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On the cover
Alexis and Addison Peterson caught this redfish off Wakulla County. Photo by Misty Peterson.
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Introduction
This publication is provided as a guide to Florida fishing laws and regulations. The Florida Administrative Code is the final authority on fishing laws. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) strives to ensure information in this booklet is accurate, but assumes no liability for any errors that occur in this publication. Contact the FWC if you have any questions on issues not covered in this booklet. A continuously updated electronic version of this publication is available at MyFWC.com/Fishing by clicking on "Saltwater" and "Recreational Regulations."

About licenses and permits
The money collected from saltwater fishing licenses and permits is used to improve and restore fish habitat and for marine fisheries research, law enforcement and public education on marine resources. Recreational licenses and permits, including reprints, are available at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com, Fish|Hunt FL app, tax collectors’ offices, license agents, or by calling toll-free 888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356). Handling fees apply to telephone and internet sales. See more information on page 22.

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Your purchases of fishing equipment, motorboat fuel and fishing licenses help improve fishing and boating opportunities in Florida through the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration program (SFR). SFR is a successful cycle of federal funding that includes anglers, the fishing and boating industry, and conservation agencies with the goal to restore and better manage America’s recreational fisheries. Funding is derived through an excise tax on fishing gear and motorboat fuel, paid by anglers through fishing and boating manufacturers.

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2022 Commission meeting dates and locations
Subject to change due to availability of appropriate facilities to hold the meeting.

- March 2-3
- May 4-5
- July 13-14
- September 28-29
- November 30-December 1

*Dates subject to change

For more information about Commission meeting dates, times, locations and agendas, visit MyFWC.com and click on “About Us” and “Commission Meetings” on the top of the page.
Message from the FWC by Chairman Rodney Barreto

From websites to workshops, communications are one of the most important things the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) does. We pride ourselves in improving access not only to Florida’s iconic fisheries but also to the people who manage them. And we are continually working on improving our tools of communication in order to better serve a growing and ever tech-savvy public.

Last year, we saw improvements in customer service through the agency’s newly updated official online recreational licensing website, GoOutdoorsFlorida.com and the Fish | Hunt Florida app.

With almost 3 million users a year, Florida’s online licensing system is often one of the first FWC touchpoints many new anglers and hunters visit.

The new system improved the customer experience through a more streamlined look and feel, and offers enhanced navigation, making it easier for our stakeholders to navigate the site.

In addition to improving the customer experience, we continue to provide improved access to our fisheries management staff.

We also greatly improved the look and feel of the Marine Fisheries Management Monthly Newsletter, Fishing in the Know, which we send out via our online email delivery system, GovDelivery. This email keeps our stakeholders up-to-date on regulation changes, Commission meeting news, upcoming events, and other important topics. Sign up to receive this and other emailed or texted communications from us at MyFWC.com/News by clicking “Sign Up for News Releases.”

Communications isn’t just about what we push out to you though, it is also the important input you provide to us.

In 2021, FWC Marine Fisheries staff hosted the 7th Snook Symposium and the first ever Redfish Summit along with 14 redfish workshops. At these meetings, staff spoke with more than 400 stakeholders about the future management of these fisheries.

Staff also fielded more than 1,500 comments submitted online through the MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments page and talked with countless stakeholders on the phone and through email.

We are thankful for each and every one of our customers and stakeholders who visit us online, via email, and in person. Let us know how we are doing.

This input is valuable, and we urge you to continue the conversation by reaching out to us at Marine@MyFWC.com, at MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments or at 850-487-0554.

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2021 Lionfish Challenge Results

The FWC is excited to announce the winners of the 2021 Lionfish Challenge. The sixth annual Lionfish Challenge boasted over 470 registered participants and 21,146 lionfish harvested.

The state-wide incentive program encouraged 185 participants to turn in lionfish from May 21 to Sept. 6, 2021; the highest participation since the Challenge’s inception in 2016.

The race to number one was tight this year, with only 157 fish separating the top three competitors in the recreational division, and only 72.6 pounds of lionfish separating the top three competitors in the commercial division. In the end though, two competitors prevailed.

Commercial Champion: Rachel Bowman

Rachel Bowman of Monroe County managed to harvest 730 pounds of lionfish this year, securing her first place in the Commercial Division and earning her the title of 2021 Commercial Champion. Rachel has been active in lionfish removal for many years and started selling lionfish commercially back in 2012. She has represented the agency as the Lionfish Huntress on our social media channels and in marketing, and, along with Team Florida Man, has taken first place more than once at tournaments associated with FWC’s annual Lionfish Removal and Awareness Day. Bowman is the first female to take first place in a Lionfish Challenge!

The winners were recognized at the October FWC Commission Meeting in St. Augustine. They were awarded with a custom wood-burned trophy created by Mokie Burns, as well as $150 for scuba tank air fills, and an HP 100 steel scuba cylinder.

