### 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.

**Remarks:**
- Seasons - If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.
- Certain species are closed to harvesting during designated periods for conservation purposes.

#### Minimum Size Limits:

**Atlantic and Gulf - 12”**

**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
- Atlantic - 10 per harvester
- Gulf - 10 per harvester

**Snapper, Cubera ▲ ● ●**  
**Minimum Size Limits:**  
- Atlantic and Gulf - 12” (see remarks)  
**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**  
- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester under 30”, included within snapper aggregate bag limit.  
- May additionally harvest up to 2 per harvester or vessel whenever the size is less than 30”, and these 2 fish over 30” are not included within snapper aggregate bag limit.

**Snapper, Red ▲ ● ● X**  
**Minimum Size Limits:**
- Atlantic - 16”  
**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”  
- Gulf - 10”  
**Season:**  
- Atlantic - Open year-round  
- Gulf - Open June 11 - July 12, 2019  
**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**  
- Atlantic - 2 per harvester, not included within the snapper aggregate bag limit.  
- Gulf - Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels.

**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

**Snapper, Schoolmaster ▲ ● ●**  
**Minimum Size Limits:**
- Atlantic and Gulf - 10”  
**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**  
- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

**Snapper, Black & Wenchman ▲ ●**  
**Minimum Size Limits:**
- Atlantic and Gulf - None  
**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 Aggregate Bag Limit - all species of grouper plus golden tilefish in the Atlantic are included in a 4 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit in any combination of grouper/golden tilefish species.

**Gulf Grouper General Regulations:**
- Gulf grouper regulations apply to all state waters of the Gulf except off Monroe County (where Atlantic rules apply).

**Snapper, Black ▲ ● ● X**  
**Minimum Size Limits:**
- Atlantic and Gulf - 24”  
**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, black, or red.  
- Gulf - 4 per harvester

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

**Grouper, Red ▲ ● ● X**  
**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

**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:**  
- Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per vessel per day of each species

**Grouper, Scamp ▲ ● ●**  
**Minimum Size Limits:**
- Atlantic and Gulf - 20”  
**Season:**  
- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1 - April 30  
- Gulf - Open year-round  
**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**  
- Atlantic - 5 per harvester  
- Gulf - 2 per harvester

**Gag Grouper ▲ ● ● X**  
**Minimum Size Limits:**
- Atlantic and Gulf - None  
**Season:**  
- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1 - April 30  
- Gulf - State waters off all other counties: Open June 1 - Dec. 31  
**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**  
- Atlantic - 1 per harvester. Only 1 fish can be gag or black.  
- Gulf - 2 per harvester

**Snapper, Red ▲ ● ● X**  
**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

**Snapper, Black & Wenchman ▲ ●**  
**Minimum Size Limits:**
- Atlantic and Gulf - None  
**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**  
- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

**Snapper, Red ▲ ● ● X**  
**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

**Snapper, Black ▲ ● ● X**  
**Minimum Size Limits:**
- Atlantic and Gulf - None  
**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**  
- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

**Atlantic and Gulf - None**

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

**Other Snapper ▲ ● ●**
- Includes: Black, Dog, Mahogany, Queen, Silk and Yellowsnail

**Starting July 1, 2019:** size limit removed for Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

**Snapper Aggregate Bag Limit - Within combination of snapper species, unless stated otherwise.**

**General Regulations:**
- For the most current regulations (please visit: MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational for the most current regulations)
### Other Reef Fish

*(If no season information is provided, the species is open year-round)*

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**Remarks**

- Regulations only apply in Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties.
- Bag limit reduced to 1 in some state waters if federal waters are closed to recreational harvest.
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- Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels.
- Hook and line only. No snubbing hooks.
- Measured tip of lower jaw to fork. All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5528 or bsppermits.noaa.gov.
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### Coastal Species

#### Bluefish
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 12" fork length
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 10 per harvester

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

#### Bonefish
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 5 per harvester
- **Remarks:**
  - Catch and release only
  - Hook and line only

#### Pompano, African
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 24" fork length
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 2 per harvester, not to exceed 2 per vessel

#### Sheepshead
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 12"
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 8 per harvester
- **Remarks:**
  - Snatching prohibited
  - Vessel limit of 50 fish during March and April

