

Recreational fishing on a commercial fishing operation

The following requirements are in place to ensure the sustainability of fish species and ensure extra catch is not being landed and sold illegally.

You can only fish recreationally on a commercial fishing trip if the fisheries quota status and fishery symbols on your primary commercial fishing licence permit it.

Recreational catch:

- must not be sold
- must be caught using permitted recreational fishing gear
- must comply with relevant size, possession and form limits.

The table below identifies when recreationally caught fish can be taken on a commercial fishing operation's vessel and the relevant reporting requirements.

Scenario	Recreational take permitted	Prior and weight notices	Logbook entry	Logbook comment section only	Catch disposal record
Individual transferable quota (ITQ) species					
Commercial operation with relevant fishery symbol, quota unit entitlement and sufficient available quota balance – any recreational catch will be deducted from the fisher's individual quota account	Only if ITQ entitlement is available	✓	✓		✓
Commercial operation with relevant fishery symbol and quota unit entitlement but insufficient quota	X				
Commercial operation with relevant fishery symbol but no quota unit entitlement	✓			✓	
Commercial operation without relevant fishery symbol and no quota unit entitlement	✓			✓	
Competitive total allowable commercial catch (TACC) species					
Commercial operation with relevant fishery symbol – any recreational catch will be deducted from the TACC	Only if the TACC has not been reached	✓	✓		✓
Commercial operation without relevant fishery symbol	✓			✓	
Non-quota species					
Commercial operation in a non-quota fishery	✓			✓	

More information

- For recreational fishing rules, refer to the Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019 and Fisheries Declaration 2019, or **download the free Qld Fishing 2.0 app via the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).**
- [Recreational fishing on a commercial operation policy](#)

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