



Bonefish 68B-34 F.A.C

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68B-34.002	Definitions		7/1/2006
68B-34.003	Bonefish Size Limit; Bag and Possession Limits; Exception, Gear Restriction		3/1/2005

68B-34.002 Definitions.

(1) "Bonefish" means any fish of the species *Albula vulpes*, or any part thereof.

(2) "Harvest" means the catching or taking of a fish by any means whatsoever, followed by a reduction of such fish to possession. Fish that are caught, but immediately returned to the water free, alive, and unharmed are not harvested. Temporary possession of a fish for the purpose of measuring it to determine compliance with size limits imposed by this chapter shall not constitute harvest, provided it is measured immediately after taking and immediately returned to the water free, alive, and unharmed if undersized.

(3) "Harvest for commercial purposes" means the taking or harvesting of fish for purposes of sale, barter, trade, or exchange, or with intent to sell, barter, trade, or exchange, or in excess of established bag limits.

(4) "Total length" means the straight line distance from the most forward point of the head with the mouth closed, to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed, while the fish is lying on its side.

Specific Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History--New 3-1-88, Amended 1-1-98, Formerly 46-34.002, Amended 3-1-05, 7-1-06.

68B-34.003 Bonefish Size Limit; Bag and Possession Limits; Exception, Gear Restriction.

(1) No person shall harvest in or from the waters of the state at any time, or unnecessarily destroy, any bonefish of total length less than 18 inches.

(2) No person shall kill or harvest from the waters of the state more than one bonefish per day, nor possess more than one bonefish at any time.

(3) The possession limit imposed by this rule shall not apply to bonefish kept on the premises of a taxidermist for the limited purpose of mounting bonefish for the harvesters thereof, so long as each such fish is clearly labeled to indicate the name and address of the owner.

(4) The harvest or attempted harvest of any bonefish in or from state waters is prohibited except by use of hook and line gear.

(5) The harvest or possession of bonefish for commercial purposes is prohibited.

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