New regulations are highlighted in red (please visit: MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational

for the most current regulations)

## Reef Fish

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## Snapper

### **General Snapper** Regulations:

- Snapper Aggregate Bag Limit - Within state waters of the Atlantic and Gulf, all species of snapper are included in a 10 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit in any combination of snapper species, unless stated otherwise.
- · Seasons If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.



## **Snapper, Cubera**

### **Minimum Size Limits:**

. Atlantic and Gulf - 12" (see below)

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- . Atlantic and Gulf 10 per harvester under 30", included within snapper aggregate bag limit
- . May additionally harvest up to 2 over 30" per harvester or vessel, whichever is less, and these 2 fish over 30" are not included within snapper aggregate bag limit



## Snapper, Red **Minimum Size Limits:**

. Atlantic - 20'

## • Gulf - 16 Season:

- · Atlantic Open year-round
- . Gulf to be determined

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

• Atlantic and Gulf - 2 per harvester • Gulf - Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels.



Snapper, Vermilion ▲ ◆ • X

## **Minimum Size Limits:**

- Atlantic 12"
- Gulf 10"

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- . Atlantic 5 per harvester not included within snapper aggregate bag limit
- Gulf 10 per harvester not included within snapper aggregate bag limit



## **Minimum Size Limits:**

. Atlantic and Gulf - 8'

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- · Atlantic 10 per harvester
- Gulf 100 pounds per harvester, not included within snapper aggregate bag limit

## **Other Snapper**

### Minimum Size Limits:

- Dog and Mahogany: Atlantic and Gulf - 12"
- . No minimum size limit for other snappers

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

• Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester



**Snapper, Gray** (Mangrove)

## **Minimum Size Limits:**

. Atlantic and Gulf - 10"

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

• Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester



## Snapper, Mutton ▲ ◆ • X

## **Minimum Size Limits:**

Atlantic and Gulf - 18"

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

· Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester



## Minimum Size Limits:

Atlantic and Gulf - 10"

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

• Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester



Snapper, **Yellowtail** 

### Minimum Size Limits:

Atlantic and Gulf - 12" total length

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

• Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

## Grouper

### **Atlantic Grouper General Regulations:**

- Atlantic grouper regulations apply to all state waters of the Atlantic and all state waters off Monroe County (Gulf and Atlantic sides).
- · Atlantic Grouper/Tilefish Aggregate Bag Limit includes all species of grouper plus golden tilefish and blueline tilefish in a 3 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit in in any combination of species.
- Seasons If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.

### **Gulf Grouper General Regulations:**

- · Gulf grouper regulations apply to all state waters of the Gulf except off Monroe County (where Atlantic rules apply).
- Gulf Grouper Aggregate Bag Limit - all species of grouper in the Gulf are included in a 4 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit in any combination of grouper species.
- · Seasons If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.
- \* Zero bag limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels applies to gag, black, and red grouper only.



## Minimum Size Limits:

- · Atlantic 24
- Gulf 24"

## Season:

- Atlantic Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- . Gulf Open year-round

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- · Atlantic 1 per harvester. Only 1 fish can be gag or black
- . Gulf 4 per harvester\*



## Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic 20"
- Gulf 16"

## Season:

- . Atlantic Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- · Gulf Open year-round

### **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:** · Atlantic - 3 per harvester

Gulf - 4 per harvester



- · Atlantic 1 per harvester



## **Minimum Size Limit:**

Atlantic and Gulf - None

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- · Gulf 4 per harvester

**Gag Grouper** 

. Atlantic - 24"

• Gulf - 24"

Season:

**Minimum Size Limits:** 

• Atlantic - Closed: Jan. 1-April 30

-June 30, & Sept 1-Dec. 31,

can be gag or black

· Gulf - 2 per harvester\*

. Gulf - State waters off all other

counties: Open June 1-Dec. 31

**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:** 

. Atlantic - 1 per harvester. Only 1 fish

. Gulf - State waters off Franklin, Wakulla,

Jefferson and Taylor counties: Open April 1



## **Grouper, Red**

- Minimum Size Limits:
- . Atlantic and Gulf 20"

## Season:

- Atlantic Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- · Gulf Open year-round

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- . Atlantic 3 per harvester
- · Gulf 2 per Harvester\*