Lionfish King: Brooks Feeseer

Brooks Feeseer, a resident of Palm Beach County, removed 1,632 lionfish this summer, earning himself the title of 2021 Lionfish King. Brooks grew up an outdoorsman, hunting and fishing here in Florida. He began scuba diving only four years ago, but quickly trained up to be a PADI Divemaster. He is now a licensed charter captain and owns Fully Saturated, an all-inclusive saltwater company offering for-hire fishing, diving, and cruising charter services.

Recreational Division Winners

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<td>Brooks Feeseer</td>
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<td>2nd</td>
<td>Carl Antonik</td>
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<td>3rd</td>
<td>Christina Raber-Jehn</td>
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<td>Paul DeCuir</td>
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<td>3rd</td>
<td>Alex Fogg</td>
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Special thanks to all 51 business that served as checkpoints around the state this year. The Lionfish Challenge would not be possible without the help of these organizations.

To learn more about the Lionfish Challenge, as well as the rest of the FWC Lionfish Program, visit FWCReefRangers.com.
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1. Wear safety glasses and enlist a partner for help.
2. Reel the bird in slowly and lift it from the water using a hoop net.
3. Grasp the bird by the head just behind the eyes and fold the wings against the body. For pelicans, hold the beak, keeping the mouth slightly open so it can breathe. Cover the bird’s head with a cloth to keep it calm.
4. Remove the barb and hook from the bird using pliers or clippers. If the bird is entangled, remove all line.
5. Release the bird (if healthy) by placing it on the ground near the water and allowing it to take off.
6. If the bird has swallowed the hook or is severely injured, contact a local seabird rehabilitator. For help finding one, use the link to the locator app at MyFWC.com/Unhook.

How else can you keep the seabirds away from your fish and reduce entanglement?
1. Don’t feed the birds, which teaches them to approach where they are more likely to interfere with fishing.
2. Dispose of filleted bones where birds can’t get them — in a trash can with lid or at home.
3. Cover bait buckets and take unused bait home.
4. Dispose of fishing line in a monofilament recycling bin or cut into small pieces and place in the trash.
5. Don’t leave your line unattended.
6. Cast carefully to avoid being snared on trees, bridge piles, power lines or obstacles.
7. Help others learn what to do when they accidentally hook a bird. It’s pretty easy, once you know how.

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Spotted seatrout has five management zones and the recreational bag limit is three fish in the western panhandle region, five fish in the big bend region, three fish in the south region, two fish in the central east region and five fish in the northeast region.

Red Drum Management Zones

For red drum, there are three management zones. The daily bag limit is one fish in the northwest and south zones and two fish in the northeast zone.

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New Snook, Red Drum, and Seatrout Short-Term Management

Sarasota Bay through Gordon Pass in Collier County:
• Snook and redfish will remain catch-and-release through May 31, 2022.
• Spotted seatrout harvest is allowed with a three fish per person or six fish per vessel which ever is less. Commercial harvesters will also be held to the recreational three-fish bag and six-fish vessel limits through May 31, 2022.
• These regulations are for all state waters south of State Road 64 in Manatee County including Palma Sola Bay through Gordon Pass in Collier County but not including the Braden River or any tributaries of the Manatee River.

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Reef Fish

**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.
- Seasons – If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.

### Snapper

**Snapper, Cubera ▲◆◆**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic and Gulf - 12" (see below)
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester
- **Season:**
  - Atlantic: Closed Jan. 1–April 30
  - Gulf: Open year-round

**Snapper, Red ▲◆◆X**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic - 20"
  - Gulf - 16"
- **Season:**
  - Atlantic: Open year-round
  - Gulf - To be determined

**Snapper, Vermilion ▲◆◆X**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic - 12"
  - Gulf - 10"
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic - 5 per harvester
  - Gulf - 10 per harvester
  - Not included within snapper aggregate bag limit

**Snapper, Lane ▲◆◆**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic and Gulf - 8"
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic - 10 per harvester
  - Gulf - 100 pounds per harvester, not included within snapper aggregate bag limit

### Other Snapper ▲◆◆
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Dog and Mahogany: Atlantic and Gulf - 12"
  - No minimum size limit for other snappers
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

See page 18 for gear rules pertaining to reef fish.

### Grouper

**Atlantic Grouper**
- **General Regulations:**
  - Atlantic grouper regulations apply to all state waters of the Atlantic and all state waters off Monroe County (Gulf and Atlantic sides).
  - Atlantic Grouper/Tilefish Aggregate Bag Limit – Includes all species of grouper plus golden tilefish and blue line tilefish included in a 3 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit in any combination of 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 harvester per day aggregate bag limit in any combination of grouper species.
  - Seasons – If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.
  - Zero bag limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels applies to gag, black, and red grouper only.

