

Fishing for Redclaw in Lake Kununurra

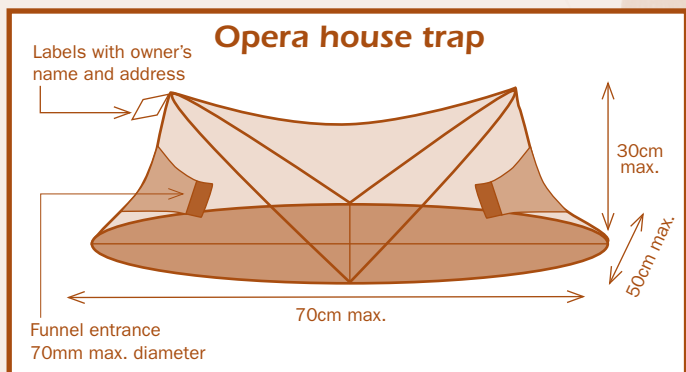
Queensland redclaw (*Cherax quadricarinatus*) is a tropical freshwater crayfish native to the northern parts of Queensland and the Northern Territory. Redclaw is a popular aquaculture species, but in recent years a feral population has established in Lake Kununurra.

The East Kimberley Regional Recreational Advisory Committee has been instrumental in the development of special fishing rules to enable fishers to target redclaw while minimising the interaction with native protected species such as freshwater reptiles.

Fishers on Lake Kununurra and the Ord River upstream of the diversion dam and downstream of Lake Argyle may use commercially available 'opera house' style traps that have been specially modified to target redclaw. However, the use of fish traps in all other Western Australian waters will remain illegal.

The following conditions apply:

- A maximum of 10 traps per person or per boat;
- Traps must be not more than 70cm long, 50cm wide and 30cm high;
- Traps may only have 2 entrances and each entrance funnel must be fitted with a rigid metal or plastic ring not exceeding 70mm in diameter; and
- Each trap must be clearly labelled with the owner's full name and address.



Redclaw are a feral species and bag or size limits do not apply. It is also illegal to introduce redclaw into other waters, so please act responsibly and do not use redclaw as bait.



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