



Fisheries New Zealand

Tini a Tangaroa

Rock Lobster

Upper North Island



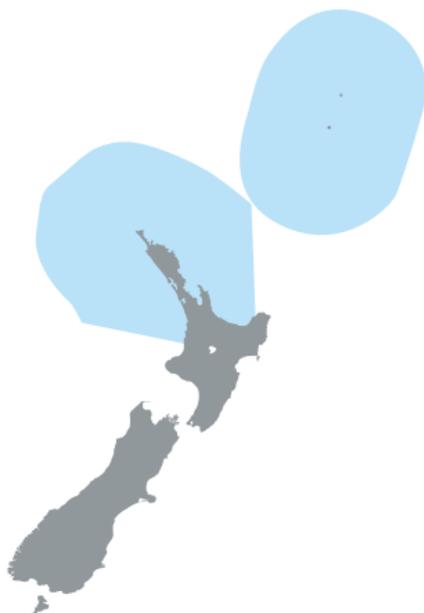
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Catching rock lobster in the Auckland/Kermadec area

This is a summary of the rules for catching spiny rock lobster and packhorse rock lobster in the following areas:

- Auckland
- Northland
- Waikato
- Coromandel
- Bay of Plenty
- Kermadec Islands.



Sizes and limits

Daily limit



PER FISHER
PER DAY
COMBINED
SPECIES

SPINY ROCK LOBSTER minimum legal size



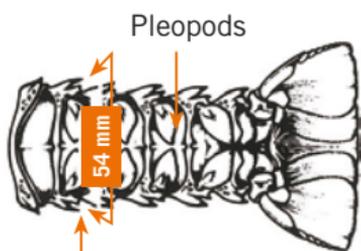
MINIMUM
SIZE
MALE



MINIMUM
SIZE
FEMALE

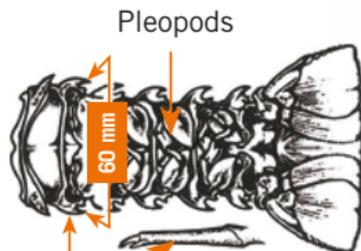


How to measure and determine sex



Male 54mm

Single pleopods



Female 60mm

Paired pleopods
Small pincers on rear legs

PACKHORSE ROCK LOBSTER minimum legal size



MINIMUM
SIZE

How to measure



Protected rock lobster you cannot take:

- Female rock lobster “in berry” carrying external eggs
- Soft shell stage rock lobster (rock lobster that has shed its skin)
- Unmeasurable rock lobster (eg: damage to the tail)
- Undersized rock lobster.



Prohibited gathering methods

- You cannot possess rock lobster seaward of the high water mark in an unmeasurable state.
- No spring loaded loops or lassos – hand operated only.
- No spears or puncturing devices – it is an offence to possess a speared rock lobster.
- Do not remove external eggs from any rock lobster.
- No baited nets.
- Maximum of three rock lobster pots per fisher.
- Maximum of six rock lobster pots from a vessel for two or more fishers.
- Visit fisheries.govt.nz/rocklobster for more information on potting methods, telson clipping and the full list of restrictions.

Fines and penalties

Undersized rock lobster	\$250 fine
1 x over the daily limit	\$250 fine
2 x over the daily limit	\$500 fine
1 x over the daily pot limit	\$250 fine
2 x over the daily pot limit	\$500 fine
Breaking protected or prohibited gathering rules	\$250 fine
More than 3 x over the daily limit	Prosecution and/or gear forfeiture

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- **Download** our free NZ Fishing Rules app by texting the word 'app' to 9889 **OR** by scanning the QR code. The app works even when you have no coverage.
- **Free text** the name of the species you are fishing for (e.g. rock lobster) to **9889** and receive legal size and bag limit via return text.
- **Visit** fisheries.govt.nz/rules or pop into your local office.



This is a guide and summary only. It is not the full list of rules and restrictions. The rules may have changed since this brochure was printed, so keep up-to-date and check the rules each time you go.

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