**Grouper, Black ▲◆◆X**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic - 24"
  - Gulf - 24"
- **Season:**
  - Atlantic: Closed Jan. 1–April 30
  - Gulf: Open year-round

**Grouper, Scamp ▲◆◆**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic - 20"
  - Gulf - 16"
- **Season:**
  - Atlantic: Closed Jan. 1–April 30
  - Gulf: Open year-round

**Grouper, Snowy ▲◆**
- **Minimum Size Limit:**
  - Atlantic and Gulf - None
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic - 1 per harvester
  - Gulf - 4 per harvester

**Gag Grouper ▲◆◆X**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic - 24"
  - Gulf - 24"
- **Season:**
  - Atlantic: Closed Jan. 1–April 30
  - Gulf: Open year-round

**Grouper, Red ▲◆◆X**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic and Gulf - 20"
- **Season:**
  - Atlantic: Closed Jan. 1–April 30
  - Gulf: Open year-round

**Grouper, Warsaw & Speckled Hind ▲◆**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic and Gulf - None
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
  - Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per vessel per day of each species

**Grouper, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth ▲◆◆**
- **Minimum Size Limits:**
  - Atlantic and Gulf - 20"
- **Season:**
  - Atlantic: Closed Jan. 1–April 30
  - Gulf: Open year-round

**Other Grouper includes:**
- Rock Hind, Red Hind, Coney, Graysby, Misty, and Yellowedge
- **Season:**
  - Atlantic – Rock Hind, Red hind, Coney, Graysby: Closed Jan. 1–April 30
  - Atlantic – All others open year-round
  - Gulf – Open year-round

**Daily Recreational Bag Limit:**
- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester
### Other Reef Fish

If no season information is provided, the species is open year-round.

**Amberjack, Greater**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic - 28” fork length, Gulf - 34” fork length
- **Season**: Atlantic - Open year-round, Gulf - Open May 1–May 31, Aug. 1–Oct. 31
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per harvester per day

**Tilefish, Blueline**
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic - 3 per harvester, Gulf - 100 pounds or 2 per person, whichever is greater
- **Remarks**: Blueline tilefish included within Atlantic grouper aggregate bag limits.

**Great Barracuda**
- **Regulations**: Only apply in Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties.
- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic and Gulf - Cannot be less than 14” or greater than 22” fork length
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per person aggregate of the two species

**Hogfish**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic - 16” fork length, Gulf - 14” fork length
- **Season**: Atlantic - Open May 1–Oct. 31
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic - 1 per harvester, Gulf - 5 per harvester

**Triggerfish (Gray)**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic - 12” fork length, Gulf - 15” fork length
- **Season**: Atlantic - Open year-round
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic - 10 per harvester, Gulf - 1 per harvester

**Black Sea Bass**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic - 13”, Gulf - 10”
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic - 7 per harvester, Gulf - 100 pounds per harvester

**Billfish**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: Sailfish 63”, Blue Marlin 99”, White Marlin 66”, Roundscale Spearfish 66”
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: 1 per harvester aggregate bag limit
- **Remarks**: Measured tip of lower jaw to fork. All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5528 or hmspermits.noaa.gov. HMS permit required in federal waters.

**Blackfin Tuna**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: No minimum size limit
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: 2 fish per person or 10 fish per vessel per day, whichever is greater.

**Mackerel, King**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: 24” fork length
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic (excluding Monroe) - 2 per harvester, Gulf (including Monroe) - 3 per harvester
- **Remarks**: Bag limit reduced to 1 in some state waters if federal waters are closed to recreational harvest.

**Wahoo**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: None
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: 2 per harvester

**Tilefish, Golden**
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic - 1 per harvester, Gulf - 100 pounds
- **Remarks**: Golden tilefish included within Atlantic grouper aggregate bag limits.

**Amberjack, Lesser & Banded Rudderfish**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic and Gulf - Cannot be less than 14” or greater than 22” fork length
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per person aggregate of the two species

**Black Sea Bass**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic - 13”, Gulf - 10”
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic - 7 per harvester, Gulf - 100 pounds per harvester

**Cobia (Ling)**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: 33” fork length
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: Atlantic - 1 per harvester not to exceed 6 per vessel, Gulf - 1 per harvester, not to exceed 2 per vessel

**Tripletail**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: 18”
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: 2 per harvester
- **Remarks**: Hook and line only. No snatch hooks.

**Swordfish**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: 47” lower jaw fork length with head attached or 25” cleithrum to keel length if head removed
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: 1 per harvester per day, not to exceed a maximum of 4 per recreational (not for-hire) vessel or 15 per for-hire vessel
- **Remarks**: All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5528. HMS permit required in federal waters. Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels.

