

DRAFT CHAPTER 68B-14
REEF FISH

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(1) through (6) No change.

(7) Tilefish.

(a) Golden tilefish. No recreational harvester shall harvest in or from state waters of the Atlantic Ocean nor possess in or on the state waters of the Atlantic Ocean more than one golden tilefish per person per day. Such fish shall be counted for purposes of the aggregate grouper bag and possession limit prescribed in paragraph (2)(a).

(b) Blueline tilefish. Except for the closed season in 68B-14.0039(b), no recreational harvester shall harvest in or from state waters of the Atlantic Ocean and all waters of Monroe County nor possess in or on the state waters of the Atlantic Ocean and all waters of Monroe County more than three blueline tilefish per person per day (consistent with the Federal Standard established in 50 C.F.R. §622.187(b)(2) as of February 27, 2020). Such fish shall be counted for purposes of the aggregate grouper bag and possession limit for the Atlantic Ocean and all waters of Monroe County prescribed in paragraph (2)(a).

(8) through (10) No change.

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68B-14.0039 Recreational Grouper and Tilefish Seasons.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Tilefish.

(a) Blueline Tilefish Open Seasons. In all state waters of the Atlantic Ocean and all waters of Monroe County, the open season for the recreational harvest and possession of blueline tilefish shall be May 1 through August 31 each year (consistent with the Federal Standard established in 50 C.F.R. §622.183(b)(7) as of June 15, 2020).

(b) Blueline Tilefish Closed Seasons. Except for persons harvesting blueline tilefish for commercial purposes pursuant to Rule 68B-14.0045, F.A.C., in all state waters of the Atlantic Ocean and all waters of Monroe County, the recreational harvest of blueline tilefish shall be prohibited from September 1 through April 30 (consistent with the Federal Standard established in 50 C.F.R. §622.183(b)(7) as of June 15, 2020).

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