

Species that DO Require State Reef Fish Angler Designation

Do you fish for any of these species?

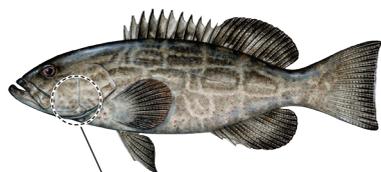
As a reef fish angler or spear fisher, you may be asked periodically to participate in voluntary mail and dockside surveys. These surveys provide important information needed to monitor the fishery and provide optimum recreational fishing opportunities in Florida.

Beginning July 1, 2020, anglers 16 years of age and older are required to sign up as a State Reef Fish Angler if they fish from a private recreational boat for any of the 13 species described in this brochure. Signing up helps FWC reach out directly to people who fish for reef fish species and collect better data.

With your help, we can improve scientific data and management of these important recreational fisheries. To learn more about how to sign up as a State Reef Fish Angler, visit MyFWC.com/SRFS.

Black Grouper
Mycteroperca bonaci

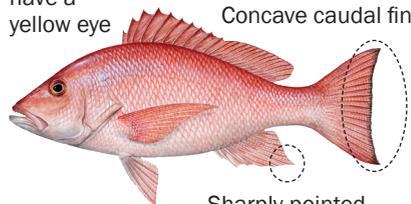
Box-like patches on body



Copper spots on face and body

Red Snapper
Lutjanus campechanus

Does NOT have a yellow eye



Sharply pointed anal fin

Yellowtail Snapper
Ocyurus chrysurus

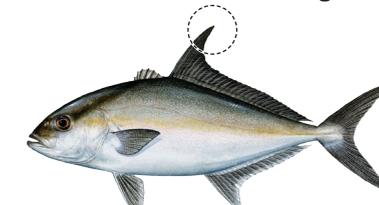
Prominent yellow stripe runs from eye to tail



Deeply forked tail

Almaco Jack
Seriola rivoliana

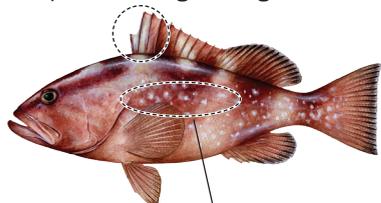
Front dorsal and anal fins elongated



A deep and flat-bodied amberjack

Red Grouper
Epinephelus morio

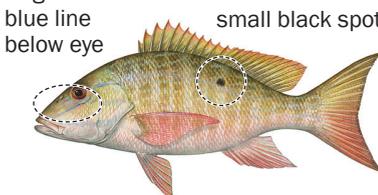
Webbing is even with the tip of the spine, creating a straight line



Irregular light blotches on body

Mutton Snapper
Lutjanus analis

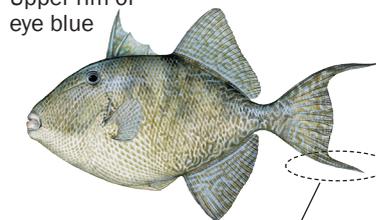
Bright blue line below eye



Offshore adults can be reddish in color (not as red as true Red Snapper)

Gray Triggerfish
Balistes capriscus

Upper rim of eye blue

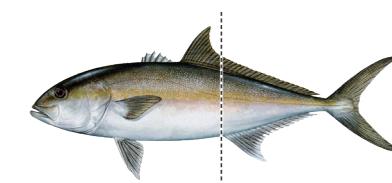


Caudal fin lobes elongated in adults

Amberjacks (Greater, Lesser)

Lesser Amberjack not pictured here. Lesser Amberjack grow up to 12 inches in length.

