Statewide Black Bass Regulations
Effective July 1, 2016

- Daily bag limit is 5 black bass (including Largemouth, Suwannee, Spotted, Choctaw, and Shoal Bass, individually or in total).
- Only 1 black bass may be 16 inches or longer in total length.
- There is no minimum length limit for Largemouth Bass.
- No person shall kill or possess any Suwannee, Shoal, Spotted, or Choctaw Bass less than 12 inches in total length.

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Chipola River Shoal Bass Conservation Zone:
No person shall kill or possess any Shoal Bass between Peacock Bridge and Johnny Boy Landing.

Black Bass Identification
Largemouth Bass

- Jaw extends beyond back of the eye
- Notch in the dorsal fin
- Side of body with distinct wide lateral stripe

Shoal, Choctaw, Suwannee, and Spotted Bass

- Jaw does not extend beyond back of the eye
- No notch in the dorsal fin

Suwannee, Choctaw, and Spotted Bass have a tooth patch on the tongue. Largemouth and Shoal Bass do not.

For additional information see myfwc.com/fishing/freshwater/regulations/

Ranges of black bass species in Florida

- Northern Largemouth Bass and hybrids
- Choctaw Bass
- Choctaw Bass, Spotted Bass, Shoal Bass
- Suwannee Bass
- Florida Largemouth Bass

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