### 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.

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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.

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#### Grouper

**Atlantic Grouper General Regulations:**
- All Atlantic grouper regulations apply to all state waters of the Atlantic and all state waters off Monroe County (Atlantic and Gulf sides).
- **Atlantic Grouper Aggregate Bag Limit:** All species of grouper plus golden tilefish in the Atlantic are included in a 3 fish per harverster 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.

**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 harverster 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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<td>Grouper, Snowy</td>
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**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 harverster 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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### Other Grouper

**Other Grouper Includes:**
- Rock Hind, Red Hind, Coney and Graybly

**Minimum Size Limit:**
- **Rock Hind:** Atlantic and Gulf - None

**Season:**
- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30

**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
- Aggregate bag limits apply.
**Reef Fish**

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

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<td>Amberjack, Greater</td>
<td>- Atlantic - 28” fork length&lt;br&gt;- Gulf - 34” fork length</td>
<td>- Atlantic - Open year-round&lt;br&gt;- Gulf - Open May 1-May 31, Aug. 1-Oct. 31</td>
<td>- Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per harvester</td>
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<td>Great Barracuda</td>
<td>Regulations only apply in Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties.</td>
<td>- Atlantic - Not less than 15” or more than 36”</td>
<td>- 2 per person or 6 per vessel&lt;br&gt;- May possess one over 36” per vessel.</td>
<td>Unregulated in all other areas.</td>
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<td>Hogfish</td>
<td>Atlantic regulations apply to Monroe county. Includes all waters south of Cape Sable.</td>
<td>- Atlantic - 16” fork length&lt;br&gt;- Gulf - 14” fork length</td>
<td>- Atlantic - Open May 1-Oct. 31&lt;br&gt;- Gulf - Open year round</td>
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<td>Red Porgy</td>
<td>- Atlantic - 14”&lt;br&gt;- Gulf - None</td>
<td>- Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per person aggregate of the two species</td>
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<td>Tilefish, Golden</td>
<td>- Atlantic - 1 per harvester&lt;br&gt;- Gulf - 100 pounds</td>
<td>- Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per harvester</td>
<td>- 2 per person or 2 per person, whichever is greater</td>
<td>Golden tilefish included within Atlantic Grouper aggregate bag limits</td>
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<td>Amberjack, Lesser &amp; Banded Rudderfish</td>
<td>- Atlantic and Gulf - Cannot be less than 14” or greater than 22” fork length</td>
<td>- Atlantic - Open May 1-Oct. 31&lt;br&gt;- Gulf - Open year round</td>
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<td>Black Sea Bass</td>
<td>- Atlantic - 13”&lt;br&gt;- Gulf - 10”</td>
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<td>Billfish</td>
<td>- Sailfish 63”&lt;br&gt;- Blue Marlin 99”&lt;br&gt;- White Marlin 66”&lt;br&gt;- Roundscale Spearfish 66”</td>
<td>- Atlantic - No minimum size limit</td>
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<td>Blackfin Tuna</td>
<td>- 2 fish per person or 10 fish per vessel per day, whichever is greater.</td>
<td>- Atlantic - Open year-round</td>
<td>- Atlantic (excluding Monroe) - 2 per harvester</td>
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<td>Mackerel, King</td>
<td>- 24” fork length</td>
<td>- Atlantic - Open March 1-May 1 and Sept. 1-Oct. 30</td>
<td>- Atlantic (including Monroe) - 3 per harvester</td>
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<td>Swordfish</td>
<td>- 47” lower jaw fork length with head attached or 25” cleithrum to keel length</td>
<td>- Atlantic - Open year-round</td>
<td>- 1 per harvester per day, not to exceed a maximum of 4 per recreational (not for-hire) vessel or 15 per for-hire vessel</td>
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<td>Mackerel, Spanish</td>
<td>- 12” fork length</td>
<td>- Atlantic - Open year-round</td>
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<td>Wahoo</td>
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<td>Cobia (Ling)</td>
<td>- 33” fork length</td>
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<td>Tripletail</td>
<td>- 18”</td>
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<td>- Hook and line only. No snap hooks.</td>
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<td>Dolphinfish</td>
<td>- Atlantic - 20” fork length&lt;br&gt;- Gulf - None</td>
<td>- Atlantic - Open year-round</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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**Additional Information**

- [HMSpermits.noaa.gov](https://hmspermits.noaa.gov).
- 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.
- HMS permit required in federal waters.
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- Buy your license online at [GoOutdoorsFlorida.com](https://www.gooutdoorsflorida.com) or toll free at: 1-888-347-4356
- Report fish and wildlife law violations toll free at: 1-888-404-3922
- Scan this code with your mobile device to view the regulations online.
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.**

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**Examples of “unregulated species” include:**

- Ladyfish, bonitas, 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.
**Bay Scallops**

**Season:**
- Gulf County: Aug. 16–Sept. 24
- 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 1½ 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 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.

**Crustaceans and Mollusks**

**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

**Remarks**
- Recreational trapping prohibited. Spiny lobster permit required when license required. Harvest of egg-bearing females prohibited.

**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 harvest areas.

**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

**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

**Sharks**

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

**Blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle (not illustrated).**

**Bull**

**Common Thresher**

**Spinner**

**Retainable Sharks with no minimum size limit**

**Fine-tooth, Smooth Dogfish, Florida Smoothhounds (not illustrated).**

**Atlantic Sharpnose**

**Blacknose**

**Bonnethead**

**Blacktip**

**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.

**Prohibited Species**

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