**Dolphinfish**
- **Minimum Size Limits**: Atlantic - 20” fork length, Gulf - None
- **Daily Recreational Bag Limit**: 10 per harvester per day, not to exceed 60 per vessel per day. Vessel limit does not apply to for-hire vessels.
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.

**Remarks**
- 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.

**Examples of “unregulated species” include:**
- Ladyfish, bonito, menhaden, white grunt, southern stingray, gulf kingfish (whiting), pinfish, Atlantic croaker, jack crevalle, cero mackerel, hardhead catfish, gafftopsail 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.
Crustaceans and Mollusks

Bay Scallops

Season:
- August 16–September 24
- Franklin-NW Taylor County: July 1–September 24
- Dixie and remaining Taylor County: May 15–Labor Day
- Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties: July 1–September 24
- Pasco County: 10 days starting on 3rd Friday in July

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
- 5 gallons whole or 1 pint meat per harvester per day, no more than 5 gallons whole, or ½ gallon meat per vessel
- Dixie and remaining Taylor County: June 15–30, one gallon whole/one cup meat per person or five gallons whole/two pints 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.
- Direct transit through closed areas permitted.

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
- See 688-31 F.A.C for more information on areas closed to shrimping

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 harvesting areas.
- May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.

Crab, Blue

Closed Season:
- Regional trap closures apply. Visit MyFWC.com for 2022 trap closure dates and locations.

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
- 10 gallons whole per harvester

Remarks:
- 5 traps maximum. Trap requirements apply. Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited. New trap registration requirements, visit GoOutdoorsFlorida.com to register.

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.
- Apalachicola Bay: Closed

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
- 2 bags per harvester or vessel except Apalachicola Bay

Remarks:
- Harvest from approved shellfish areas during daylight hours only.
- Go to FloridaAquaculture.com to determine the Open or Closed status of shellfish harvesting areas.
- May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.
- 1 Bag – 60 lbs. or two 5 gal. buckets (whole in shell)
- Harvest prohibited in any harvest area that is in the Closed status as determined by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Bay County: Harvest and possession prohibited in West Bay Estuarine Habitat Restoration Project Zone

Sharks

Retainable Sharks with a 54” fork length minimum 🌟🌟

Blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle (not illustrated).

Bull

Common Thresher

Spinne

Retainable Sharks with no minimum size limit 🌟🌟

Finetooth, Smooth Dogfish, Florida and Gulf Smoothhounds (not illustrated).

Atlantic Sharpnose

Blacknose

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:
- Harvest of live rock in state waters is prohibited. Puffer fish harvest is prohibited in Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties.

FWC – Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 1875 Orange Ave, Tallahassee, FL 32311

Phone: 850-487-0554

This publication is provided as a guide to Florida fishing laws and regulations. The Florida Administrative Code is the final authority on fishing laws. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) strives to ensure information in this booklet is accurate, but assumes no liability for any errors that occur in this publication.
Marine Life regulations

Requirements for marine life (aquarium species) harvest:
- Recreational saltwater fishing license
- Organisms must be landed and kept alive
- A continuously circulating live well, aeration or oxygenation system of adequate size to maintain these organisms in a healthy condition
- Allowable Gear: hand-held net, drop net, rod, barrier net, slurf gun (use of quinaldine is prohibited)*
- Bag Limit: 20 organisms per person per day; only 5 of any one species allowed within the 20-organism bag limit
- Possession Limit: 2-day possession limit, 40 total organisms, no more than 10 of any one species allowed
- Allowable Substrate: see species specifications in table
- Closed Areas: Some closed areas exist**
- Sale of recreationally caught marine life organisms is prohibited
- Regulations also apply in federal waters

* Some organisms have additional gear limitations, see chart.

** Various closed areas exist. See regulations for Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, Everglades National Park, Biscayne National Park and Florida's State Parks before collecting in these areas.

Additional rules apply to the collection of shells containing live organisms in Lee or Manatee counties.

