## Reef Fish

### 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.
- **Season**: If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.

#### Snapper, Cubera ▲ ▲

- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic and Gulf - 12” (see below)
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

#### Snapper, Red ▲ ▲ ▲ X

- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic and Gulf - 20”
- **Season**: Atlantic - Open year-round
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

#### Snapper, Vermilion ▲ ▲ ▲ X

- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic and Gulf - 12”
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

#### Snapper, Lane ▲ ▲

- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic and Gulf - 8”
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

### Other Snapper ▲ ▲

#### Minimum Size Limits:
- **Bag and Mahogany, Atlantic and Gulf - 12”**: No minimum size limit for other snappers.
- **Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester**: No minimum size limit for other snappers.

#### Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
- **Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester**: No minimum size limit for other snappers.

### 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.

#### 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.

#### Grouper, Black ▲ ▲ ▲ X

- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic - 24”
- **Season**: Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1–April 30
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic - 1 per harvester

#### Grouper, Snowy ▲ ▲

- **Minimum Size Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - None
- **Season**: Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1–April 30
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic - 1 per harvester

#### Grouper, Red ▲ ▲ ▲ X

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

#### Grouper, Vermillion ▲ ▲ ▲ X

- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic and Gulf - 12”
- **Season**: Atlantic - Open year-round
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

#### Grouper, Vermilion ▲ ▲ ▲ X

- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic and Gulf - 12”
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

#### Grouper, Lane ▲ ▲

- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic and Gulf - 8”
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

#### Grouper, Yellowtail ▲ ▲ ▲ X

- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic and Gulf - 12”
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

#### Grouper, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth ▲ ▲

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

#### Other Grouper ▲

- **Other Grouper includes**: Rock hind, Red hind, Coney and Grayshy
- **Minimum Size Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - None
- **Season**: Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1–April 30
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Aggregate bag limits apply
### Other Reef Fish

**Remarks**

- Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
- Minimum Size Limits:

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<td>Amberjack, Greater</td>
<td>Atlantic - Open year-round</td>
<td>- Atlantic: 28&quot; fork length</td>
<td>- Atlantic: 1 per harvester</td>
<td>Regulations only apply in Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties.</td>
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<td>- Gulf: 34&quot; fork length</td>
<td>- Gulf: 1 per harvester</td>
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<td>Red Porgy</td>
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<td>- Atlantic: 14&quot;</td>
<td>- Atlantic: 3 per harvester</td>
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<td>- Gulf: None</td>
<td>- Gulf: 100 pounds</td>
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<td>Tilefish, Golden</td>
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<td>- Atlantic: 1 per harvester</td>
<td>- Atlantic: 2 fish per person per vessel per day, whichever is greater</td>
<td>Golden tilefish included within Atlantic Grouper aggregate bag limits</td>
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<td>Black Sea Bass</td>
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<td>- Atlantic: 13&quot;</td>
<td>- Atlantic: 7 per harvester</td>
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<td>- Gulf: 10&quot;</td>
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### Pelagics

**Remarks**

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<td>Billfish</td>
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<td>- Atlantic: 0 minimum size limit</td>
<td>- Atlantic: 2 fish per person per vessel per day, whichever is greater</td>
<td>Measured tip of lower jaw to fork. All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5529 or hmspermits.noaa.gov.</td>
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<td>Blackfin Tuna</td>
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<td>- 24&quot; fork length</td>
<td>- Blackfin: 2 fish per person or 10 fish per vessel per day</td>
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<td>Mackerel, King</td>
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<td>- Atlantic: 20&quot; fork length</td>
<td>- Atlantic: 2 fish per person or 10 fish per vessel per day</td>
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<td>Mackerel, Spanish</td>
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<td>- 12&quot; fork length</td>
<td>- Atlantic: 2 fish per person or 10 fish per vessel per day</td>
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<td>Swordfish</td>
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<td>- 25&quot; fork length</td>
<td>- Atlantic: 2 fish per person or 10 fish per vessel per day</td>
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<td>Wahoo</td>
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<td>- 33&quot; fork length</td>
<td>- Atlantic: 1 per harvester not to exceed 6 per vessel</td>
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<td>Cobia (Ling)</td>
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<td>- 18&quot;</td>
<td>- Atlantic: 2 fish per person or 10 fish per vessel per day</td>
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<td>Tripletail</td>
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<td>- 47&quot; lower jaw fork length with head attached or 25&quot; cleithrum to keel length if head removed</td>
<td>- Hook and line only. No snatch hooks.</td>
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<td>Dolphinfish</td>
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<td>- 47&quot; lower jaw fork length with head attached or 25&quot; cleithrum to keel length if head removed</td>
<td>- 10 per harvester per day, not to exceed 60 per vessel per day. Vessel limit does not apply to for-hire vessels.</td>
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Coastal Species

**Bluefish**
- Minimum Size Limits: • 12” fork length
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: • 10 per harvester
- Remarks • Changes coming

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

**Bonefish**
- Minimum Size Limits: • 0 per harvester
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: • Catch and release only • Hook and line only

**Spotted Seatrout**
- Minimum Size Limits: • Not less than 15” or more than 19”
- 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 • 1 per harvester per day N.E Zone
- Closed Season: • Feb. W.P. Zone • Nov. - Dec. C.E. Zone
- Remarks • See management zone map on pg. 7. • Zero bag limit for captain and crew of 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: MyFWC.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
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: • 1 per harvester
- Remarks • 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

**Sheepshead**
- Minimum Size Limits: • No minimum
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: • 100 fish per harvester

**Pompano, African**
- Minimum Size Limits: • 12”
- Daily Recreational Bag Limit: • 2 per harvester per day, not to exceed 2 per vessel

**Snatch hooks and spearing 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.

- **Gulf Kingfish**
- **Jack Crevalle**
- **Lionfish**
- **Hardhead Catfish**

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- **Examples of “unregulated species” include:**
  - Ladyfish, bonita, menhaden, white grunt, southern stingray, gulf kingfish (whiting), pinfish, Atlantic croaker, jack crevalle, cero mackerel, hardhead catfish, gagtopsail 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.**

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

- **Harvest prohibited by 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.**
Crustaceans and Mollusks

Bay Scallops

Season:
• Franklin-WN Taylor County: July 1–Sept. 24, 2020
• 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 1/2 gallon meat per person anytime
• Dixie and remaining Taylor County: June 15–30, one gallon whole/or one cup meat per person or five gallons whole/two plots 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.

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

Spiny Lobster

Minimum Size Limit:
• Carapace must be greater than 3" measured in the water

Seasons:
• Sport season open July 29–30, 2020
• Regular season opens Aug. 6 through March 31

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
• Sport season: 6 per harvester per day in Monroe County and Biscayne National Park, 12 in all other harvest areas.
• Regular Season: 6 per harvester in all areas

Clams (Hard)

Minimum Size Limits:
• 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.
• To go to www.FloridaAquaculture.com for allowable harvest areas.
• May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.

Crab, Blue

Closed Season:
• Regional trap closures apply. See map on page 6 or 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.

Crab, Stone

Minimum Size Limit:
• 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.
• July, Aug., Sept. in all other areas except Apalachicola Bay which has open areas year-round.

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.
• Apalachicola Bay has summer & winter seasons/areas.
• 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
• Changes coming

Sharks

Retainable Sharks with a 54" fork length minimum

Blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle (not illustrated).

Retainable Sharks with no minimum size limit

Finetooth, Smooth Dogfish, Florida Smoothhounds (not illustrated).

Prohibited Species

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