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Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations By Species				
* Fishing regulations change periodically. We do our best to keep up, but for the most current regulations it is best to visit the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission site at http://myfwc.com/marine/lines.htm				
Species	Min Size	Closed Season	Daily Rec Bag Limit	Remarks
Amberjack (Greater)	28" fork		1 per person per day	
Amberjack (Lesser)/ Banded Rudderfish	Not less than 14" or more than 22" fork		5 Aggregate of lesser amberjack and banded rudderfish.	
Billfish	Sailfish 63" Blue Marlin 99" White Marlin 66"		1 per person per day Aggregate bag limit	Measured tip of lower jaw to fork. Federal regulations apply in state waters.
Black Drum	Not less than 14" or more than 24"		5 per person per day	May possess one over 24 "
Bluefish	12" fork		10 per person per day	
Bonefish	18"		1 per person per day	
Clams Hard	1" thick across hinge	May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise	One 5 gal bucket per person or 2 per vessel, whichever is less per day	Illegal to harvest from closed areas. Go to www.floridaaquaculture.com for allowable harvesting areas
Cobia (Ling)	33" fork		1 per person or 6 per vessel per day whichever is less	A saltwater products license and a restricted species endorsement are needed to sell cobia or exceed the one fish daily bag limit

Crab Blue		Sept 20 Oct 4, Traps only NW of Suwannee River and beyond 3 miles	10 gallons whole per person per day	5 traps maximum. Trap requirements apply Harvest of egg bearing crabs prohibited
Crab Blue Land		July 1 - Oct 31	20 per person per day	, Trapping prohibited, harvest of egg bearing females prohibited, harvest prohibited in state parks and from the right of way of federal, state or county maintained roads
Crab Stone	2 3 / 4 " claw	May 16 – Oct 14	1 gal Stone Crab claws per person or 2 gal per vessel, whichever is less	5 traps maximum. Trap requirements apply Illegal to possess whole crab Harvest of egg bearing crabs prohibited
Crawfish (Spiny Lobster)	Larger than 3" carapace measured in the water	April 1 – Aug 5 Exception: Sport Season last consecutive Wed & Thurs of July each year	6 per person per day	Recreational trapping prohibited Crawfish permit required when license required Special bag limit for 2 day Sport season Call DLE for current information on Sport season
Dolphin	20" fork Atlantic		10 per person per day, not to exceed 60 per vessel per day statewide	A saltwater products license, a restricted species endorsement and a federal commercial vessel permit are needed to sell dolphin, exceed the 10 fish bag limit, or exceed 60 per vessel per day statewide
Flounder	12"		10 per person per day	May be harvested by spearing
Grouper Black & Gag	24" Atlantic & Monroe County 22" Gulf (excluding Monroe County)		2 per person per day Atlantic & Monroe County 5 per person per day Gulf (excluding Monroe Co)	Included within 5 per person per day Grouper aggregate bag limit
Grouper Red	20"		2 per person per day Gulf	Included within 5 per person per day Grouper aggregate bag limit
Grouper Yellowfin & Yellowmouth	20"		Included within 5 per person per day Grouper aggregate bag limit	
Grouper Scamp	20" Atlantic & Monroe County 16" Gulf (excluding		Included within 5 per person per day Grouper aggregate bag	



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	Monroe County)		limit	
Grouper Warsaw (Speckled Hind)			1 per vessel per day of each species	Included within 5 per person per day Grouper aggregate bag limit
Grouper (all others)			Included within 5 per person per day Grouper aggregate bag limit	Includes: Coney, Graysby, Misty, Red Hind, Rock Hind, Snowy, Tiger, Yellowedge
Hogfish	12" fork		5 per person per day	
Mackerel King	24" fork		2 per person per day	Bag limit in Gulf Atlantic fishery reduced to 1 when federal waters are closed to all harvest. Call DLE for details
Mackerel Spanish	12" fork		15 per person per day	Transfer of Spanish Mackerel to other vessels at sea is prohibited
Mullet Striped (Black) & Silver			Feb 1- Aug 31, 50 per person per day, aggregate of striped & silver mullet maximum 100 aggregate per vessel	Sept 1 - Jan 31, 50 per person or per vessel Contact DLE for additional restrictions in Pinellas & Charlotte counties
Oysters	3 "	June, July, Aug in Dixie, Wakulla, Levy counties July, Aug , Sept in all other areas	2 bags per person or vessel, whichever is less per day 1 Bag = 60 lbs or two 5 gal buckets (whole in shell)	Apalachicola Bay has summer & winter seasons/areas Harvest from approved shellfish areas only Go to www.floridaaquaculture.com for allowable harvesting areas
Permit & Pompano fork	Not less than 11" or more than 20"		6 per person per day aggregate of Permit and Pompano	May possess one over 20" of either Permit or Pompano. Giggling, spearing, snatching prohibited
Pompano African	Not less than 24" fork		2 fish per person or per vessel per day whichever is less	Hook & line gear only
Red Drum (Redfish)	Not less than 18" or more than 27"		1 per person per day	Giggling, spearing, snatching prohibited
Red Porgy	14"		Atlantic 1 per person per day	
Scallops Bay		September 11-	2 gallons	Harvest allowed only in state



