### 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.

**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, Cubera ▲ ▼ ●**
- Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic and Gulf - 12" (see below)
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester

**Snapper, Red ▲ ▼ ● X**
- Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic and Gulf - 12"
- Season: Atlantic - Open year-round
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic and Gulf - 2 per harvester

**Snapper, Vermillion ▲ ▼ ● X**
- Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic and Gulf - 8"
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester not included within snapper aggregate bag limit

**Other Snapper ▲ ▼ ●**
- Minimum Size Limits:
  - Bag 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

### 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 bluefin tilefish in a 3 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit 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 - 20"
- Gulf - 16"

**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

**Grouper, Black ▲ ▼ ● X**
- Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic - 24"
- Gulf - 24"
- Season: Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

**Grouper, Scamp ▲ ▼ ●**
- Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic - 20"
- Gulf - 16"
- Season: Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

**Grouper, Snowy ▲ ▼ ●**
- Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic and Gulf - None
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester

**Grouper, Vermillion ▲ ▼ ● X**
- Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic and Gulf - 8"
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester not included within snapper aggregate bag limit

**Grouper, Lane ▲ ▼ ●**
- Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic and Gulf - 12" total length
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

**Grouper, Schoolmaster ▲ ▼ ●**
- Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic and Gulf - 10"
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic and Gulf - 20 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

**Grouper, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth ▲ ▼ ●**
- Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic and Gulf - 20"
- Season: Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

**Gag Grouper ▲ ▼ ● X**
- Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic - 24"
- Gulf - 24"
- Season: Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - State waters off state line, except in Jefferson and Taylor counties
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic - 1 per harvester. Only 1 fish can be gag or black
- Gulf - 4 per harvester

**Other Grouper includes:**
- 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
- Gulf - Open year-round

**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester

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New regulations are highlighted in red (please visit MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational for the most current regulations)

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Reef Fish

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

**Amberjack, Greater**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic: 28” fork length
  - Gulf: 34” fork length
- **Season:**
  - Atlantic: Open year-round
  - Gulf: Open May 1-May 31, Aug. 1-Oct. 31
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic and Gulf: 1 per harvester

**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 year-round
  - Gulf: Open May 1-Aug. 31
- **Remarks:**
  - Blue 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:**
  - 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

**Red Porgy**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic: 14”
  - Gulf: None
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic: 3 per harvester
  - Gulf: 100 pounds

**Tilefish, Golden**
- **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

**Amberjack, Lesser & Banded Rudderfish**
- **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

**Black Sea Bass**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic: 13”
  - Gulf: 10”
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic: 7 per harvester
  - Gulf: 100 pounds per harvester

**Hogfish**
- **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, see MyFWC.com for updates
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic: 10 per harvester
  - Gulf: 1 per harvester

**Triggerfish (Gray)**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic: 47” lower jaw fork length with head attached or 25” cleithrum to keel length if head removed
- **Season:**
  - Atlantic: Open year-round
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 1 per harvester per day, not to exceed a maximum of 4 per recreational (not for-hire) vessel or 15 per for-hire vessel
- **Remarks:**
  - 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.

**Pelagics**

**Billfish**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Sailfish 63”
  - Blue Marlin 99”
  - White Marlin 66”
  - Roundtail 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
  - HMS permit required in federal waters.

**Blackfin Tuna**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - No minimum size limit
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 2 fish per person or 10 fish per vessel, 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.

**Mackerel, Spanish**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 12” fork length
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 15 per harvester

**Swordfish**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 47” lower jaw fork length with head attached or 25” cleithrum to keel length if head removed
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 1 per harvester per day, not to exceed a maximum of 4 per recreational (not for-hire) vessel or 15 per for-hire vessel
- **Remarks:**
  - 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.

**Dolphinsish**
- **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.

**Wahoo**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - None
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 2 per harvester

**Cobia (Ling)**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 33” fork length
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic: 1 per harvester not to exceed 6 per vessel
  - Gulf: 1 per harvester, not to exceed 2 per vessel

**Tripletail**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 18”
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 2 per harvester
- **Remarks:**
  - Hook and line only. No snatch hooks.

**Dolphinfish**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic: Open March 1-May 31, Aug. 1-Dec. 31
- **Season:**
  - Atlantic: Open March 1-May 31, Aug. 1-Dec. 31
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic: 7 per harvester

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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)

Flounder

Minimum Size Limits:
• 14”

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
• 5 per harvester

Closed Season:
• Oct. 15 - Nov. 30

Remarks
• May be harvested by spearing. Snatching prohibited.

Bonefish

Minimum Size Limits:
• 0 per harvester

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
• Catch and release only

Remarks
• Hook and line only

Permit

Minimum 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

Remarks
• 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 FWC.com
• Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels

Weakfish

Minimum Size Limits:
• 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: FWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational/Weakfish

Snook

Minimum 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. 1-end of February, and May 1-Aug. 31.

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
• 1 per harvester

Remarks
• Remains Catch-and-release only south of state road 64 (Manatee County) through Gordon Pass (Collier County)
• Snook permit required for harvest when saltwater license required. See FWC.com for snook permit details. Snatch hooks and spearing prohibited.
• Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels

Pompano, African

Minimum Size Limits:
• 12” fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
• 8 per harvester

Remarks
• Snatching prohibited
• Vessel limit of 50 fish during March and April

Sheepshead

Minimum Size Limits:
• 12”

Daily 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

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 5 per harvester in the NW and S zone. See map on p. 6
• Off the water possession limit of 6 fish

Remarks
• Remains Catch-and-release only south of state road 64 (Manatee County) through Gordon Pass (Collier County)
• Gagging, spearing, snatch hooking 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.

★ 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.

Gulf Kingfish

Jack Crevalle

Lionfish

Hardhead Catfish

Examples of “unregulated species” include:
Ladyfish, bonitos, menhaden, white grunt, southern stingray, gulf kingfish (whiting), pinfish, Atlantic croaker, 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.

T Additional gear rules apply, please see FWC.com
X 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.
Bay Scallop

**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

**Closed Season:**
- 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

Clams (Hard)

**Minimum Size Limit:**
- 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 FloridaAquaculture.com for allowable harvesting areas.
- May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.

**Crab, Blue**

**Closed Season:**
- Regional trap closures apply. Visit MyFWC.com for 2021 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.

**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

**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. Trap requirements apply. Harvest of egg-bearing females prohibited.

**Sharks**

**Retainable Sharks with a 54” fork length minimum**

- Blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle (not illustrated)

**Retainable Sharks with no minimum size limit**

- Fineooth, Smooth Dogfish, Florida and Gulf Smoothhounds (not illustrated)

**Prohibited Species**

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

**Retainable Sharks with a 83” fork length minimum**

- Shortfin Mako

**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.