## **Grouper, Yellowfin** & Yellowmouth

## **Minimum Size Limits:**

- . Atlantic and Gulf 20"
- Season: • Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- · Gulf Open year-round
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
- · Atlantic 3 per harvester
- · Gulf 4 per harvester



## **Grouper, Warsaw** & Speckled Hind

## **Minimum Size Limits:**

· Atlantic and Gulf - None

### Daily Recreational Bag Limit: · Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per vessel per day

of each species

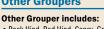


• Rock Hind, Red Hind, Coney, Graysby, Misty and Yellowedge

## Season:

- · Atlantic Rock hind, Red hind, Coney,
- Graysby: Closed Jan. 1-April 30 · Atlantic - All others open year-round

- Atlantic 3 per harvester





Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

· Gulf - 4 per harvester

· Gulf - Open year-round

## **Reef Fish**

## Other Reef Fish (If no season information is provided, the species is open year-round)



## Amberjack, Greater ▲ • X

#### Minimum Size Limits:

- . Atlantic 28" fork length
- Gulf 34" fork length

#### Season:

- · Atlantic Open year-round
- · Gulf Open May 1-May 31, Aug. 1-0ct 31

#### **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

. Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per harvester



## **Minimum Size Limits:**

- **Red Porgy** . Atlantic - 14"
- · Gulf None

## Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- . Atlantic 3 per harvester
- . Gulf 100 pounds



## Tilefish. Blueline

- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:** Atlantic - 3 per harvester per day
- · Gulf 100 pounds or 2 per harvester, whichever is greater

### Season:

- Atlantic Open May 1-Aug. 31
- . Gulf Open year-round

#### Remarks

 Blueline tilefish included within Atlantic grouper aggregate bag limits



## Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- · Atlantic 1 per harvester
- · Gulf 100 pounds or 2 per person, whichever is greater

#### Remarks

• Golden tilefish included within Atlantic grouper aggregate bag limits

### **Great Barracuda**

Regulations only apply in Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties

### **Minimum Size Limits:**

• Not less than 15" or more than 36"

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- 2 per person or 6 per vessel
- May possess one over 36" per vessel.
- . Unregulated in all other areas.



Amberiack, Lesser & Banded Rudderfish ▲ ● X

### Minimum Size Limits:

• Atlantic and Gulf - Cannot be less than 14" or greater than 22" fork length

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

. Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per person aggregate of the two species



Atlantic regulations apply to Monroe County. Includes all waters south of Cape Sable.

## **Minimum Size Limits:**

- Atlantic 16" fork length
- Gulf 14" fork length

### Season:

 Atlantic - Open May 1-Oct. 31 . Gulf - Open year round

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- · Atlantic 1 per harvester
- · Gulf 5 per harvester



## **Minimum Size Limits:**

## • Atlantic - 13"

• Gulf - 10"

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- Atlantic 7 per harvester
- . Gulf 100 pounds per harvester



## **Triggerfish (Gray)**

- **Minimum Size Limits:** . Atlantic - 12" fork length
- . Gulf 15" fork length

#### Season:

- · Atlantic Open year-round
- · Gulf Open March 1-May 31, Aug.

## 1-Dec 31

- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:** Atlantic - 10 per harvester
- · Gulf 1 per harvester





## **Minimum Size Limits:**

· 24" fork length

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

· 2 per harvester per day, not to exceed 2 per vessel

## **Pelagics**



## **Minimum Size Limits:**

- Sailfish 63":
- Blue Marlin 99":
- White Marlin 66": · Roundscale Spearfish 66"

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

• 1 per harvester aggregate bag limit

## Remarks

- · Measured tip of lower jaw to fork. All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5528 or hmspermits.noaa.gov.
- . HMS permit required in federal waters.



## Wahoo

## **Minimum Size Limits:**

None

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

· 2 per harvester

## **Blackfin Tuna**

## **Minimum Size Limits:**

## . No minimum size limit

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

· 2 fish per person or 10 fish per vessel per day, whichever is greater.

## Mackerel, King

## **Minimum Size Limits:**

• 24" fork length

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- Atlantic (excluding Monroe) 2 per harvester
- Gulf (including Monroe) 3 per harvester

## Remarks

· Bag limit reduced to 1 in some state waters if federal waters are closed to recreational harvest.