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### Marine Life — Fish

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<th>REMARKS</th>
<th>SIZE LIMITS (total length unless otherwise noted)</th>
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| Angelfish                   | No more than 5 per person per day in any combination | Gray, French Angelfish: 1½–8" slot limit  
Blue, Queen Angelfish: 1½–8" slot limit  
Rock Beauty: 2–5" slot limit |
| Butterflyfish              |         | 1–4" slot limit                                  |
| Filefish/Triggerfish       | Except Unicorn Filefish, Gray Triggerfish and Ocean Triggerfish | |
| Gobies                      |         | Maximum size limit: 2"  |
| Hamlet/Seabasses           | Except reef fish* and Longtail Bass |  |
| Jawfish                    |         | Maximum size limit: 4"  |
| Parrotfish                 |         | Maximum size limit: 12"  |
| Porkfish                   |         | Minimum size limit: 1½"  |
| Pufferfish, Burrfish, Ballonfish, Porcupinefish | Includes Sharpnose Pufferfish, Striped Burrfish, Spotted Burrfish, Balloonfish, Porcupinefish |  |
| Tangs and Surgeonfish      |         | Maximum size limit (fork length): 9" |
| Wrasse/Hogfish/Razorfish   | Except Hogfish Snapper | Spanish Hogfish: 2–8" slot limit  
Cuban Hogfish: 3–8" slot limit |
| Other Marine Life fish include: 1: Basslets, Batfish, Blackbar Soldierfish, Blennies, Brotulas (Black and Key), Cardinalfish, Clingfish, Cornetfish, Damselfish, Eels (Moray and Snake), Frogfish, Hawkfish, High-hat/Jackknife-fish/Spotted Drum/Cubbly, Pipefish, Reef Croakers, Seahorses, Sleepers, Yellow Stingray, Sweepers, Toadfish, Trumpetfish and Trunkfish/Cowfish. |

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### Marine Life — Invertebrates

| SPECIES                          | REMARKS |  |
|----------------------------------|---------|  |
| Anemones                         | Corallimorphs and Zoanthids: No more than 5 polyps of each may be landed per person per day, must be harvested with a flexible blade no wider than 2". Coral-imorphs must be harvested as single polyps only. Zero bag limit on Giant Anemone (Condylactis gigantea). |  |
| Conch, Queen                     | Harvest prohibited |  |
| Corals: Hard, stony, fire & black | Harvest prohibited |  |
| Octocorals                       | No more than 6 octocoral colonies per person per day in any combination; harvest of attached substrate within 1" of base is permitted; harvest closes when quota met. |  |
| Crab, Hermit                      | Except Land Hermit Crabs |  |
| Crab, Horseshoe                  | Harvest prohibited |  |
| Live Rock                        | Harvest prohibited |  |
| Octopods 2                       | Except Common Octopus |  |
| Sea Fans                         | Harvest of Venus Sea Fan and Common (Purple) Sea Fan prohibited |  |
| Siphonophores/Hyroids            | Harvest of Fire Coral prohibited |  |
| Sponges                          | Except Sheepswool, Yellow, Grass, Glove, Finger, Wire, Reef and Velvet Sponges; no more than 5 sponges per harvester per day in any combination; harvest of substrate within 1" of base permitted north and west of the southernmost point of Egmont Key, no substrate allowed south of Egmont Key |  |
| Starfish 3                       | Harvest of Bahama Starfish (Cushion Sea Star) prohibited |  |
| Urchins 2                        | Except Sand Dollars & Sea Biscuits; harvest of Longspine Urchin prohibited |  |

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### Marine Life — Plants

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1—Unless otherwise noted, combined bag limit of 20 marine life fish and invertebrates per person per day, only 5 of any one species allowed. A 2-day possession limit also applies (40 total organisms, only 10 of any one species).

2—Such as groupers, snappers, seabass and amberjacks. Must abide by regulations for these species on pages 10.

3—Bag limit of 2 live shell fish of any single species per harvester per day in Manatee County. Harvest prohibited in Lee County.
Big Fish Need a Little Extra Care to Survive Release

Everyone loves catching big fish but these monster catches often need the most care to survive release.

- Keep large fish in the water to reduce stress or injury to the fish.
- Use heavy tackle to bring fish in quickly, reducing the chance of exhaustion.
- Always revive fish showing signs of exhaustion by allowing a consistent flow of water through the mouth and over the gills. Use a “figure eight motion” if you are fishing from a stationary location.
- Do not gaff a fish unless you intend to harvest it.
- Use a descending device or venting tool on fish with signs of barotrauma (bloated belly, stomach projecting from the mouth, protruding intestines, bulging eyes.)

If you must remove fish from the water:
- Get them back in the water as soon as possible.
- Always hold them horizontally and support their weight with two hands.
- Use barbless non-stainless, non-offset circle hooks.
- Correctly using a dehooking tool can help remove their protective slime.
- Use wet hands, never a towel or other cloth that can remove their protective slime.
- Keep fingers out of the eyes and gills.
- Do not drag them over rocks, the gunnel of a boat, the side of a dock, pier or any other rough surface.

Fishing from bridges or piers:
- Only bring fish onto the pier or bridge if you intend to harvest.
- Only target large fish from bridges or piers if you have specialized gear (pier nets or slings) to support their full body. Bringing up large fish without proper gear or allowing them to freefall large distances can cause injury and increase mortality.
- If you cannot properly lift the fish, cut the line as close to the fish as possible before releasing it back into the water. (This may mean walking this fish to the shore if fishing from a pier.)

Other tips:
- Correctly using a dehooking tool can help you quickly and easily remove hooks.
- Use barbless non-stainless, non-offset circle hooks.
- Use single hooks with artificial lures.
- Do not fish when large predatory fish or sharks are in the area. If they show up, move to another fishing location.
- Encourage other anglers to use these practices too. Learn more at MyFWC.com/FishHandling.

