

Agenda Item 18
September 3, 2015
Draft Rule Language

68B-60 Barracuda

68B-60.002 Definitions.

“Great barracuda” means a fish of the species *Sphyraena barracuda*, or any part thereof.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New _____.

68B-60.003 Regional Size Limits.

Minimum and Maximum Size Limits – The following size limit applies in all state and adjacent federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico south of a line extended due west from the Collier-Lee County Line (26°19.823’N. Latitude) and all state and adjacent federal waters of the Atlantic Ocean south of a line extended due east from the Martin-St. Lucie County Line (27°15.781’N. Latitude) including the waters off Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin Counties. A person may not harvest, possess, or land a great barracuda within the above described region that is less than 15 inches in fork length or greater than 36 inches in fork length.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New _____.

68B-60.004 Regional Bag and Vessel Limits.

The following bag limits apply in all state and adjacent federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico south of a line extended due west from the Collier-Lee County Line (26°19.823’N. Latitude) and all state and adjacent federal waters of the Atlantic Ocean south of a line extended due east from the Martin-St. Lucie County Line (27°15.781’N. Latitude) including the waters off Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin Counties.

(1) Recreational Bag Limit – A recreational harvester may not harvest, possess, or land more than two great barracuda per day within the above described region.

(2) Commercial Limits –

(a) Commercial Bag Limit – A commercial harvester may not harvest, possess, or land more than 20 great barracuda per day within the above described region.

(b) Commercial Vessel Limit - The commercial harvesters aboard a vessel may not collectively harvest, possess or land more than 20 great barracuda per day within the above described region, regardless of the number of persons onboard.

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