## **Tripletail**

**Minimum Size Limits:** 

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

· 2 per harvester

## Remarks

. Hook and line only. No snatch hooks.



## Mackerel, Spanish

Minimum Size Limits: • 12" fork length

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

· 15 per harvester



if head removed

Minimum Size Limits: • 47" lower jaw fork length with head attached or 25" cleithrum to keel length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit: • 1 per harvester per day, not to exceed a maximum of 4 per recreational (not forhire) vessel or 15 per for-hire vessel

 All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5528. HMS permit required in federal waters. Zero daily bag and possession limit for

captain and crew of for-hire vessels.



## **Dolphinfish**

## Minimum Size Limits:

· Atlantic - 20" fork length • Gulf - None

## Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

• 10 per harvester per day, not to exceed 60 per vessel per day. Vessel limit does not apply to for-hire vessels.



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Cobia (Ling)

• 33" fork length

6 per vessel

2 per vessel

**Minimum Size Limits:** 

**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:** 

. Gulf - 1 per harvester, not to exceed

. Atlantic - 1 per harvester not to exceed

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## **Coastal Species**



## **Bluefish**

## **Minimum Size Limits:**

• 12" fork length

### **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- Atlantic 3 per harvester
- . Gulf 10 per harvester (includes Monroe County)



#### Size Limits:

- . Not less than 15" or more than 19"
- . May not possess more than 1 over 19" per vessel

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- 3 per harvester per day W.P. Zone
- 5 per harvester per day B.B. Zone
- 3 per harvester per day S. Zone
- 2 per harvester per day C.E. Zone
- 5 per harvester per day N.E Zone

### **Closed Season:**

- · Feb. W.P. Zone
- . Nov Dec. C.F. Zone

#### Remarks

- . 6 fish vessel limit south of state road 64 (Manatee County) through Gordon Pass (Collier County) through May 31, 2022
- . See management zone map on pg. 9
- Zero bag limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels
- · For current regulations see MyFWC.com



## Size Limits:

. Not less than 14" or more than 24"

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

5 per harvester

## Remarks

. May possess one over 24". Snatching



## Flounder Minimum Size Limits:

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

5 ner harvester

## **Closed Season:**

Oct 15 – Nov 30

### Remarks

· May be harvested by spearing. Snatching prohibited.



#### Size Limits:

 22" fork Special Permit Zone (SPZ); Not less than 11" or more than 22" fork length all other areas

## Closed Season:

· April 1-July 31 SPZ Only

## Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester, not to exceed 2 per vessel SPZ:
- · 2 per harvester all other state waters

- · May possess 1 over 22" fork length outside the SPZ, not to exceed 2 over 22" fork per vessel per day. For map of SPZ, please see: MyFWC.com.
- · Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels



## **Minimum Size Limits:**

• 11" fork length

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

. Hook and line, cast net and beach or haul seine ONLY.

· 6 per harvester

**Bonefish** 

# **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

0 per harvester

## Remarks

- · Catch and release only
- · Hook and line only



### Minimum Size Limits:

Weakfish

- · Weakfish Management Area (WMA) in Nassau County - 12"
- All other areas no minimum

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

 WMA - 1 per harvester • All other areas - 100 pounds per harvester

## Remarks

- Regulations apply in parts of Nassau County only.
- . See map at: MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational/Weakfish



## Mullet, Striped (Black) & Silver

## **Minimum Size Limits:**

No minimum size

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- 50 aggregate per harvester;
- Aggregate vessel limits Feb. 1-Aug. 31: 100 per vessel; Sept. 1-Jan. 31: 50 per vessel

# **Atlantic Croaker** and Spot

# **Minimum Size Limits:**

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- . Atlantic 50 per harvester per species (excludes Monroe County)
- . Gulf 100lbs per harvester (including Monroe County)



#### Size Limits:

- Not less than 28" or more than 32" Atlantic excluding Monroe
- Not less than 28" or more than 33" **Gulf and Monroe County**

### **Closed Season:**

- Atlantic (excluding Monroe) closed Dec. 15-Jan. 31 and June 1-Aug. 31.
- · Gulf including Monroe County, Dec. 1end of February, and May 1-Aug. 31.