#### Permit
- **Size Limits:**
  - 22" fork Special Permit Zone (SPZ); Not less than 12" 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 MyFWC.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 day
- **Remarks:**
  - Regulations apply in parts of Nassau County only.
  - See map at MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational/Weakfish
  - Changes pending, see MyFWC.com for updates

#### Spotted Seatrout
- **Size Limits:**
  - Not less than 15" or more than 20" (See remarks)
  - Changes pending, see MyFWC.com for updates
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 5 per harvester per day N.W. Zone
  - 4 per harvester per day S.W. Zone
  - 4 per harvester per day S.E. Zone
  - 6 per harvester per day N.E. Zone
  - Changes pending, see MyFWC.com for updates

#### Snook (All species)
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 28" or more than 32" Atlantic excluding Monroe.
  - Not less than 28" or more than 33" Gulf and Monroe County.
- **Closed Season:**
  - Gulf (excluding Monroe County, Dec. 1–end of February, and May 1–Aug. 31.
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 1 per harvester
- **Remarks:**
  - Snook permit required for harvest when saltwater license required. See MyFWC.com for permit details. Snatch hooks and spearfishing prohibited.
  - Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels.
  - Catch and release only in SW region, see MyFWC.com for more information.

#### Sheepshead
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 12"
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 8 per harvester
- **Remarks:**
  - Snatching prohibited
  - Vessel limit of 50 fish during March and April

#### Tarpon
- **Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 1 per harvester per year; $50 harvest tag required.
  - Vessel limit of 3 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 1 per harvester in the NW and SE zone. See management zone map at MyFWC.com.
  - Off the water possession limit of 6 fish, not to exceed 8 per vessel.
- **Remarks:**
  - Giggling, spearfishing, snatching prohibited.
  - Harvest in Federal waters prohibited.
  - Catch and release only in SW region, see MyFWC.com for more information.

#### 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.

### Examples of “unregulated species” include:
- Ladyfish, bonito, menhaden, white grunt, southern stingray, gulf kingfish (whiting), pinfish, Atlantic croaker, lionfish, jack crevalle, cero mackerel, hardhead catfish, gafftopsail catfish and blackfin tuna.

* 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.

**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.
** Gulf reef fish survey required when fishing for selected reef species from a private vessel in the Gulf of Mexico.

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### Crustaceans and Mollusks

#### Bay Scallops

- **Season:**
  - Gulf County: Aug. 15–Sept. 15, 2019
  - Franklin-Hill Taylor & Levy-Hernando: July 1–Sept. 24, 2019
  - SW Taylor - Dixie: June 15 – Sept. 10, 2019
  - Pasco County: July 19–28, 2019

- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 2 gallons whole or 1 pint meat per harvester per day;
  - no more than 10 gallons whole, or ½ gallon meat per vessel anytime

- **Remarks:**
  - Harvest allowed only in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico from the Florida-Panama County line, to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County. It is illegal to harvest, possess and land bay scallops on waters outside open harvest area.
  - See regional map at MyFWC.com

#### Spiny Lobster

- **Minimum Size Limit:**
  - Carapace must be greater than 3” measured in the water

- **Seasons:**
  - Sport Season open July 24–25, 2019
  - Regular Season opens Aug. 1 through March 31

- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 1 gal. claws 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.

- **Notes:**
  - List of prohibited species below.

- **Seasons:**
  - Gulf County: Aug. 6 through March 31

#### Crab, Stone

- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - 2” claw

- **Closed Season:**
  - May 16–Oct. 14

- **Remarks:**
  - 5 traps maximum. Trap requirements apply. Harvest of
  - 10 gallons whole per harvester

#### 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.
  - Go to www.FloridaAquaculture.com for allowable harvesting areas.
  - May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.

### Sharks

- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - 1 per harvester or 2 per vessel, whichever is less.

- **Remarks:**
  - The retainable sharks are managed as a group for bag limits. 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.
  - Effective July 1, 2019. New shoreline shark fishing permit and new gear/handling requirements, see MyFWC.com
  - See list of prohibited species below.

- **Retainable Sharks with no minimum size limit**

  - Atlantic Sharpnose
  - Blacknose
  - Blacktip
  - Bonnethead
  - Common Thresher
  - Nurse
  - Spinner

- **Retainable Sharks with a 54" fork length minimum**

  - Blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle, shortfin mako (not illustrated)

### Prohibited Species

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