIS EDITORIAL PASSAGE.**

South Sydney AFA is moving into the future. This will be the last newsletter that will be printed and sent out via mail. As a measure to conserve Club funds, all future South Sydney AFA newsletters will be advised/sent to all members via email.

Further to this and to ensure that the newsletter does not clog up your emails, a web-link will be sent to you. You will simply click on this link and it will take you straight to the latest newsletter.

At this point in time we have more than 80% of our membership registered on an electronic database. This database is exclusively used for club information only and is controlled by one person, Joe Garufi. If you are not on our email database, **MAKE SURE YOU SEND JOE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**. Joe Garufi can be reached on the following email; [jgred@bigpond.com](mailto:jgred@bigpond.com)

For all those members that may not have access to the internet or emails, a few copies will be printed and stored at the Club house for your perusal.

For all those non financial members, you have had more than enough time and opportunity to up keep your membership. In fact, you have a final opportunity to maintain your membership via this advisement in this newsletter. If nothing is heard, your details will be deleted from all databases. If you are not sure if you are financial or not, please contact John Burgess on 9311 3200.

We will also have a new person putting together the club newsletter. Tori Burke will be putting the newsletter together with the help of the committee. After more than 10 years of doing the club newsletter Joe Garufi has been relieved of this duty. Thanks for your dedication over many years, Joe.

## New Bag and Size Limits and Fishing Methods

### Saltwater

All changes are indicated in bold.

### Finfish Bag and Size Limits

Species	Size Limits	Bag Limit
Australian bass and estuary perch	Only 1 fish longer than 35cm	2 in total.* 4 in possession. <b>Zero bag limit in rivers and estuaries from 1 June to 31 August each year.</b>

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Bonito	-	<b>10</b>
Bream and tarwhine	Bream 25cm Tarwhine 20cm	<b>20 in total*</b>
Dolphinfish (mahi-mahi)	<b>60cm</b>	<b>10. Only 1 fish over 110cm</b>
Eel (long finned)	<b>58cm</b>	<b>10 in total</b>
Flounder and sole	25cm	<b>20 in total*</b>
Garfish (eastern sea)	-	<b>20</b>
Groper (blue, red / brown)	<b>30cm</b>	2 by line only. <b>Only 1 fish over 60cm.</b>
Kingfish (yellowtail)	<b>65cm</b>	5
Leatherjackets	-	<b>20 in total*</b>
Luderick (blackfish)	<b>27cm</b>	20
Mackerel (Spanish) Mackerel (spotted)	<b>75cm</b> <b>60cm</b>	5 in total*
Marlin (striped, black and blue)	-	<b>1 of each species</b>
Morwong (grey / rubberlip)	<b>30cm</b>	<b>10</b>
Morwong (jackass)	<b>30cm</b>	<b>10</b>
Morwong (red / sea carp)	<b>30cm</b>	5
Mullet: small poddy (under 15cm) all others	- 30cm sea (bully) only	20 in total* (for live bait only) <b>20 in total*</b>
Pearl perch	<b>30cm</b>	5
Red rock cod	-	<b>5</b>
Sailfish	-	<b>1</b>
Samsonfish and amberjack	-	<b>5 in total*</b>
Sharks and rays	91cm school	<b>5 in total.* Only 1 tiger, mako, blue, hammerhead</b>

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	shark only.	<b>and whaler shark species. Zero bag limit applies to wobbegong.</b>
Spearfish	-	1
Swordfish	-	1
Trevallies	<b>30cm for silver trevally only.</b>	20 in total*

## Baitfish Bag Limits

<b>A bag limit of 50 applies to each of the following baitfish:</b>		
Australian anchovy	Maray (or round herring)	Southern herring
Pilchard	Slimy mackerel	
Blue sprat (or bluebait)	Sandy sprat (or whitebait)	
<b>A bag limit of 50 comprised of any single species or combination of species applies to the following baitfish:</b>		
Garfish (other than eastern sea garfish)	Jack mackerel and yellowtail	Hardyhead and silverfish

# the above baitfish bag limits do not apply to charter boat operators.

## Invertebrate Bag Limits

Species	Size Limits or Legal Length	Bag Limit
Saltwater pink nippers	-	<b>100 in total*</b>
Soldier crab #	-	<b>100 in total*</b>
Squid and cuttlefish	-	<b>20 in total*</b>
Octopus	-	<b>10 in total*</b>
Worms (other than beach worms) #	-	<b>100 in total*</b>

# denotes bag limits which do not apply to charter boat operators.

\* a bag limit comprised of any single species or a combination of listed grouped species.

