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On the cover

Luc and Nola Williams with a beautiful redbfish.

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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.

2026 Commission meeting dates

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

- February 4–5
- May 13–14
- August 5–6
- December 9–10

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Message from the FWC by Chairman Rodney Barreto

As we commemorate the 250th anniversary of American independence, I invite everyone to not only reflect on this historic milestone but also to celebrate the many conservation victories we've achieved here in Florida. As Chairman of the Commission responsible for managing and protecting fish and wildlife, I am inspired by the passion and dedication of our saltwater anglers- not only in the pursuit of the next big catch, but in their unwavering commitment to sustaining healthy habitats and fisheries. Throughout Florida's history, the angling community has been a champion and advocate for the state's resources.

Anglers are crucial partners in conservation, and this past year was no exception. In 2025, Florida anglers showed up for our fisheries by participating in public workshops across the state to contribute feedback and experiences to help inform management decisions. Anglers attended in record numbers to discuss state management of Atlantic recreational red snapper, statewide oyster recovery, Gulf lane snapper protection, holistic spotted seatrout management, shrimping updates, and bonefish protection. Our conservation efforts are strengthened when anglers, researchers, and fisheries managers collaborate, especially at workshops like those held this past year, to help ensure a healthy and vibrant fishery for generations to come.

The commitment to conservation from our anglers extends further through initiatives like the Sport Fish Restoration program. Every time you purchase a fishing license, tackle, or motorboat fuel, you are contributing to the creation of artificial reefs, boat ramps, educational programs, and critical research.

Thank you to our law enforcement officers for their dedication to safeguarding fish and wildlife resources and protecting the public every day. Thank you to the hardworking researchers at the FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, and staff throughout the agency for their outstanding service in supporting marine conservation efforts across the state. Through the tireless commitment our staff exhibit in their daily work, Florida is able to offer world-class fishing opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy throughout the year.

Whether you're wading from shore, dropping a line from a pier, fishing the flats, working the reefs, or trolling offshore, Florida offers a fishing experience for every angler. I hope our angling and boating community takes the opportunity to celebrate our nation's independence this year by enjoying one of the many recreational opportunities this state has to offer.

We are grateful for your valuable input, and we thank you for participating in our public meetings and providing feedback on the issues that matter to you. Please continue to contact us at Marine@MyFWC.com, MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments, or 850-487-0554.

Thank you, anglers, for your continued support. Together, we will continue to protect Florida's resources for the next 250 years and ensure it remains the Fishing and Boating Capital of the World.



Rodney Barreto
FWC Chairman



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ARTIFICIAL REEFS

Florida manages one of the most diverse, and most active artificial reef programs in the United States. As of October 2025, the FWC Artificial Reef Program has recorded over 4,476 artificial reef deployment locations state-wide. During 2025, over 84 new artificial reefs have been constructed and the locations from a subset of the most recent reefs are listed in the table. 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)
BA0580	Bay	02/26/2025	BC NRDA Reef #26	Prefabricated module (1)	20	25	126	29° 43.414' N	85° 54.294' W
BA0590	Bay	03/12/2025	BC NRDA Reef #30	Prefabricated module (1)	20	15	116	29° 47.745' N	85° 48.860' W
BA0600	Bay	03/19/2025	BC NRDA Reef #22	Prefabricated module (1)	20	15	114	29° 52.494' N	85° 54.292' W
BA0617	Bay	04/09/2025	Capt. Hornblower Reef	Tugboat 89'	114	17	96	30° 03.011' N	85° 56.312' W
BA0615	Bay	04/09/2025	Scallop Cove	Prefabricated modules (6)	6	8	58	29° 43.420' N	85° 28.340' W
BA0614	Bay	04/09/2025	Angela Russell Memorial Reef	Prefabricated modules (6)	6	8	57	29° 54.520' N	85° 32.355' W
BA0613	Bay	04/09/2025	Steve Goff Memorial Reef	Prefabricated modules (6)	6	8	57	29° 54.555' N	85° 32.315' W
BA0612	Bay	04/09/2025	Chuck McKibbinville Reef	Prefabricated module (1)	20	25	62	29° 54.807' N	85° 33.107' W
BA0610	Bay	04/09/2025	CCA Florida Latimer Reef	Prefabricated modules (6)	18	8	62	29° 55.460' N	85° 33.190' W
BA0604	Bay	04/09/2025	Wayne Gerth Memorial Reef	Prefabricated modules (2)	5	8	72	29° 55.460' N	85° 35.495' W
BA0603	Bay	04/09/2025	Sharon Craig Memorial Reef	Prefabricated modules (2)	5	8	73	29° 55.460' N	85° 35.670' W
BA0602	Bay	04/09/2025	Janice Cox Memorial Reef	Prefabricated modules (2)	5	8	73	29° 55.310' N	85° 35.675' W
BA0601	Bay	04/09/2025	Denise Lamb Memorial Reef	Prefabricated modules (2)	5	8	74	29° 55.310' N	85° 36.400' W
BA0618	Bay	05/23/2025	Tommy Mullis Memorial Reef	Prefabricated steel module (1)	2	8	73	30° 06.672' N	85° 50.214' W
BA0619	Bay	06/04/2025	Mark Phillips Memorial Reef	Prefabricated steel module (1)	2	8	74	30° 06.672' N	85° 50.184' W
ES0809	Escambia	05/22/2025	CCA - West Florida High School #1	Prefabricated modules (8)	24	13	42	30° 17.840' N	87° 13.775' W
ES0808	Escambia	05/22/2025	CCA - Booker T. Washington High School #1	Prefabricated modules (5)	30	15	40	30° 17.910' N	87° 13.785' W
ES0807	Escambia	09/23/2025	Aaron Dagen Memorial Reef	Prefabricated module (1)	3	8	48	30° 18.165' N	87° 12.293' W
FR0087	Franklin	08/13/2025	Buddy Ward I	Prefabricated modules (17)	48	8	43	29° 28.674' N	84° 56.032' W
FR0086	Franklin	08/13/2025	Buddy Ward H	Prefabricated modules (17)	51	8	43	29° 28.909' N	84° 55.226' W
FR0085	Franklin	08/13/2025	Mickler Memorial Reef	Prefabricated modules (16)	96	15	65	29° 35.340' N	84° 25.679' W
FR0084	Franklin	08/13/2025	Carl Enis Memorial Reef (2025 Addition)	Prefabricated modules (7)	39	15	65	29° 35.426' N	84° 25.383' W
ME0103	Manatee	07/11/2025	BridgeJUL25_SCenter	Concrete dome-shaped modules (59)	140	5	32	27° 30.840' N	82° 49.026' W
DA0269	Miami-Dade	01/13/2025	Eternal Reef #46	Concrete dome-shaped modules (9)	4	4	45	25° 57.728' N	80° 05.880' W
DA0270	Miami-Dade	03/03/2025	Eternal Reef #47	Concrete dome-shaped modules (9)	4	4	45	25° 57.789' N	80° 05.885' W
DA0272	Miami-Dade	06/16/2025	Eternal Reefs #48	Concrete dome-shaped modules (9)	3	4	45	25° 57.793' N	80° 05.894' W
DA0273	Miami-Dade	06/26/2025	Eternal Reefs #49	Concrete dome-shaped modules (11)	6	4	45	25° 57.793' N	80° 05.889' W
DA0274	Miami-Dade	09/22/2025	Eternal Reefs #50	Concrete dome-shaped modules (10)	5	4	45	25° 57.787' N	80° 05.880' W
MO0064	Monroe	05/03/2025	Patch Reef #2	Concrete power poles (19)	156	9	45	24° 53.070' N	81° 42.080' W
MO0065	Monroe	05/04/2025	Patch Reef #3	Concrete power poles (20)	145	9	45	24° 53.030' N	81° 42.020' W
OK0537	Okaloosa	04/30/2025	Poseidon Reef 2025	Prefabricated concrete modules (10)	184	10	70	30° 21.251' N	86° 26.343' W
OK0536	Okaloosa	05/05/2025	Buddy Morgan Reef	Steel barge 60'	50	10	115	30° 09.007' N	86° 18.876' W
OK0534	Okaloosa	06/02/2025	M/V SKIPPIN SUE	Steel vessel 118'	60	26	77	30° 14.652' N	86° 30.235' W
OK0545	Okaloosa	06/24/2025	M/V Spirit of Norfolk	Steel vessel 188'	867	51	128	30° 07.941' N	86° 39.688' W
OK0542	Okaloosa	06/30/2025	LA-2025-04	Prefabricated modules (8)	39	15	136	30° 05.570' N	86° 23.032' W
OK0538	Okaloosa	07/09/2025	Poseidon Super Reefs 2025	Prefabricated concrete modules (2)	36	15	70	30° 21.244' N	86° 26.346' W
OK0535	Okaloosa	07/15/2025	M/V FANTASEA	Steel vessel 144'	157	37	88	30° 14.388' N	86° 30.294' W
OK0544	Okaloosa	09/12/2025	Walter Reef Cave	Prefabricated module (1)	7	8	66	30° 21.554' N	86° 37.755' W
OK0543	Okaloosa	09/12/2025	Destin High School Reef 2025	Prefabricated modules (25)	75	8	66	30° 21.729' N	86° 37.753' W
ST0245	Sarasota	01/27/2025	Silvertooth #40	Concrete dome-shaped modules (17)	8	3	32	27° 17.097' N	82° 35.916' W
ST0247	Sarasota	02/18/2025	M2 Tom Wallin	Concrete dome-shaped modules (24)	18	3	38	27° 18.791' N	82° 42.922' W
ST0246	Sarasota	02/18/2025	Silvertooth #46	Concrete dome-shaped modules (11)	5	6	30	27° 17.063' N	82° 35.953' W
ST0248	Sarasota	03/19/2025	Silvertooth #38	Concrete dome-shaped modules (10)	6	4	30	27° 17.074' N	82° 36.000' W
ST0249	Sarasota	06/09/2025	Silvertooth #41	Concrete dome-shaped modules (16)	9	3	30	27° 17.096' N	82° 35.871' W
ST0250	Sarasota	06/10/2025	M2 Tom Wallin	Concrete dome-shaped modules (22)	17	3	38	27° 18.884' N	82° 42.954' W



