

## **CHANGES TO CRAB RULES**

*"Changes to the rules include a new single measurement requirement for mud crabs," Mr Mulherin said.*

*"The size of the crab now needs to be measured across the top of the shell (carapace) at the widest point with a 15cm minimum size limit.*

*"Previously fishers could measure the underside of the crab if the topside was damaged – this new measurement is irrespective of whether the shell is damaged or chipped.*

*"While the size limit for a crab is unchanged, the single measurement removes the capacity for smaller crabs to be taken by fishers using the alternate under body measurement."*

*Mr Mulherin said the changes had also been made to crab pot use.*

*"If a crab pot is attached to a fixed object, such as a tree, it must be attached by a rope with a tag visible above the high water mark.*

*"The tag has to bear the owner's name for recreational fishers or boat mark for commercial fishers," he said.*

*"All other pots must have a surface float attached measuring 15 cm in all directions."*

*Mr Mulherin said changes had also been made to the use of trot line apparatus for commercial fishers.*

*For more information contact the Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries Business Information Centre on 13 25 23 or visit [www.dpi.qld.gov.au](http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au)*

Regards

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