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On the cover

Ms. Mandy O'Connor with a large triple tail.

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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."

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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.



Through this federal "user-pay, public-benefit" system of conservation, millions of dollars in funding each year go toward fisheries research, habitat management, stock enhancement, artificial reefs, boating access improvements, angler outreach and aquatic education. To learn more about how everyone benefits from enhanced fishing opportunities provided through the program, visit MyFWC.com/SFR.

2024 Commission meeting dates

Subject to change due to availability of appropriate facilities to hold the meeting.

- February 21–22
- May 1–2
- July 10–11
- September 17–18
- December 11–12

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Message from the FWC by Chairman Rodney Barreto

As we embark on a new year, I am honored to reflect on the previous year and the remarkable strides our agency has taken to continue our mission of conservation. Serving as Chairman of the Commission that is responsible for managing and protecting fish and wildlife, I am immensely proud of the unwavering dedication exhibited by our staff in their daily work, providing countless opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy Florida's great outdoors. I am equally grateful for the tireless commitment of our law enforcement officers who safeguard our precious fish and wildlife resources and protect the public. I would be remiss if I did not also mention my fellow Commissioners who generously volunteer their time, energy, and resources to our incredibly important duty of collectively managing and conserving Florida's fish and wildlife.

However, these conservation achievements would not be possible without the continued support and partnership of Florida's angling community. Anglers are crucial partners in conservation, and I am always moved by the passion Florida anglers have for ensuring our fisheries and their habitats are thriving for future generations. Anglers are deeply connected to our fisheries, letting us know when and where concerns may be, and offering ideas for addressing these concerns. The new snook regional management approach, in particular, stands as a testament to the collaborative conservation efforts between anglers and the Commission. By anglers working together with researchers and fisheries managers to develop an innovative and adaptive management approach, we have established a trailblazing management model that is garnering recognition nationwide. Thank you to the thousands of anglers who have actively engaged in our public workshops, Commission meetings, and to the thousands more who have submitted their public comment online. Beyond this, your contributions to conservation through initiatives like Sport Fish Restoration have enabled the creation of artificial reefs, boat ramps, educational programs, and vital research through funds generated from purchases of tackle, fishing license, and motorboat fuel.

We are grateful for your unwavering dedication to the conservation of our fish and wildlife, as well as your partnership and collaboration in our conservation mission. It is because of your efforts and support that Florida is and will continue to be the Fishing Capital of the World. Thank you, Florida anglers!



Rodney Barreto
FWC Chairman



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Florida Saltwater Fishing Records

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- Effective January 1, 2024
- Youth Weight category for ages 15 and under
- Adult and Youth Length categories to allow for catch and release records
- Prizes from TheMetalEdge.com
- Visit CatchAFloridaMemory.com/Records for details





Healthy Fisheries Depend on Healthy Coral Reefs

Coral reefs support an abundant fish community by providing food, shelter and breeding grounds. As adults, fish will often return to spawn at the reef. In return, fish promote reef health by cleaning algae off the corals and keeping pests in check.

Fish populations and Florida's Coral Reef are closely linked, and both are vital to the state's food supply and economy.

Learn more about the interconnection between fish populations and coral reefs.



FloridaDEP.gov | FloridasCoralReef.org



Hooked a Bird? Don't Cut the Line!

Even if you take precautionary steps to avoid it, sometimes you might hook a bird by accident. That's when it's important to remember—don't cut the line and let the bird fly away with it attached. This can lead to entanglement and death of birds (and an inconvenient loss of line). Instead, follow these simple steps to unhook the bird: **Reel. Remove. Release.**

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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Florida manages one of the most diverse, and most active artificial reef programs in the United States. As of October 2023, the FWC Artificial Reef Program has recorded over 4,173 artificial reef deployment locations state-wide. In the past six months, over 220 new artificial reefs have been constructed and the locations from a subset of the most recent reefs are listed in the table below. To download a complete list of Florida's artificial reef locations in a variety of digital formats, view an interactive map, and learn more about Florida's Artificial Reef Program, please visit MyFWC.com/ArtificialReefs.

