

68B-14.0036 Recreational Bag Limits: Snapper, Grouper, Hogfish, Black Sea Bass, Red Porgy, Amberjacks, Tilefish, Exception, Wholesale/Retail Purchase Exemption.

(1) Snapper.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) Vermilion snapper. Except as provided elsewhere in this rule, no recreational harvester shall harvest in or from state waters of the Atlantic Ocean, nor possess while in or on state waters of the Atlantic Ocean, more than 5 vermilion snapper per day (consistent with the Federal Standard established in ~~50 C.F.R. § 622.39(d)(1)(v)~~ 50 C.F.R. § 622.187(b)(5) (as of January 16, 2013). ~~On any vessel licensed to carry customers wherein a fee is paid, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of taking or attempting to take marine fish in the Atlantic Ocean, the applicable bag and possession limit specified in this rule shall not extend to the operator of such vessel or any person employed as a crew member of such vessel (consistent with the Federal Standard established in 50 C.F.R. § 622.39(d)(1)(v)).~~ No recreational harvester shall harvest in or from state waters of the Gulf of Mexico, nor possess while in or on state waters of the Gulf of Mexico, more than 10 vermilion snapper per day. Such bag and possession shall not be counted for purposes of the aggregate snapper bag and possession limits prescribed in paragraph (a).

(e) through (f) No change.

(2) Grouper.

(a) Aggregate bag limit. Except as provided elsewhere in this rule, no recreational harvester shall harvest in or from state waters, nor possess while in or on state waters, more than a total of 4 grouper per day in the Gulf of Mexico excluding waters of Monroe County in any combination of species, or more than a total of 3 grouper per day in the Atlantic Ocean and all waters of Monroe County, in any combination of species. ~~On any vessel licensed to carry customers wherein a fee is paid, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of taking or attempting to take marine fish in the Atlantic Ocean and all waters of Monroe County, the applicable grouper bag and possession limit specified in this rule shall not extend to the operator of such vessel or any person employed as a crew person of such vessel.~~

(b) through (f) No change.

(3) through (10) No change.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 12-31-98, Amended 3-1-99, Formerly 46-14.0036, Amended 10-22-99, 1-1-00, 3-6-00, 3-1-01, 1-1-03, 1-3-05, 9-16-05, 1-1-06, 7-1-06, 7-1-07, 4-1-08, 1-6-09, 8-27-09, 10-16-09, 1-19-10, 12-30-11, 7-1-12, 6-10-13(4), 6-10-13(8), _____.