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

1 per harvester

- Catch-and-release only from SR 64 (Manatee County) south through Gordon Pass (Collier County)
- · Snook permit required for harvest when saltwater license required. See MyFWC.com for snook permit details. Snatch hooks and spearing prohibited.
- Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels



## **Blue Runner**

## Minimum Size Limits:

No minimum

## Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

100 fish per harvester

## Sheepshead Minimum Size Limits:

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

8 per harvester

## Remarks

- Snatching prohibited
- . Vessel limit of 50 fish during March and April



## **Recreational Bag Limit:**

• 1 per harvester per year. \$50 harvest tag required. Vessel limit of one fish. Harvest tag can only be used when fish is retained for potential IGFA record.

#### Remarks

• Tarpon over 40 inches must remain in the water during release. Spearing and snatch hooking prohibited. Bottom weighted jigs prohibited in Boca Grande Pass. See: MyFWC.com/Fishing/ Saltwater/Recreational/Tarpon for additional information.



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## Red Drum (Redfish)

Size Limits: . Not less than 18" or more than 27"

## Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester per day in the NE zone, and 1 per harvester in the NW and S zone. See map on p. 6
- Off the water possession limit of 6 fish

## Remarks

- · Catch-and-release only from SR 64 (Manatee County) south through **Gordon Pass (Collier County) through** May 31, 2022
- · Gigging, spearing, snatching prohibited. Harvest in Federal waters prohibited.

# **Can't find your fish in the regulations?**

Florida's coastal waters are home to thousands of marine species, and the majority of these species have no specific regulations with regard to bag limits, size limits, gear restrictions or closed seasons. These species are often referred to as "unregulated species," although the name can be a bit misleading. State law provides that for any marine species that does not have specific regulations, harvesting more than 100 pounds or two fish (whichever is the greater amount) constitutes a commercial quantity and requires a commercial license. This means the recreational harvest limit for any unregulated species is 100 pounds or two organisms if the combined weight of the two organisms exceeds 100 pounds.









## Examples of "unregulated species" include:

Ladyfish, bonito, menhaden, white grunt, southern stingray, gulf kingfish (whiting), pinfish, jack crevalle, cero mackerel, hardhead catfish, gafftopsail catfish, lionfish.

\* No license is required to harvest lionfish by dipnet, pole spear or Hawaiian sling and lionfish bag limit is unlimited for both Gulf and Atlantic state waters .

- Spearing Prohibited
- Must remain in whole condition (removal of gills and guts allowed).
- Measured as total length. Total length is the straight line distance from the most forward part of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed together while the fish is lying on its side.
- State regulations apply in federal waters.

- Additional gear rules apply, please see: MyFWC.com
- Harvest prohibited by or with the use of any multiple hook (any hook with two or more points and a common shaft) in conjunction with live or dead natural bait.
- State Reef Fish Angler designation required when fishing for select reef fish species from a private vessel in the Gulf of Mexico or Atlantic Ocean.

## **Crustaceans and Mollusks**



## **Bay Scallops**

### Season:

- · Gulf County: Aug. 16-Sept. 24
- Franklin-NW Taylor County: July 1-Sept. 24
- Dixie and remaining Taylor County: June 15-Labor Day
- Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties: July 1-Sept. 24
   Pasco County: 10 days starting on 3rd Friday in July

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- 2 gallons whole or 1 pint meat per harvester; no more than 10 gallons whole, or ½ gallon meat per vessel anytime
- Dixie and remaining Taylor County: From June 15-30, one gallon whole/one cup meat per person or five gallons whole/two pints meat per vessel, whichever is less

#### Remarks

 Harvest allowed only in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico from the Pinellas - Pasco county line, to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County. Direct transit through closed areas permitted.

## Shrimp



 April & May closed in Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Putnam, Flagler & Clay counties

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

 5 gallons heads on per harvester or vessel, whichever is less

#### Remarks

- Visit: MyFWC.com/Fishing and select "Saltwater", "Regulations" and "Shrimp" for additional regulations specific to Dade. Nassau and Duval
- See 68B-31 F.A.C for more information on areas closed to shrimping

# Spiny Lobster Minimum Size Limit:

Carapace must be greater than 3" measured in
the water.