Highlights from Recent Florida Artificial Reef Deployments

DeployID	County	Date	Deployment Name	Material	Tons	Relief	Depth	Lat (DM)	Long (DM)
OK0380	Okaloosa	04/18/2023	RMS CYCLOPS	Steel vessel 105'	66	27'	72'	30° 20.828' N	86° 26.239' W
SL0084	St. Lucie	04/22/2023	Unnamed FWC Reef 2023 (1)	Secondary use concrete	516	10'	55'	27° 31.365' N	80° 11.143' W
OK0384	Okaloosa	05/17/2023	Destin High School Reef	Prefabricated modules (9)	48	15'	119'	30° 09.760' N	86° 20.521' W
OK0382	Okaloosa	05/17/2023	Starborough Wine Reef 2023	Prefabricated modules (8)	39	25'	68'	30° 21.099' N	86° 36.876' W
OK0381	Okaloosa	05/17/2023	Crab Trap Offshore Reef	Prefabricated modules (9)	42	15'	106'	30° 09.879' N	86° 24.483' W
LE0133	Lee	05/18/2023	Village 6	Culverts	34	6'	30'	26° 19.827' N	81° 58.132' W
BA0535	Bay	05/22/2023	MB-276	Prefabricated modules (19)	182	15'	64'	29° 55.299' N	85° 33.013' W
BA0534	Bay	05/22/2023	Ernie Johnson Memorial Reef	Tetrahedrons (2)	5	8'	65'	29° 43.250' N	85° 28.830' W
OK0385	Okaloosa	05/29/2023	LA-2023-1	Prefabricated modules (10)	45	15'	110'	30° 08.646' N	86° 24.710' W
PB0151	Palm Beach	06/01/2023	Bob Burton Memorial Reef 1	Limestone boulders	500	10'	65'	26° 27.167' N	80° 02.964' W
PB0153	Palm Beach	06/15/2023	Derek Beckel Memorial Reef	Limestone boulders	500	12'	78'	26° 53.048' N	80° 01.816' W
PB0154	Palm Beach	06/22/2023	Andrew Red Harris Juno Rock	Limestone boulders	500	12'	78'	26° 52.785' N	80° 01.836' W
ST0221	Sarasota	06/26/2023	M-2 Tom Wallin Reef 2023	Prefabricated modules (25)	19	3'	38'	27° 18.809' N	82° 42.924' W
ES0733	Escambia	06/28/2023	EscaRosa 1	Prefabricated modules (7)	36	15'	48'	30° 17.680' N	87° 13.010' W
OK0389	Okaloosa	06/29/2023	RMS ATLANTIS	Steel vessel 125'	58	35'	80'	30° 14.561' N	86° 30.517' W
DA0267	Miami-Dade	07/07/2023	Fisher Island Gazebo & Rip Rap	Limestone boulders	925	13'	27'	25° 48.847' N	80° 10.225' W
WL0066	Walton	07/13/2023	2023 Ed Walline Nearshore NW	Prefabricated modules (7)	21	8'	52'	30° 20.058' N	86° 13.947' W
PB0155	Palm Beach	07/18/2023	2023 PBFF Reef	Culverts (138)	494	8'	515'	26° 46.328' N	79° 57.812' W
ES0805	Escambia	09/08/2023	NRDA Phase 3 Cell 461	Prefabricated module (1)	21	15'	78'	30° 11.710' N	87° 06.991' W
FR0083	Franklin	09/19/2023	Robby's Reef 2023	Prefabricated modules (4)	72	15'	50'	29° 39.630' N	84° 30.000' W
FR0082	Franklin	09/19/2023	Carl Enis Memorial Reef	Prefabricated modules (6)	108	15'	68'	29° 35.423' N	84° 25.387' W
FR0081	Franklin	09/19/2023	Mike Johnston Memorial Reef	Prefabricated modules (9)	27	8'	38'	29° 28.909' N	84° 55.763' W
FR0080	Franklin	09/19/2023	Rocky Burrous Reef	Prefabricated modules (9)	27	8'	38'	29° 28.909' N	84° 55.494' W
BE0072	Brevard	10/19/2023	Memorial Reef	Prefabricated modules (15)	45	8'	83'	28° 23.609' N	80° 17.795' W

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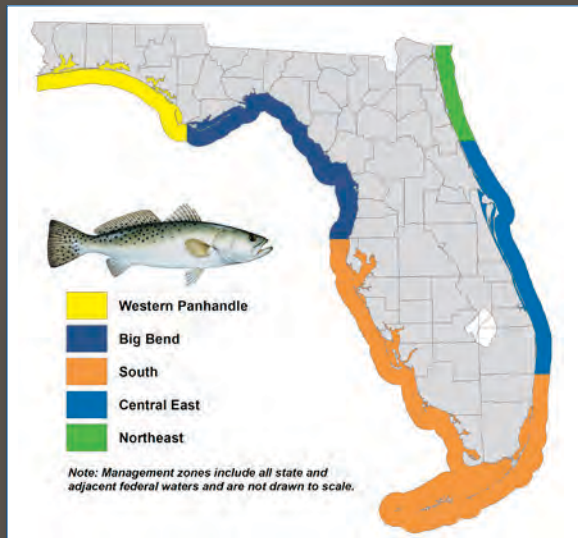
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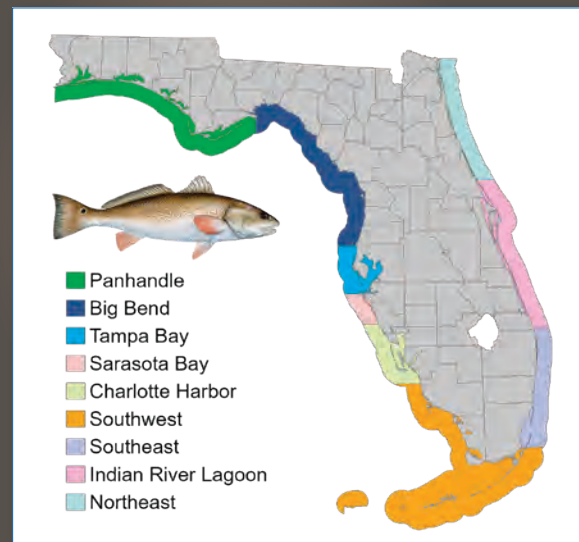
Spotted Seatrout Management Zones

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 nine management zones. The daily bag limit is one fish in all the Florida state waters, except for the Indian River Lagoon region where red drum are catch-and-release only. Zero bag limit for captain and crew.



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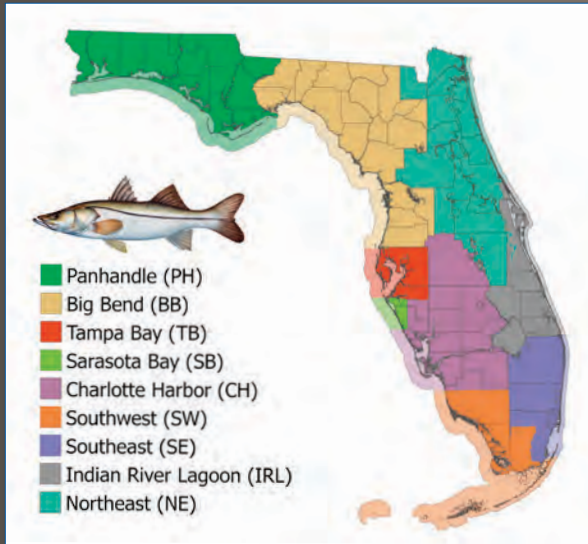
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Snook Regional Management

Recent Changes to Snook Management

- FWC has adopted a regional management approach for snook that brings a holistic view to management decisions using multiple metrics to evaluate the fishery on a smaller regional scale.