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## Freshwater

### Native fish

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Species	Fishing Closure	Size Limit	Bag Limit
Australian bass and estuary perch	<b>Zero bag limit in rivers and estuaries from 1 June to 31 August each year</b>	Only 1 fish longer than 35cm in streams.	*2 in total. Only 1 fish longer than 35cm in streams.
Catfish (freshwater or eel-tailed)	<b>Fishing prohibited in all western flowing streams and unlisted western dams</b>	30cm (in listed dams) 30cm (in all other waters)	<b>5 (in listed dams)</b> 2 (in all other waters)
Eel (long finned)	-	<b>58cm</b>	10 in total
Murray cod	Zero bag limit September – November inclusive.	<b>From 1 December 2007 the minimum legal length will be increased to 55cm, followed by a further increase to 60cm on 1 December 2008</b>	2. Only 1 over 100cm.
River blackfish	<b>Fishing prohibited in all waters.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Unlisted native species (except invertebrates)	N/A	N/A	<b>10 in total</b>

### Invertebrates

Species	Size Limits	Bag Limit
Eastern freshwater crayfish	<b>9cm carapace length. Only 1 specimen over 12cm</b>	<b>Bag limit of 5</b>

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## Fishing methods & closures

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## Line fishing

Unattended lines will no longer be permitted in any non-tidal waters in NSW. This means that you must not set a fishing line or leave it unattended. The number of attended lines permitted in all non-tidal waters (other than in some notified trout waters) will now be two. The distance a fisher may be from an attended line will be increased from 10 metres to 50 metres and within line of sight.

## Fishing gear

A maximum set time of 24 hours will apply for all fishing gear (e.g. hoop nets, yabby traps). This means that fishing gear must be lifted at least once within a 24 hour period.

The prohibition on the use of gaffs to take trout will be extended to all freshwater species and waters. This means that a gaff cannot be used to take any fish in inland waters. A landing net is a suitable alternative for retrieving fish that have been legally caught.

## Bag and possession limits

Previously, freshwater bag and possession limits only applied to fishers that were in, on or adjacent to waters. This will now be extended to include the transport and storage of freshwater fish to provide clarification and ease with compliance. This rule does not apply to the purchase of fish from a registered fish receiver (e.g. a fish shop).

## Fishing closures

1. To protect breeding Eastern cod, fishing will be prohibited from 1 August to 31 October inclusive in the Mann River and its tributaries upstream of its junction with the Clarence River and including the Nymboida River and its tributaries from its junction with the Mann River upstream to Platypus Flat. This closure excludes notified trout waters.
2. Existing recreational fishing closures such as trap closures, net closures, dam / weir closures and species closures have been simplified and consolidated into one new Closure Notification. This will make it easier for fishers to find information on inland fishing closures and trout waters.

## Trout fishing

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## Trout water categories

The number of trout water categories will be reduced from 7 to 2, namely:

- (1) Artificial lure and fly only waters - incorporating the former blue ribbon streams, catch and release streams, trophy trout dams and trout spawning streams.
- (2) General trout waters - incorporating the former general trout streams and dams, where bait fishing is allowed.

The total fishing closures in three trout streams: Khancoban Creek, Wilde's Meadow Creek and Tumbledown Creek will be removed. These streams will be managed as artificial fly and lure only waters.

## Bag and size limits

A bag limit of 5 will continue to apply in general trout waters. A bag limit of 2 will apply in artificial fly and lure waters, except spawning streams (Thredbo and Eucumbene Rivers from 1 May to the end of the June long weekend) where the bag limit is 1. In all other waters, the bag limit for trout and salmon will remain at 10 per day. Size limits for trout and salmon remain unchanged (25cm in all notified trout waters other than spawning streams, where the size limit is 50cm).

## Fishing methods

One rod and line will be permitted in artificial lure and fly and lure waters and general trout streams. Two rods and lines are permitted in general trout dams. The current limit of 2 hooks per line will continue to apply in all notified trout waters except trout dams, where the number of hooks per line has been increased from 2 to 3 (where hooks are artificial lures or flies) to allow for loch style fishing.

## Summary of new trout and salmon fishing rules

All changes are indicated in bold.

<b>Waters</b>	<b>Rods and Lines (attended)</b>	<b>Hooks permitted</b>	<b>Size Limit</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>
Artificial fly and lure streams	1	up to 2	25cm	*2
Artificial fly and lure (trout spawning)	1	up to 2	50cm	*1

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streams - applies May to June only)				
Artificial fly and lure dams	1	<b>up to 3</b>	25cm	*2
General trout waters (streams)	1	up to 2	25cm	*5
General trout waters (dams)	2	<b>up to 3</b>	25cm	<b>*5</b>
All other	<b>2</b> (hand lines permitted. General rules apply)	up to 2	25cm	*10

\* A bag limit comprised of any single species or a combination of listed grouped species. The possession limit is equivalent to the twice the daily bag limit unless otherwise stated.