#### Seasons:

- Sport Season open July 27-28, 2022
- Regular Season opens Aug. 6 through March 31

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

- Sport Season: 6 per harvester per day in Monroe County and Biscayne National Park, 12 in all other harvest areas.
- Regular Season: 6 per harvester in all areas

#### Remarks

 Recreational trapping prohibited. Spiny lobster permit required when license required. Harvest of egg-bearing females prohibited.

## Clams (Hard)

### **Minimum Size Limits:**

• 1" thick across hinge

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

 One 5 gal. bucket per harvester or 2 per vessel (whole in shell)

#### Remarks

- . Illegal to harvest from closed areas.
- Go to www.FloridaAquaculture.com for allowable harvesting areas.
- May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.

# Crab, Stone Minimum Size Limits:

• 2 7/8" claw

### **Closed Season:**

• May 2-Oct. 14

## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

 1 gal. claws per harvester or 2 gal. per vessel, whichever is less

### Remarks

 5 traps maximum. Visit MyFWC.com for statewide trap construction requirements and specific requirements that apply in Miami-Dade, Monroe and Collier. Illegal to possess whole crab. Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited. See how to properly de-claw on our website. New trap registration requirements, visit GoOutdoorsFlorida.com to register.



#### **Closed Season:**

 Regional trap closures apply. Visit MyFWC.com for 2022 trap closure dates and locations.

### **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

. 10 gallons whole per harvester

#### Remarks

 5 traps maximum. Trap requirements apply.
 Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited. New trap registration requirements, visit GoOutdoorsFlorida. com to register.

## **Oysters**

### **Minimum Size Limit:**

• 3"

### **Closed Season:**

- June, July, Aug. in Dixie, Wakulla, Levy counties.
- July, Aug., Sept. in all other areas except
- Apalachicola Bay.
- · Apalachicola Bay: Closed

#### Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

 2 bags per harvester or vessel except Apalachicola Bay

### Remarks

- Harvest from approved shellfish areas during daylight hours only.
- Go to FloridaAquaculture.com to determine the Open or Closed status of shellfish harvesting areas.
- May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.
- 1 Bag = 60 lbs. or two 5 gal. buckets (whole in shell)
- Harvest prohibited in any harvest area that is in the Closed status as determined by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Bay County: Harvest and possession prohibited in West Bay Estuarine Habitat Restoration Project Zone

## **Sharks**

## Retainable Sharks with a 54" fork length minimum $\blacktriangle \star \intercal$

Blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle (not illustrated).



## Retainable Sharks with no minimum size limit A \* T

Finetooth, Smooth Dogfish, Florida and Gulf Smoothhounds (not illustrated).



# Retainable Sharks with a 83" fork length minimum $\blacktriangle \star T$



## **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**

• 1 per harvester or 2 per vessel per day, whichever is less.

## Remarks

- The retainable sharks are managed as a group for bag limit purposes. In other words, you can only harvest one shark per day and the shark that you harvest must be one of the retainable species.
- Hook-and-line gear only.
- Shore-based Shark Fishing educational course and permit required.
- See list of prohibited species below.

## **Prohibited Species**

## It is unlawful to harvest, possess, land, purchase, sell or exchange the following species:

Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Nassau Grouper, Sawfish, Atlantic Angel Shark, Basking Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger Shark, Bigeye Sixgill Shark, Bigeye Thresher Shark, Bignose Shark, Caribbean Reef Shark, Caribbean Sharphose Shark, Dusky Shark, Galapagos Shark, Lemon Shark, Longfin Mako Shark, Narrowtooth Shark, Night Shark, Sikly Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Sandbar Shark, Sevengill Shark, Sixgill Shark, Smalltail Shark, Smilt Shark, Spiny Dogfish, Whale Shark, White Shark, Greater, Scalloped and Smooth Hammerhead Shark, Manta Ray, Devil Ray, Spotted Eagle Ray, Longbill Spearfish, Mediterranean Spearfish, Sturgeon, Queen Conch, Calico Scallop, Stony, Hard, Black and Fire Corals, Sea Fans, Bahama Starfish, and Longspine Urchin. Harvest of live rock in state waters is prohibited. Puffer fish harvest is prohibited in Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties.