### 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.
- Seasons – if no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.

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#### 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

#### 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 blueline tilefish in any combination of species. Seasons – if no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.

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**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.

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*Zero bag limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels applies to gag, black, and red grouper only.*
### Other Reef Fish

#### 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 May 1–Aug. 31
  - Gulf: Open year-round

#### 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

#### Hogfish
- **Atlantic regulations apply to Monroe county.**
- **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

#### Black Sea Bass
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic: 13”
  - Gulf: 10”
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic: 1 per harvester
  - Gulf: 5 per harvester

### Pelagics

#### Billfish
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Sailfish: 63”
  - Blue Marlin: 99”
  - White Marlin: 66”
  - Roundscale 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 800-894-5529.
  - 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 per day, 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 800-894-5529. HMS permit required in federal waters. Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels.

#### 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: 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.

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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**
- Catch and release only
- Hook and line only

### Bonefish

**Minimum Size Limits:**
- **24” fork length**

**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
- 2 per harvester per day, not to exceed 2 per vessel

### 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:**
- 3 per harvester per day W.P. Zone
- 5 per harvester per day B.B. Zone

### 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:**
- 2 per harvester per day C.E. Zone
- 2 per harvester per day B.B. Zone
- 2 per harvester per day C.E. Zone
- 5 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. 9
- 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.

### Pompano, Florida

**Minimum Size Limits:**
- **11” fork length**

**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
- 6 per harvester

**Remarks**
- Hook and line, cast net and beach or baul seine only.

### Tarpon

**Recreational Bag Limit:**
- 1 per harvester per year.

### 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.
- Off the water possession limit of 6 fish

**Remarks**
- Giggling, spearin, 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.

- **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.

- **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.

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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.
## Crustaceans and Mollusks
### Bay Scallops
- **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.

### Spiny Lobster
- **Minimum Size Limit:**
  - Carapace must be greater than 3“ measured in the water.

- **Seasons:**
  - Sport Season open July 28–29, 2021
  - Regular Season opens Aug. 6 through March 31

### 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.

### 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.

- **Apalachicola Bay: Closed**

- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 2 bags per harvester or vessel except Apalachicola Bay

### 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)

### Crab, Blue
- **Closed Season:**
  - Regional trap closures apply. Visit MyFWC.com for 2021 trap closure dates and locations.

### Retainable Sharks with a 54” fork length minimum
- **Blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle (not illustrated).**

### Retainable Sharks with a 83” fork length minimum
- **Shortfin Mako**

### Retainable Sharks with no minimum size limit
- **Fineooth, Smooth Dogfish, Florida Smoothhounds (not illustrated).**

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