## 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:

- **Snapper, Cubera**
  - Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic and Gulf - 12” (see below)
  - Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester per day

- **Snapper, Red**
  - Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic - 30”
  - Gulf - 16”
  - Season: Atlantic - Open year-round
  - Gulf - June 11–July 25 and Oct. 17, 24, 25, 31 and Nov. 1, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29
  - Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic and Gulf - 2 per harvester

- **Snapper, Vermilion**
  - Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic and Gulf - 8”
  - Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester

### Other Snapper

### Minimum Size Limits:

- **Snapper, Gray** (Mangrove)
  - Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic and Gulf - 10”
  - Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester

- **Snapper, Mutton**
  - 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 Aggregate Bag Limit - all species of grouper plus golden tilefish in the Atlantic are included in a 3 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit in any combination of grouper/golden tilefish species.
- Seasons – If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.

### Minimum Size Limits:

- **Grouper, Black**
  - 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.
  - Gulf - 4 per harvester

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

### Gag Grouper

### Minimum Size Limits:

- **Gag Grouper**
  - Minimum Size Limits: Atlantic and Gulf - 20”
  - Season: Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1–April 30
  - Gulf - Open year-round
  - Daily Recreational Bag Limit: Atlantic - 1 per harvester.
  - Gulf - 4 per harvester

### Other Grouper

### Minimum Size Limits:

- **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: Aggregate bag limits apply

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**Note:** New regulations are highlighted in red. For the most current regulations, visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational](https://MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational). All art: © Diane Rome Peebles, except snowy grouper (Duane Raver).
### Reef Fish

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

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**Remarks**
- Golden tilefish included within Atlantic Grouper aggregate bag limits
- Measured tip of lower jaw to fork. All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5529.
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## Coastal Species

### Bluefish
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 12" fork length
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Bag limit reduction pending
- **Remarks**:
  - Changes coming

### Permit
- **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 length 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

### Black Drum
- **Size Limits:**
  - Not less than 14" or more than 24"
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 5 per harvester
- **Remarks**:
  - May possess one over 24". Snatching prohibited.

### Flounder
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 12"
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 10 per harvester
- **Remarks**:
  - May be harvested by spearing. Snatching prohibited.

### Bonefish
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 24" fork length
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 2 per harvester per day, not to exceed 2 per vessel
- **Remarks**:
  - Catch and release only
  - Hook and line only

### Spotted Seatrout
- **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
- **Remarks**:
  - See management zone map on pg. 7.
  - Zero bag limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels
  - For current regulations see MyFWC.com
  - Remains Catch-and-release only in Pasco-Gordon Pass/Collier counties.

### Weakfish
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Weakfish Management Area (WMA) in Nassau County - 12"
  - All other areas - no minimum
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 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.

### Snook
- **(All species)**
  - **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:**
    - Gulf including Monroe County, Dec. 1–end of February, and May 1–Aug. 31.
  - **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
    - 1 per harvester
    - 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
    - Remains Catch-and-release only in Pasco-Gordon Pass/Collier counties

### Tarpon
- **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**:
  - Giggling, spearing, snatching prohibited. Harvest in Federal waters prohibited.
  - Remains Catch-and-release only in Pasco-Gordon Pass/Collier counties

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### 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.

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**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.**

**Spearing Prohibited**

**Harvest prohibited 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.**

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* Additional gear rules apply, please see MyFWC.com.*

* Examples of “unregulated species” include: Ladyfish, bonitas, 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.**
**Crustaceans and Mollusks**

**Bay Scallops**
- **Season**: Franklin-WW Taylor County: July 1–Sept. 24, 2020
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: 2 gallons whole or 1 pint meat per harvester; no more than 10 gallons whole, or 1/2 gallon meat per vessel anytime
- **Remarks**: Retainable Scallops with 23" gill opening minimum

**Spiny Lobster**
- **Minimum Size Limit**: Carapace must be greater than 3" measured in the water
- **Seasons**: Sport season open July 29–30, 2020
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: 1 per harvester or 2 gal. per vessel, whichever is less
- **Remarks**: Recreational trapping prohibited. Spiny lobster permit required when license required. Harvest of egg-bearing females prohibited.

**Crab, Stone**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: 2/3"/4" claw
- **Closed Season**: May 16–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.

**Oysters**
- **Minimum Size Limit**: 3"
- **Closed Season**: June, July, Aug., in Dixie, Wakulla, Levy counties.
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: 2 bags per harvester or vessel except Apalachicola Bay
- **Remarks**: Apalachicola Bay: special bag limits and other harvest restrictions apply. See MyFWC.com for detailed information.

**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 counties.

**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.
- **Regional trap closures apply. Visit MyFWC.com for detailed information.**

**Crab, Blue**
- **Closed Season**: Regional trap closures apply. See map on page 6 visit MyFWC.com for 2020 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.

**Prohibited Species**

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