- There are seven metrics used in the evaluation: spawning potential ratio (SPR), habitat, harmful algal blooms (HABs), relative abundance, fishing effort, temperature, and stakeholder feedback.
- The new regulations establish nine snook management regions throughout Florida. These management regions extend inland, as shown on the map, and into adjacent federal waters.
- FWC staff will annually evaluate the snook fishery in each region using the metrics, and key findings will be summarized in "Annual Review" publications.
- To see the latest snook annual reviews for each management region, visit MyFWC.com/Snook.

New Regulations (Effective Jan. 1, 2024)

Panhandle, Big Bend, Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay

Open season: March – April, September – November

Bag limit: one fish

Slot limit: 28–33 inches

Charlotte Harbor, Southwest

Open season: March – April, October – November

Bag limit: one fish

Slot limit: 28–33 inches

Southeast, Indian River Lagoon, Northeast

Open season: February – May, September – Dec. 14

Bag limit: one fish

Slot limit: 28–32 inches

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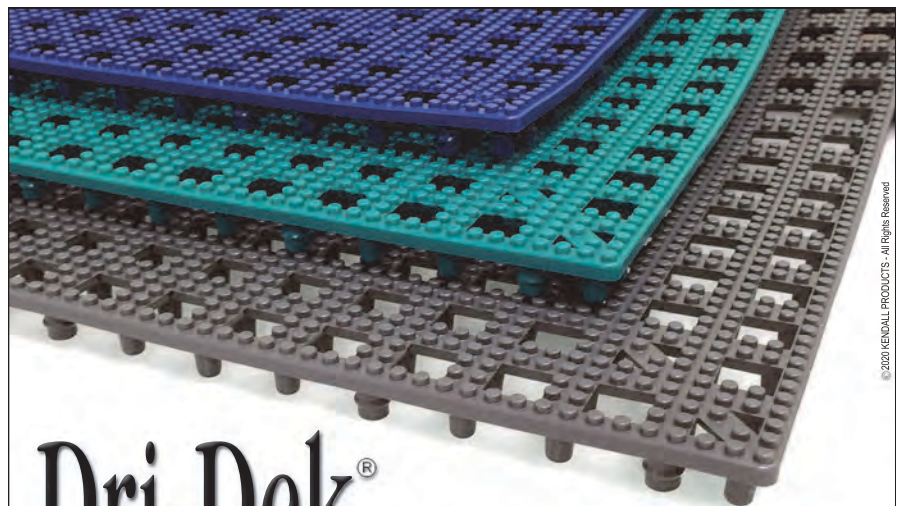
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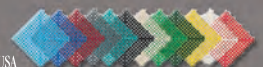
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Florida Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations

Regulations apply to state waters of the Gulf and Atlantic

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New regulations are highlighted in red

(please visit: MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational for the most current regulations)

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Reef Fish

Snapper

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, Cubera ▲◆◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 12" (see below)

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester under 30", included within snapper aggregate bag limit
- May additionally harvest up to 2 over 30" per harvester or vessel, whichever is less, and these 2 fish over 30" are **not** included within snapper aggregate bag limit



Snapper, Red ▲◆◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 20"
- Gulf - 16"

Season:

- Atlantic - Open year-round
- **Gulf - TBD**

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 2 per harvester
- Gulf - Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels.



Snapper, Vermilion ▲◆◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 12"
- Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 5 per harvester **not** included within snapper aggregate bag limit
- 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.



Snapper, Gray (Mangrove) ▲◆◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 18"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester



Snapper, Mutton ▲◆◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 18"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester



Snapper, Schoolmaster ▲◆◆●■

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester



Snapper, Yellowtail ▲◆◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 12"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

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 and blueline 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

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester. Only 1 fish can be gag or black
- Gulf - 4 per harvester*



Grouper, Snowy ▲◆◆●

Minimum Size Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester



Grouper, Red ▲◆◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 20"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1–April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 2 per harvester*



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, Scamp ▲◆◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 20"
- Gulf - 16"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1–April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 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 Sept. 1–Nov. 10

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester. Only 1 fish can be gag or black
- Gulf - 2 per harvester*



Grouper, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth ▲◆◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 20"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1–April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester

Other Groupers ▲◆◆●

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

Reef Fish

Other Reef Fish (If no season information is provided, the species is open year-round)



Amberjack, Greater ▲●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 28" fork length
- Gulf - 34" fork length

Season:

- Atlantic - Jan. 1-March 31 & May 1-Dec. 31
- Gulf - Open Aug. 1-Oct. 31. Visit MyFWC.com for updates.

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per harvester per day



Red Porgy ▲◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 14"
- Gulf - None

Season:

- Atlantic - May 1-June 30
- Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 pounds



Tilefish, Blueline ▲●

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 lbs. or 2 per harvester, whichever is greater

Season:

- Atlantic - Open May 1-Aug. 31
- Gulf - Open year-round

Remarks

- Blueline tilefish included within Atlantic grouper aggregate bag limits.