		June 30	whole or 1 pint meat per person per day, no more than 10 gallons whole, or 1/2 gallon meat per vessel anytime	waters of the Gulf of Mexico from the Pasco Hernando county line (near Aripeka latitude 28 degrees, 26 016 minutes North), to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County (longitude 85 degrees, 25 84 minutes West) Any bay scallops harvested and possessed must be landed within the allowable harvesting area
Sea Bass Black	10"		20 per person per day Atlantic	Practice of finning and filleting at sea prohibited See list below for protected species
Shad			10 Aggregate per person per day	American, Alabama, and Hickory are part of aggregate limit Hook and line gear only
Shark			1 per person or 2 per vessel per day, whichever is less	Practice of finning and filleting at sea prohibited.
Sheepshead	12"		15 per person per day	Measured from the most forward point of the head to the rear center edge of the tail, snatching prohibited
Shrimp		April & May closed to Nassau, Duval, St Johns, Putnam, Flagler, & Clay counties	5 gallons heads on per person or vessel per day, whichever is less	Must be landed in a whole condition Contact DLE for closed areas
Snapper Black & Wenchman			Included within 10 per person per day Snapper aggregate bag limit	
Snapper Cubera	Not less than 12" or more than 30"		Included within 10 per person per day snapper aggregate bag limit if under 30 "	Allowed 2 Cubera Snapper over 30" per person or vessel per day which ever is less 30" or larger not included within the Snapper aggregate bag limit
Snapper Gray (Mangrove)	10"		5 per person per day	Included within 10 per person per day Snapper aggregate bag limit
Snapper Lane	8"		Included within 10 per person per day Snapper aggregate bag limit if harvested	Lane Snapper harvested from the Gulf of Mexico not included within the Snapper aggregate bag limit

			from Atlantic	
Snapper Mutton	16"		Included within 10 per person per day Snapper aggregate bag limit	
Snapper Red	20" Atlantic 16" Gulf	Nov 1 - April 14 Gulf Only	2 per person per day Atlantic 4 per person per day Gulf	Included within 10 per person per day Snapper aggregate bag limit
Snapper Schoolmaster	10"		Included within 10 per person per day Snapper aggregate bag limit	
Snapper Vermilion	10"		10 per person per day Atlantic	Vermilion Snapper not included within the Snapper aggregate bag limit
Snapper (All other)	12"		Included within 10 per person per day Snapper aggregate bag limit	Includes Blackfin, Dog, Mahogany, Queen, Silk and Yellowtail
Snook (All species)	Not less than 26" or more than 34"	Dec 15 - Jan 31 statewide; June, July, Aug - Atlantic; May, June, July, Aug - Gulf, Monroe County, Everglades Nat. Park	2 per person per day- Atlantic; 1 per person per day- Gulf, Monroe County, Everglades Nat. Park	Snook permit required when saltwater license required State regulations apply in federal waters Illegal to buy or sell snook
Sponge	Commercial Greater than 5" in greatest dimension measured across the top of the sponge		10 per person per day	Includes sheepswool, yellow, grass, glove, finger, wire, reef & velvet sponge
Spotted Seatrout	Not less than 15" or more than 20" (statewide) except One fish over 20" per person	N E and N W regions February S Region November and December	N E and N W regions 5 per person per day S Region 4 per person per day	
Swordfish	47" lower jaw fork length		1 per person or 3 per vessel whichever is less	Lower jaw fork length is the straight line measurement from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800 894 5528
Tarpon			2 fish	Requires \$50 tarpon tag to

			possession limit	possess or harvest Snatching prohibited
Triggerfish (Gray)	12"			All species of Triggerfish except Gray and Ocean have live landing & live well requirements
Tripletail	15"		2 per person per day	Hook and line gear only (No snatch hooks)
Wahoo			2 per person per day	A saltwater products license, a restricted species endorsement and a federal commercial vessel permit are needed to sell wahoo or exceed the 2 fish bag limit
Weakfish	12"		4 per person per day	Must remain in whole condition until landed ashore (heads & tails intact) Measured as total length. Harvest prohibited by or with the use of any multiple hook in conjunction with live or dead natural bait

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