Florida manages one of the most diverse, and most active artificial reef programs in the United States. As of November 2021, the FWC Artificial Reef Program has recorded over 3,920 artificial reef deployment locations state-wide. So far in 2021, 82 new artificial reefs have been constructed.

Larger fish are important to maintain healthy fish populations because they are typically more successful spawners. Keep these tips in mind to give big fish a fighting chance and help maintain and improve your Florida fisheries.

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Highlights from the 82 Artificial Reefs deployed during 2021
Florida Friendly Fishing Guide

Looking for an eco-minded fishing guide?

When scheduling your next fishing trip, visit the Florida Friendly Fishing Guide certification program page to find guides who are committed to preserving the future of Florida's fisheries by using sustainable boating and fishing practices.

Established by UF/IFAS, Florida Sea Grant, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the online certification course covers fisheries management, best practices for catch and release fishing, sustainable waste management and fueling, and other topics. Salt and freshwater fishing guides that have completed the voluntary course show that they adhere to the highest environmental standards.

Learn more about this program and how to find a Florida Friendly Fishing Guide near you at:

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For questions, please email Savanna Barry at Savanna.barry@ufl.edu
Help Plan the Future of the Kristin Jacobs Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area

The Kristin Jacobs Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area (Coral ECA) is a newly renamed conservation area offshore of Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. The area stretches from the St. Lucie Inlet to the northern boundary of Biscayne National Park and includes state waters and sovereign submerged lands.

A fisheries stakeholder committee has been formed to develop recommendations to enhance the coral reef ecosystem and fishing quality in the Coral ECA. These recommendations will be shared with local, state and federal government agencies to help guide management of these waters.

The committee has engaged in discussions related to important environmental issues impacting the Coral ECA, including water quality, habitat loss and coral disease.

The committee seeks to engage the fishing and diving community in Southeast Florida by distributing a public survey and encouraging participation in public meetings.

How can you get involved?
Visit the website or scan the QR code to receive updates on the next public meeting, an upcoming survey and the committee’s progress.
Recreational gear

Additional regional gear restrictions may apply in your county. For further clarification, contact the local regional offices listed on page 24.

Reef fish gear rules

(applies to species marked with ● on pages 10-11)

- **Gulf of Mexico**: These regulations require the use of a dehooking device when recreationally fishing for reef fish in the Gulf of Mexico. All persons aboard a vessel harvesting reef fish must possess and use non-stainless steel non-offset circle hooks when using natural baits.

- **Atlantic Ocean**: Recreational and commercial fishers are required to use dehooking devices as needed while fishing for reef fish. (New) When fishing for reef fish using hook-and-line with natural baits from a vessel, non-stainless steel, non-offset circle hooks are required N. of 28 degrees N. latitude and non-stainless steel hooks are required S. of 28 degrees N. latitude.

These rules apply to all members of the reef fish complex including groupers, snappers, amberjacks, red porgy, gray triggerfish, black sea bass, golden tilefish, banded rudderfish, speckled hind and others. For a complete species list, please visit MyFWC.com.

Hook-and-line gear

Hook-and-line anglers must tend their gear at all times to prevent people, marine life and shore life from becoming entangled in the line or injured by the hook. Also, it is against the law to intentionally discard any monofilament netting or line into or onto state waters. Monofilament line can entangle birds, marine mammals, marine turtles and fish, often injuring or killing them. Trot lines with 10 or fewer hooks are considered hook-and-line gear and must be tended at all times while deployed. Species identified with “T” on pages 10 through 13 cannot be harvested with multi-hooks (single hook with two or more points) in conjunction with natural baits.

Nets

The following types of nets may be used for recreational purposes in Florida waters:

- **Bully nets** (for lobster only) no greater than 3 feet in diameter and not made of monofilament.
- **Frame nets and push nets** (for shrimp only) no greater than 16 feet in perimeter and not made of monofilament. Frame nets cannot be used in state waters off Dade County.
- **Hand-held landing or dip nets** no greater than 96 inches in perimeter.
- **Cast nets** measuring 14 feet or less stretched length (stretched length is defined as the distance from the horn at the center of the net with the net gathered and pulled taut, to the lead line).

- Beach or haul seines measuring no larger than 500 square feet of mesh area, no larger than 2 inches stretched mesh size, not constructed of monofilament, and legibly marked at both ends with the harvester’s name and address if a Florida resident. Non-residents using beach or haul seines for recreational purposes are required to have a commercial saltwater products license and legibly mark the seine at both ends with the harvester’s saltwater products license number.

- Cast nets and seines may be used as harvesting gear for the following species only: black drum, blueshark, cobia, flounder, mullet, Florida pompano, red drum, sheepshead, shrimp, Spanish mackerel, weakfish and unregulated species (see p. 12).