Tilefish, Golden ▲●

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 pounds or 2 per person, whichever is greater

Remarks

- Golden 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:

- Not less than 15" or more than 36" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per person or 6 per vessel
- May possess one over 36" per vessel.
- Unregulated in all other areas.



Amberjack, Lesser & Banded Rudderfish ▲●X

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 harvester aggregate of the two species



Hogfish ▲●X

Atlantic regulations apply to Monroe county

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 16" fork length
- Gulf - 14" fork length

Season:

- Atlantic - Open May 1-Oct. 31
- Gulf - Open year round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 5 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



Triggerfish (Gray) ▲●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 12" fork length
- Gulf - 15" fork length

Season:

- Atlantic - Open year-round
- Gulf - Open March 1-May 31, Aug. 1-Dec. 31

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 10 per harvester
- Gulf - 1 per harvester



Pompano, African ●★▲↑■

Minimum Size Limits:

- 24" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester per day, not to exceed 2 per vessel

Pelagics



Billfish ★▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- Sailfin 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.



Wahoo ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester



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.



Cobia (Ling) ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- 36" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Gulf and Atlantic - 1 per harvester not to exceed 2 per vessel



Mackerel, King ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- 24" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic (excluding Monroe) - 2 per harvester
- Gulf (including Monroe) - 3 per harvester



Tripletail ★▲◆↑

Minimum Size Limits:

- 18"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester

Remarks

- Hook and line only. No snatch hooks.



Mackerel, Spanish ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- 12" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 15 per harvester



Dolphinfin ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 20" fork length
- Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 5 per harvester per day, not to exceed 30 per vessel
- Gulf - 10 per harvester per day, not to exceed 60 per vessel
- Vessel limits does not apply for for-hire vessels.
- Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew



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 private 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.



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Coastal Species



Bluefish



Minimum Size Limits:
• 12" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
• Atlantic - 3 per harvester
• Gulf - 10 per harvester (includes Monroe County)



Permit



Size Limits:

- 22" fork Special Permit Zone (SPZ); Not less than 11" or more than 22" fork length all other areas

Closed Season:

- April 1–July 31 SPZ Only

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester, not to exceed 2 per vessel SPZ;
- 2 per harvester all other state waters

Remarks

- May possess 1 over 22" fork length outside the SPZ, not to exceed 2 over 22" fork per vessel per day. For map of SPZ, please see: MyFWC.com.
- Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels



Black Drum



Size Limits:

- Not less than 14" or more than 24"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 5 per harvester

Remarks

- May possess one over 24". Snatching prohibited.



Flounder



Minimum Size Limits:
• 14"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
• 5 per harvester

Closed Season:

- Oct. 15–Nov. 30

Remarks

- May be harvested by spearing. Snatching prohibited.



Spotted Seatrout



Size Limits:

- Not less than 15" or more than 19"
- May not possess more than 1 over 19" per vessel

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 3 per harvester per day W.P. Zone
- 5 per harvester per day B.B. Zone
- 3 per harvester per day S. Zone
- 2 per harvester per day C.E. Zone
- 5 per harvester per day N.E. Zone

Closed Season:

- Feb. W.P. Zone
- Nov. – Dec. C.E. Zone

Remarks

- See management zone map on pg. 8.
- Zero bag limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels statewide



Pompano, Florida



Minimum Size Limits:

- 11" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 6 per harvester

Remarks

- Hook and line, cast net and beach or haul seine ONLY.



Bonefish



Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
• 0 per harvester

Remarks

- Catch and release only
- Hook and line only



Weakfish



Minimum Size Limits:

- Weakfish Management Area (WMA) in Nassau County - 12"
- All other areas - no minimum

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- WMA - 1 per harvester
- All other areas - 100 pounds per harvester

Remarks

- Regulations apply in parts of Nassau County only.
- See map at: MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational/Weakfish



Mullet, Striped (Black) & Silver

Minimum Size Limits:

- No minimum size

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 50 aggregate per harvester;
- **Aggregate vessel limits** Feb. 1–Aug. 31: 100 per vessel; Sept. 1–Jan. 31: 50 per vessel



Atlantic Croaker and Spot



Minimum Size Limits:
• None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 50 per harvester per species (excludes Monroe county)
- Gulf - 100 lbs. per harvester (including Monroe county)



Snook (All species)



Size Limits:

- **PH, BB, TB, SB, CH, and SW management regions: Not less than 28" or more than 33"**
- **SE, IRL, and NE management regions: Not less than 28" or more than 32"**

Open Season:

- **PH, BB, TB, and SB management regions are open Mar.–April and Sept.–Nov.**
- **CH and SW management regions are open March–April and Oct.–Nov.**
- **SE, IRL, and NE management regions are open Feb.–May and Sept.–Dec. 14.**

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- **In each management region: 1 per harvester**

Remarks

- Snook permit required for harvest when saltwater license required. See MyFWC.com for snook permit details. Snatch hooks and spearing prohibited.
- Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels
- See page 9 for regional map



Blue Runner



Minimum Size Limits:

- No minimum

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 100 fish per harvester



Sheepshead



Minimum Size Limits:
• 12"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
• 8 per harvester

Remarks

- Snatching prohibited
- Vessel limit of 50 fish during March and April



Red Drum (Redfish)



Size Limits:

- Not less than 18" or more than 27"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Catch and Release in the Indian River Lagoon Region
- 1 fish bag limit in the following regions: Panhandle, Big Bend, Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay, Charlotte Harbor, Southwest, Southeast, and Northeast
- 4 fish vessel limit in the following regions: Panhandle, Big Bend, and Northeast
- 2 fish vessel limit in the following regions: Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay, Charlotte Harbor, Southwest, and Southeast
- See pg. 8 for regional map

Remarks

- Giggling, spearing, snatching prohibited. Harvest in Federal waters prohibited.