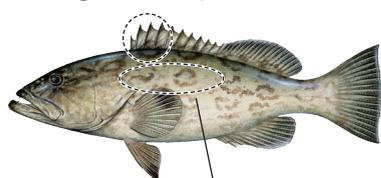
Dark band extends from nose to dorsal fin



Soft dorsal base and anal fin are closer in length than in banded rudderfish

Gag Grouper
Mycteroperca microlepis

Webbing between spines is notched



Brownish gray in color with dark, worm-like markings

Vermilion Snapper
Rhomboplites aurorubens

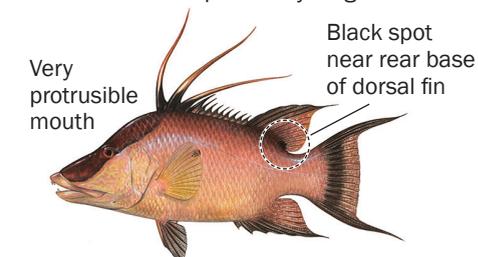
Bullet shaped body



Forked caudal fin

Hogfish
Lachnolaimus maximus

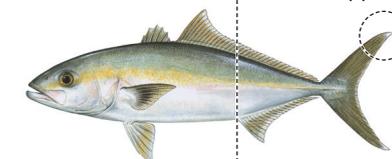
First 3 dorsal spines very long



Color varies by sex and age

Banded Rudderfish
Seriola zonata

Tail-lobe often white tipped



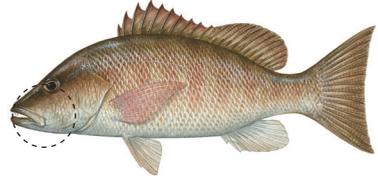
Anglers must also abide by all state and federal recreational seasons, size limits and bag limits.

Species that **DO NOT** Require State Reef Fish Angler Designation

May be mistaken for Red Snapper

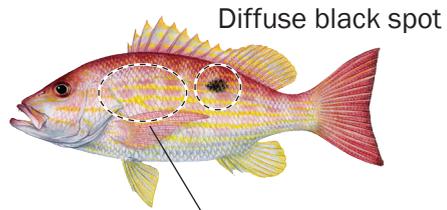
Gray Snapper *Lutjanus griseus*
(Also called Mangrove Snapper or "Mangos")

Two conspicuous canine teeth



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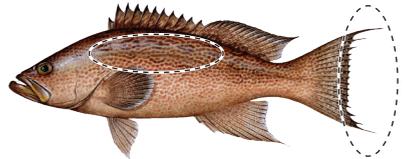
Lane Snapper
Lutjanus synagris



Diffuse black spot
Irregular pink and yellow lines

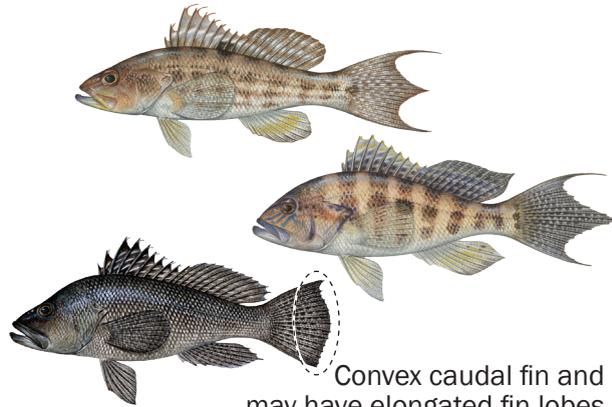
Scamp
Mycteroperca phenax

Reddish brown spots



Elongated caudal fin rays

Sea Bass (e.g., Rock, Bank and Black)



Convex caudal fin and
may have elongated fin lobes

Grunts (e.g., White Grunt)



Porgies (e.g., Knobbed, Jolthead and Red)



The State Reef Fish Angler designation may be obtained anywhere FWC saltwater fishing licenses are sold, including on GoOutdoorsFlorida.com, on the Fish | Hunt Florida mobile app, over the phone at 1-888-FISHFLORIDA (347-4356), or at tackle shops, sporting goods stores, and tax collectors' offices. To learn more about regulations or the State Reef Fish Survey, visit MyFWC.com/SRFS.



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