- No more than two nets can be fished from any vessel and no more than one net can be fished by any person not on a vessel.

Explosives, etc.

The use of powerheads, explosives, chemicals or the discharge of firearms to kill or harvest marine life is prohibited in state waters.

Spearing

Spearing is a general term that includes bow fishing, gigging, spearfishing (underwater), or the use of any other device to capture a fish by piercing its body. Spearing does not include snagging or snatch hooking by hook and line. Marine species harvested by spearing are subject to the same recreational regulations (e.g., bag limits, size limits, and closed seasons) as those marine species that are harvested by any other type of recreationally-allowed gear. The following is a list of species or groups of species that are prohibited from harvest by all forms of spearing in state waters:

- All prohibited species (listed on p. 10-13)
- Billfish (all species)
- Bonefish
- Crab (blue, stone)
- Caribbean spiny lobster (*Panulirus argus*)
- Goliath grouper
- Manta ray
- Nassau grouper
- Permit
- Pompano (Florida and African)
- Red drum
- Sharks (all species including dogfish)
- Snook
- Spotted eagle ray
- Spotted seatrout
- Sturgeon
- Tarpon
- Tripletail
- Weakfish
- Marine life species (listed on p. 14)

* Volusia County — You may not harvest by spearing in Volusia County inland waters with the exception of flounder and sheepshead, and...
only by the use of a barbed spear with three or fewer prongs.
* Special Local Laws also prohibit harvest by spearing in specific areas (Visit MyFWC.com/ Fishing and select "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations," "Full Text Rule by Species" and "Local Laws.")

**Spearfishing**

Spearfishing is a specific form of "spearing" defined as "the catching or taking of a fish through the instrumentality of a hand or mechanically propelled, single-or multi-pronged spear or lance, barbed or barbless, operated by a person swimming at or below the surface of the water." In addition to the harvest species limitations above, you may not spearfish:
- For any species that cannot be harvested by spearing (see Spearing on pg. 18).
- For any species (freshwater or marine) in freshwater. Possession of spearfishing equipment in or on freshwater is also prohibited.
- Within the upper Keys no-spearfishing zone, which includes all state waters from the Miami-Dade County line down to and including Long Key.
- Within 100 yards of any designated public bathing beaches, commercial or public fishing piers, or portions of bridges where fishing is allowed.
- Within 100 feet of the unsubmerged portion of any jetty, except that spearing is allowed along the last 500 yards of any jetty that extends more than 1,500 yards from the shoreline.
- In or on any body of water under the jurisdiction of the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection. Within these areas, the possession of spearfishing equipment is also prohibited except when such equipment is un-loaded and is properly stored upon watercraft passing nonstop through the area.
- Within the no-take areas of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (Visit: www.floridakeys.noaa.gov.)
- Within any area where spearfishing is prohibited by a Special Local Law (Visit MyFWC. com/Fishing and select "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations," "Full Text Rule by Species" and "Local Laws.")

**Powerheads, Bangsticks, Rebreathers**

Harvest with the use of powerheads, bangsticks or rebreathers is prohibited in state waters, except that rebreathers are allowed for the harvest of lionfish. Within state waters, powerheads and bangsticks can be used for personal protection only, and cannot be used to harvest any species.
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### New Saltwater Grand Slam Club Members

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### New Florida Saltwater Fishing Records

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Saltwater licenses cover both watercraft and shoreline fishing.

- **Annual Saltwater License**: $17.00
- **Youth Saltwater Fishing License**: $17.00
- **Five-Year Saltwater License**: $79.00
- **Annual Saltwater Shoreline License**: $0.00

Covers saltwater fishing only from shorelines and attached structures accessible by foot. Does not cover fishing from a watercraft, fishing from a shoreline reached by watercraft, or fishing while swimming or diving.

### Non-resident saltwater licenses
- **Three-day Saltwater License**: $17.00
- **Seven-day License**: $30.00
- **Annual License**: $47.00

### Saltwater permits – residents and non-residents
- **Annual Snook Permit**: $10.00
- **Five-Year Snook Permit (Florida residents only)**: $50.00
- **Annual Spiny Lobster Permit**: $5.00
- **Five-Year Spiny Lobster Permit (Florida residents only)**: $25.00
- **Tarpon Tag (available only at tax collector offices)**: $51.50

Unless exempt from license requirements, permits are necessary for the take of Snook and Spiny Lobster. Tarpon tags required to land tarpon.

### Information for additional saltwater permits and designations
- **State Reef Fish Angler Designation** – those fishing for reef fish from a private vessel in Gulf and Atlantic waters. No exemptions except youth under age 16.
- **Annual Shore-Based Shark Fishing Permit**: $0.00
- **Annual Blue Crab Trap Registration**: $0.00
- **Annual Stone Crab Trap Registration**: $0.00

These new no-cost permits are available online only at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com. Youth under age 16 are exempt. No other exemptions apply.