Tarpon



Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester per year. \$50 harvest tag required. Vessel limit of one fish. Harvest tag can only be used when fish is retained for potential IGFA record.

Remarks

- Tarpon over 40 inches must remain in the water during release. Spearing and snatch hooking prohibited. Bottom weighted jigs prohibited in Boca Grande Pass. See: MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational/Tarpon for additional information.

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.



Examples of "unregulated species" include:

Ladyfish, bonito, menhaden, white grunt, southern stingray, gulf kingfish (whiting), pinfish, Atlantic croaker, jack crevalle, cero mackerel, hardhead catfish, gaftopsail 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.

★ 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.

● 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.

X 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:

- Gulf County: Aug. 16–Sept. 24
- Franklin-NW Taylor County: July 1–Sept. 24
- Dixie and remaining Taylor County: June 15–Labor Day
- Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties: July 1–Sept. 24
- **Pasco County: July 1–Aug. 6**

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 gallons whole or 1 pint meat per harvester; no more than 10 gallons whole, or ½ gallon meat per vessel anytime
- Dixie and remaining Taylor County: From 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 68B-31 F.A.C for more information on areas closed to shrimping

Spiny Lobster



Minimum Size Limit:

- Carapace must be greater than 3" measured in the water

Seasons:

- Sport Season open July 24–25, 2024
- Regular Season opens Aug. 6 through March 31

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Sport Season: 6 per harvester per day in Monroe County and Biscayne National Park, 12 in all other harvest areas.
- Regular Season: 6 per harvester in all areas

Remarks

- Recreational trapping prohibited. Spiny lobster permit required when license required. Harvest of egg-bearing females prohibited.

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, Stone



Minimum Size Limits:

- 2 7/8" claw

Closed Season:

- May 2–Oct. 14

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 gal. claws per harvester or 2 gal. per vessel, whichever is less

Remarks

- 5 traps maximum. Visit MyFWC.com for state-wide trap construction requirements and specific requirements that apply in Miami-Dade, Monroe and Collier. Illegal to possess whole crab. Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited. See how to properly de-claw on our website. New trap registration requirements, visit GoOutdoorsFlorida.com to register.

Crab, Blue



Closed Season:

- Regional trap closures apply. Visit MyFWC.com for 2024 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).



Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

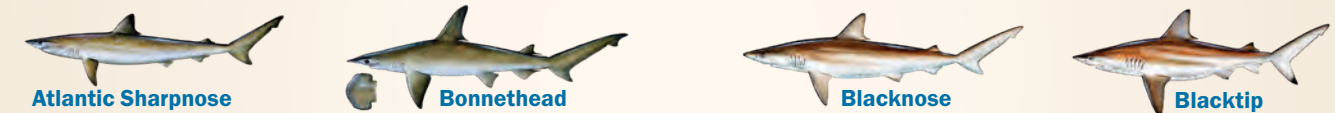
- 1 per harvester or 2 per vessel per day, whichever is less.

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.

Retainable Sharks with no minimum size limit ★ †

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



Prohibited Species

It is unlawful to harvest, possess, land, purchase, sell or exchange the following species:

Shortfin Mako, Goliath grouper (Jewfish, without harvest permit), Nassau Grouper, Sawfish, Atlantic Angel Shark, Basking Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger Shark, Bigeye Sixgill Shark, Bigeye Thresher Shark, Bignose Shark, Caribbean Reef Shark, Caribbean Sharpnose Shark, Dusky Shark, Galapagos Shark, Lemon Shark, Longfin Mako Shark, Narrowtooth Shark, Night Shark, Silky Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Sandbar Shark, Sevengill Shark, Sixgill Shark, Smalltail Shark, Spiny Dogfish, Whale Shark, White Shark, Tiger Shark, Greater, Scalloped and Smooth Hammerhead Shark, Manta Ray, Devil Ray, Spotted Eagle Ray, Longbill Spearfish, Mediterranean Spearfish, Sturgeon, Queen Conch, Calico Scallop, Stony, Hard, Black and Fire Corals, Sea Fans, Bahama Starfish, and Longspine Urchin. Harvest of live rock in state waters is prohibited. Puffer fish harvest is prohibited in Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties.

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, slurp 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

SPECIES	REMARKS ¹	SIZE LIMITS (total length unless otherwise noted)
Angelfish	No more than 5 per person per day in any combination	Gray, French Angelfish: 1½–8" slot limit Blue, Queen Angelfish: 1¾–8" 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"
Hamlets/Seabasses	Except reef fish ² and Longtail Bass	
Jawfish		Maximum size limit: 4"
Parrotfish		Maximum size limit: 12"
Porkfish		Minimum size limit: 1½"
Pufferfish, Burrfish, Balloonfish, 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 include¹: 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/Cubbyu, Pipefish, Reef Croakers, Seahorses, Sleepers, Yellow Stingray, Sweepers, Toadfish, Trumpetfish and Trunkfish/Cowfish.

Marine Life — Invertebrates

SPECIES	REMARKS ¹
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". Corallimorphs must be harvested as single polyps only. Zero bag limit on Giant Anemone (<i>Condylactis gigantea</i>).
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 ³	Except Common Octopus
Sea Fans	Harvest of Venus Sea Fan and Common (Purple) Sea Fan prohibited
Siphonophores/Hydroids	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 ³	Except Sand Dollars & Sea Biscuits; harvest of Longspine Urchin prohibited

Other Marine Life invertebrates include¹: Brittlestars³, Decorator (Furcate Spider) Crab, False Arrow Crab, Green Clinging (Emerald) Crab, Nimble Spray (Urchin) Crab, Red Mithrax Crab, Red-Ridged Clinging Crab, Spotted Porcelain Crab, Yellowline Arrow Crab, Fileclams³, Upside-down Jellyfish, Nudibranchs/Sea Slugs³, Sea Cucumbers³, Sea Lilies, Cleaner/Peppermint Shrimp, Coral Shrimp, Snapping Shrimp, Nassarius Snails³, Starsnails³, Featherduster Worms and Calcareous Tube Worms.

