



MINISTRY OF FISHERIES
Te Tautiaki i nga tini a Tangaroa

Kingfish

New minimum size 75 cm

From 15 January 2004. The bag limit remains at 3 a day per person.*



Kingfish – new minimum size of 75 cm

A new national recreational minimum size limit of 75 cm for kingfish was introduced on 15 January 2004. This replaces the previous legal minimum size of 65 cm. The bag limit remains at 3 per person per day.*

The new legal minimum size for recreational fishing is among a number of recent changes for the kingfish fishery. Kingfish was introduced into the Quota Management System (QMS) on 1 October 2003, and commercial catch limits and non-commercial allowances were set for the first time.

The Ministry of Fisheries believes the increase in the recreational size limit will help keep the number of kingfish taken within the allowance set for recreational fishing, and also improve kingfish numbers so there are plenty for everyone, now and in the future.

Length measurement

Finfish length is measured from the tip of the nose to the rear end of the middle ray of the tail fin as shown here.



* There is a combined daily limit of five kingfish/hapuku/bass, but this cannot include more than 3 kingfish.

www.fish.govt.nz

Sustainable fisheries within a healthy aquatic ecosystem

0 8 0 0 4 RULES (0800 478 537)

for information on fishing rules



MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

Te Tautiaki i nga tini a Tangaroa

January 2004