### Florida resident saltwater licenses
- **Annual Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing**: $32.50
- **Annual Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing and Hunting**: $48.00
- **Annual Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing and Hunting License**: $48.00

### Gold Sportsman’s Licenses
- **Annual Gold Sportsman’s License**: $100.00
- **Five-Year Gold Sportsman’s License**: $494.00
- **Youth Gold Sportsman’s License – valid until 17th birthday**: $100.00
- **Annual Military Gold Sportsman’s License**: $20.00

Includes the same licenses and permits as the Gold Sportsman’s License. Available for Florida residents who are active duty or retired military members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Armed Forces Reserve, Florida National Guard, Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve at county tax collectors’ offices with current military identification card or at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com through an online verification process.

### Florida Resident Lifetime Gold Sportsman’s licenses
- **Florida Resident Lifetime Gold Sportsman’s Licenses**: Includes Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing and Hunting licenses and Snook, Spiny Lobster, Management Area, Archery, Crossbow, Muzzleloading, Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl permits.
  - **Age: 0–4**: $126.50
  - **Age: 5–12**: $226.50
  - **Age: 13 or older**: $301.50

### Florida Resident Lifetime Saltwater Fishing licenses
- **Florida Resident Lifetime Saltwater Fishing licenses**: Includes Saltwater Fishing license and Snook and Spiny Lobster permits
  - **Age: 0–4**: $801.50
  - **Age: 5–12**: $701.50
  - **Age: 13 or older**: $1,001.50

### Florida resident combination licenses
- **Annual Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing**: $32.50
- **Annual Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing and Hunting**: $48.00

### License exemptions:
- **Youth under 16 years of age**
- **Florida resident age 65 or older who is fishing for mullet**
- **Florida resident who is fishing for mullet**
- **Florida resident Persons with Disabilities Hunting and Fishing License holder**

Florida resident who is fishing for mullet with a valid Florida freshwater fishing license.

### Saltwater fishing in Florida – what to know before you go:
Saltwater fishing licenses can be obtained online at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com, at county tax collectors’ offices or license agents, or by calling toll-free 888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356). All sales are final. Handling fees apply for telephone and Internet sales. For more information on recreational licensing information, visit MyFWC.com/License.

### For purposes of saltwater fishing in Florida, a resident is defined as:
- Any person who has declared Florida as his or her only state of residence as evidenced by a valid Florida driver license or identification card with both a Florida address and a Florida residency verified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (HSMV). A Florida voter registration card, declaration of domicile, or homestead exemption may also be used as proof of Florida residency.
- Active duty United States military personnel stationed in Florida, including spouses and dependent children residing in the household, with military orders.

### Saltwater fishing license exemptions:
- **Youth under 16 years of age**
- **Florida resident age 65 or older with proof of age and residency, such as a Florida driver’s license or identification card**
- **Florida resident fishing within his or her county of residence with live or natural bait, using poles or lines not equipped with a fishing line retrieval mechanism**
- **Florida Resident Persons with Disabilities Hunting and Fishing License holder**

Information at MyFWC.com/ADA.

Florida resident accepted as a client for developmental disabilities services by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, with agency proof thereof.

Florida resident saltwater fishing from land or a structure fixed to land who has been determined eligible for the food stamp, temporary cash assistance, or Medicaid Program by the Department of Children and Family Services. Must have proof of identification and a benefit issuance or program identification card issued by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities or the Agency for Health Care when fishing.

U.S. Armed Forces members who is a Florida resident not stationed in the state but home on leave with orders for 30 days or less. Does not include family members.

Individual commercial saltwater products license holders.

- Those recreationally fishing from a pier that has a pier saltwater fishing license.
- Fishing from a for-hire vessel (including guide, charter, party boat) that has a valid charter boat or charter captain license.
- Fishing from a boat that has a recreational vessel fishing license.
- A Florida resident who is fishing for mullet in freshwater with a valid Florida freshwater fishing license.

### More saltwater fishing licenses – available at Tax Collectors’ office:
Charter Boat and Charter Captain licenses are available and required to carry paying customers where a fee is paid directly or indirectly to take, attempt to take, or possess saltwater fish or organisms. Guides must comply with U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) requirements.

- **Four or fewer customers** ............... $201.50
- **Five to ten customers** ................. $401.50
- **Eleven or more customers** .......... $801.50

Recreational Vessel licenses are available for not-for-hire pleasure crafts that are registered recreationally for a fee of $2,001.50.

Pier licenses are available for $501.50 annually and exempt persons fishing from a pier fixed to land from saltwater fishing requirements.
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- Aquatic toxins hotline: 888-232-8635
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