Marine Life — Plants

SPECIES	LIMITS
Algae, Coralline Red	
Caulerpa	One gallon of tropical ornamental marine plants per day in any combination; 2 gallon maximum possession limit
Halimeda/Mermaid's Fan/Mermaid's Shaving Brush	

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.

Keep Silver Kings Reigning

Use Best Fishing Practices



Photos courtesy of Capt. Bryon Chamberlin

Gear

- Use non-stainless, non-offset, barbless circle hooks
- Use single hook rigs
- Use tackle heavy enough to land tarpon quickly and minimize fight time by matching tackle to conditions and targeted fish size
- Use a dehooking tool to quickly and easily remove hooks

Handling

- Tarpon over 40 inches **MUST** remain in the water by law, unless in pursuit of a state or world record using a tarpon tag
- Tarpon smaller than 40 inches should only be handled with wet hands and be supported horizontally if removed from the water
- Work quickly to minimize handling time and exposure to air
- Keep fingers away from the gills and eyes
- Avoid dragging tarpon over the gunnel of a boat, or over rocks or railings

Release

- Release fish as quickly as possible
- Revive lethargic tarpon ensuring water passes over the gills from front to back or hold it horizontally in the water to allow it to pump water through its gills
- If a shark appears while you are fighting a tarpon, consider breaking the tarpon off as close to the hook as possible so it has a chance to escape before it is too tired



Jeff Stephens



Chloe Bedford



Robert Modys

Additional Best Fishing Practices for Tarpon

- Take efforts to shorten future fight times if tarpon appear lethargic during release
- Move to another fishing location if sharks are in the area
- Avoid fishing for tarpon from bridges or piers as this requires specialized lifting gear or cutting the line with long amounts of line trailing behind the fish, leading to entanglement of other marine life including birds

Visit [MyFWC.com/Tarpon](https://myfwc.com/tarpon) to learn more about fishing for tarpon in Florida.



Lionfish King Baye Beauford



Commercial Champion Jerry Butler

Conquering the Seas

Eighth Annual Lionfish Challenge Shatters Records

The 2023 Lionfish Challenge was a showstopper that shattered all expectations, raising the Reef Rangers bar to new heights in numbers of participants and lionfish harvested! From June 1 through Oct. 1, a fleet of 281 fearless and ambitious divers removed 30,494 invasive lionfish from Florida waters, protecting our precious marine resources. This year's top competitors really brought the heat! The 2023 Lionfish King, Baye Beauford of Jacksonville, reigned supreme in the Recreational Category with the 1,514 lionfish he harvested, and the 2023 Commercial Champion, Jerry Butler of Jacksonville, removed a staggering 1,208 pounds of lionfish, equivalent to approximately 1,331 fish, securing his spot at the top of the Commercial Category. This year also marked the inaugural inclusion of a Military Prize to be presented to the top Active Military or Veteran competitor. Eric Larson of Gulf Breeze took home the prize with an impressive harvest of 591 lionfish. A salute to our military heroes who protect and serve both on land and in the water!

We would like to extend a special thanks to the 55 shops that served as checkpoints for recreational submissions and our primary sponsor, ZooKeeper, for supporting the Lionfish Challenge and designing and providing tournament shirts. Without their invaluable support, the Lionfish Challenge truly wouldn't be possible.

To learn more about the Challenge, other Reef Rangers programs, and ways to get involved visit FWCReefRangers.com. For questions, email Lionfish@MyFWC.com.

Recreational Category		
	Name	Number of Lionfish
1st place Lionfish King	Baye Beauford	1,514
2nd place	Dale Wolber	1,145
3rd place	David Connerth	773
Military Prize	Eric Larson	591

Commercial Category		
	Name	Pounds of Lionfish
1st place Commercial Champion	Jerry Butler	1,208 lbs
2nd place	David Garrett	744 lbs
3rd place	Alex Fogg	516 lbs

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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 a dehooking device and a venting tool or descending device rigged and ready for use 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:** These regulations require a dehooking device and a venting tool or descending device rigged and ready for use when recreationally fishing for reef fish in the Atlantic. (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, bluefish, 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



SPEARING

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 unloaded 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

Grand Slam Tier 2 - 6 different Grand Slams:

Gregg E. Lewis

Bay and Estuary:

Grant Sperry

Family - Drum:

Anthony M. Acevedo
Jonathan Benedict
Ben J. Campbell
Clinton Erlinger
Sean Featherstone
Todd Gerkens
James K. Goodfellow

Peyton Kinnebrew
Amy C. Lombardo
Phillip L. Todd
Roxanne Todd
Craig D. Van Brocklin
Chad M. Wammock

Family - Grouper:

Daniel Byrd
Shane Cress
Rick Moreland
Carlie F. Sawallis

Family - Grunt:

Steve Limer

Family - Jack/Pompano: Josh P. Bennett
Steve Limer

Family - Mackerel/Tuna:

Benjamin J. Parker

Family - Porgy:

Dan Kipnis

Family - Requiem Shark:

Carson L. Atcheson
Connor T. Atcheson

Family - Snapper:

Mir S. Ali

David G. Levitt
Steve Limer
Mark Marusic
Adler Murray
William E. Ray
Charlyn P. Salts
Michael Loran Schulze
Aaron A. Schweitzer
Mike Vallee
Raymundo C. Veloso
Zachary Woods

Florida:

Gregg E. Lewis

Inshore:

Joseph P. Agee
James G. Boykin
Kevin N. Campbell
Jacob D. Jones
Cayden Karppe
Zain Khalid
Kristopher Kinnebrew
Peyton Kinnebrew
Thomas Lynn
Colin Ralph
Angelo Soyangco
Cooper L. Stephenson
Ryan Stevens

Mike Vallee
Richard Vlacos
Fred M. Wammock
Small Fry:
Justin R. Alsen
Carson L. Atcheson
Connor T. Atcheson
Mason A. Chaplausek
Luke Dunn
Cayden Karppe
Ryder Karppe
Adler Murray
C. B. Williams

New Saltwater Fish Life List Club Members

10 - Fish Club:

Hollie I. Agapi
Konnor L. Aleknavich
Brooke Allen
Wyatt O. Andre
Carson L. Atcheson
Connor T. Atcheson
Derek Ball
Christopher J. Barton
Gary Beisel
Jonathan Benedict
Nathan D. Benedict
Josh P. Bennett
Christine A. Biron
Adam Burish
Ryan Derenzy Burkhead
Martin R. Byers

Ben J. Campbell
Jake Caracciolo
Mason A. Chaplausek
Joseph Chen
Jimmy Chretien
Diana W. Corvin
Supriti Cygon
Joshua H. Daughtry
Chris Debone
Luke Dunn
Donald W. Eicher IV
Clinton Erlinger
Casey Fort
Dominic Lee Francia
Jayden K. Fries
Janice Gerkens
Paul R. Hanzlik II

Christian Haugland
Isaac Hellmuth
Louis Hernandez
Ezra M. Holbrook
Robert A. Hollenbeck
Camden Huffman
Seth Jaeger
Caleb G. Kembro
Mary Khan
Dan Kipnis
Michael G. Kissner
Devin Kitrel
Sean L. Kittle
Kasen O. Krueger
Kurt Larson
Kyle Ledford
David G. Levitt

Mason A. Long
Mary F. Magnuson
Andrew Mahood
Jason May
David McCoy
Scott McCune
Timothy J. Mezger
Laura Millington
Adler Murray
Mandy O'connor
Michael Olsen
Julius Ortega
Brian K. Ott
Micheal D. Page
Mikayla A. Pfennig
Joey T. Phillips
Garren Pollard

Gavin Pollard
Clement B. Quinones
William E. Ray
Justin Reed
Amador Rojas
Alec Rosen
Leo F. Ryan Jr
Marlin Salts
Carlie F. Sawallis
Albert C. Scarmato Jr
Michael Loran Schulze
Tania J. Schulze
Brian K. Selai
Jack Smith
Michael S. Smith
Angelo Soyangco
Grant Sperry

Reed J. Trottier
Shane J. Trottier
James R. Ulle Jr
Mike Vallee
Ariel B. Vincent
Bernie Vlacos
Faith Weedman
Larry Weedman
Ryan A. Widman
Jon Wissman
Samuel Jason Woodall
Derrick Wyle
Binhong Ye
John D. Zambrano
30 - Fish Club:
Dan Kipnis
Kurt Larson

Adam J. Macek
Brayden Madison
Roy Magnuson
Adam T. Maxfield
Rick Moreland
Alejandro Pinera
Gage T. Pollard
Vincent Rafailovici
Glenn Salts
Angelo Soyangco
John M. Suleski
Dylan R. Sullivan
Shane J. Trottier
Zachary Woods
50 - Fish Club:
Michael Paul Boggs
Amy Lockhart

New Saltwater Reel Big Fish Club Members

Tier 3 - 15 Different Species:

Christopher K. Perry

Tier 2 - 10 Different Species:

Gregg E. Lewis

Tier 1 - 5 Different Species:

Travis Reed Anderson
Matthew Stephen Batchelor
Maxwell Miller
Vincent Rafailovici

Black Drum:

Garrett Hart
Gavin Hart

Catfish:

Justin R. Alsen
Robert D. Alsen
Carson L. Atcheson
Connor T. Atcheson
Matthew Stephen Batchelor
Nathan D. Benedict
Greg G. Borries Jr
Daniel Ciobanu
Ella M. Debone

Dominic Lee Francia
Todd Gerkens
Michael G. Kissner
Keeton Krueger
Samuel G. Krueger
Gregg E. Lewis
James Linhart
Katie Linhart
Angel L. Melendez Rivera
Christopher Meredith
Adler Murray
Christopher K. Perry
Joey T. Phillips
Keith P. Planner
Vincent Rafailovici
Christopher L. Sheffield
Phillip L. Todd
Roxanne Todd
Cody J. Trippel
Steven Trollinger
Eli S. Williams
George F. Williams
John Franklin Williams
Crevalle Jack:
Emmette Kessler
Amy C. Lombardo

Angelo Soyangco
Gray (Mangrove) Snapper:
Shane Cress
Brayden Madison
Joshua Mars
John R. Morin
Matthew D. Stoddard

Gray Triggerfish:

Ty H. Hitsos
Kurt Larson

Greater Amberjack:

Gregg E. Lewis

Hogfish:

Carlie F. Sawallis
King Mackerel:
James N. Corvin
Jevin L. Haston
Gregg E. Lewis
Nathan C. Nielsen
Rj O'connor
Jane Pollock
Holly Street
Thomas Street
Graham Yaun

Ladyfish:

Audrey G. Corvin
James N. Corvin
Vincent M. Delbuono
Sean Featherstone
Gregory Lee McConnell
Matthew Olsen
Alexis Rose Paul
Aj J. Phillips
Joey T. Phillips
Vincent Rafailovici
Michael Loran Schulze
Shawn T. Singleton
Grant Sperry
Nathan Timpe
Steven Trollinger
Camden Williams
Mutton Snapper:
James Huffman
Alexandria J. Salts
Carlie F. Sawallis
Philip E. Smith
Permit:
Cobey Khan
James M. Wheeler

Red Drum:

Magnus O. Bingham
Shawn R. Blanton
Marc D. Chancey
Vincent Delbuono
Vincent M. Delbuono
Mark R. Edwards
Clinton Erlinger
Christian Haugland
Jessica Honovic
Dean Krueger
Reed M. Krueger
Amy C. Lombardo
Emmanuel Lopez
Travis A. Miller
Barbara Moore
Christopher K. Perry
Donald Przybylski
Michael Loran Schulze
Tania J. Schulze
John M. Suleski
Stacie K. Wond
Red Grouper:
Rick Moreland
Red Porgy:
Sean L. Kittle

Snook:

Travis Reed Anderson
Charles T. Douglas
James K. Goodfellow
Jonathan Kenny
Adam J. Macek
David McCoy
Marlin Salts
Matthew A. Torres
Shane J. Trottier
Brooke West

Southern Flounder:

John (Jay) C. Cooper Jr

Spanish Mackerel:

Maxwell Miller
Dennis Triana

Spotted Seatrout:

Mark R. Bleiler
Corey J. Blevins
Adam Burish
Russell S. Dasch
Joshua H. Daughtry
Joseph de Jesus
James Ryan Dodd
Brian J. Ferreira
Joshua R. Guthrie

Kurt Larson
Mason A. Long
Maxwell Miller
Barbara Moore
Nicholas J. Orlosky
Dana Thrower
John D. Zambrano
Tripletail:
Spencer D. Connolly
Garrett Farmer
Hank McIntyre
Mandy O'connor
John D. Zambrano
Vermilion Snapper:
Richard Heming
Sean L. Kittle
Hans Lemke
Nathan C. Nielsen
Aiden W. Roberts
Yellowtail Snapper:
Barry Downes Jr
Robert A. Hollenbeck
Joshua Mars
Alexandria J. Salts
Abigail Sperry
William Sperry

New Triple Threat Club Members

Have obtained a Grand Slam, Reel Big Fish AND Life List Club Recognition

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Dana Thrower
Phillip L. Todd
Roxanne Todd
Jon Wissman

Florida resident saltwater licenses

Saltwater licenses cover both watercraft and shoreline fishing.

Annual Saltwater License	\$17.00
Youth Saltwater Fishing License — valid until 17th birthday	\$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 combination licenses

Annual Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing	\$32.50
Annual Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing and Hunting	\$48.00

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.

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 Saltwater Fishing licenses

Includes Saltwater Fishing license and Snook and Spiny Lobster permits

Age: 0–4	\$126.50
Age: 5–12	\$226.50
Age: 13 or older	\$301.50

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	\$401.50
Age: 5–12	\$701.50
Age: 13 or older	\$1,001.50

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 and 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 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:

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

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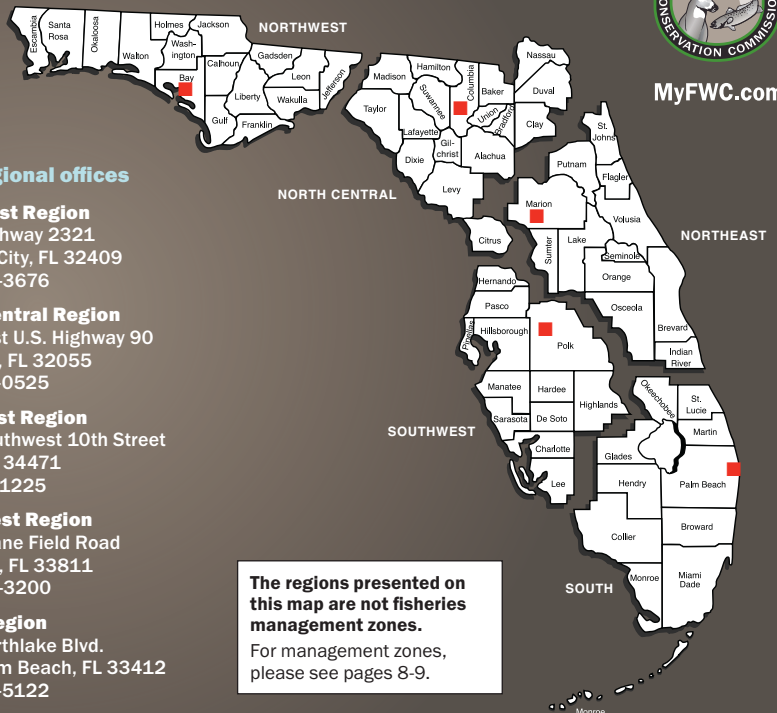
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For management zones, please see pages 8-9.

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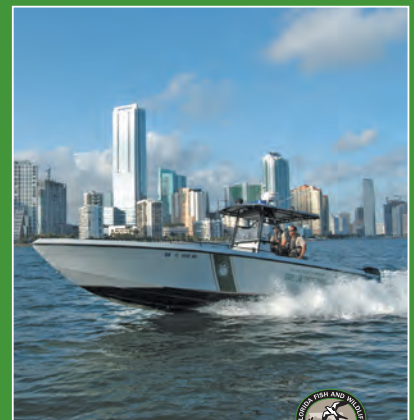
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