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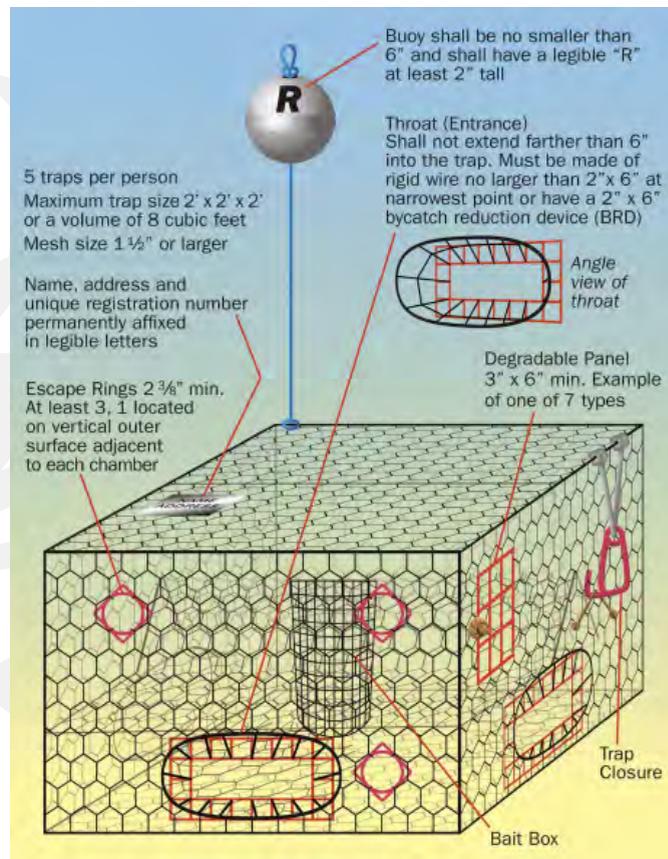
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Best Fishing Practices for Recreational Blue Crab

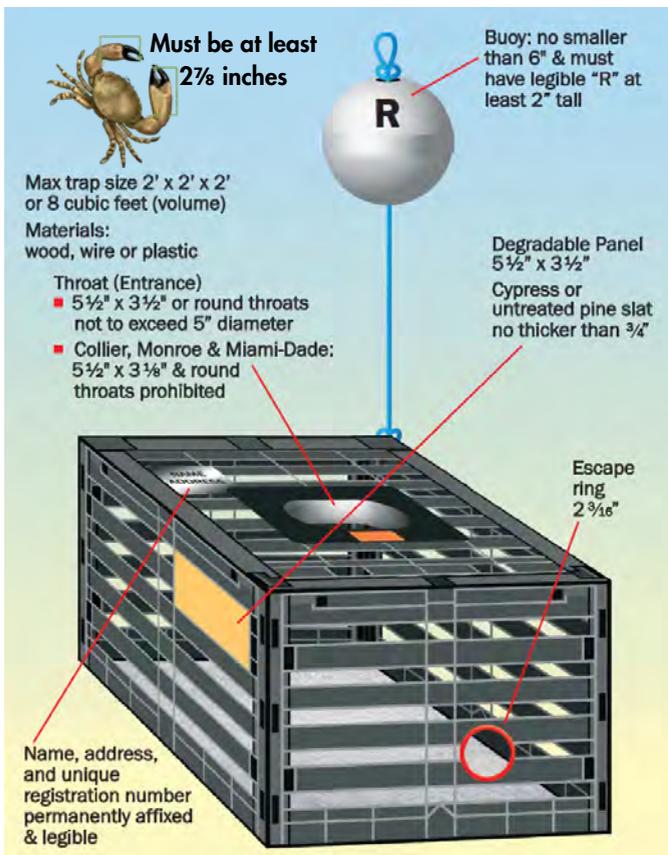
When recreationally fishing for blue crab, please keep the following in mind:

- Only **five traps** are permitted per person, and you must have a recreational fishing license and be registered with FWC.
- Bycatch Reduction Devices **MUST** be installed at every throat entrance.
- At least three escape rings must be present with a 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ " minimum.
- Do not place traps in areas where they can become navigational hazards.
- Check your traps frequently. If you are not actively fishing your trap, please remove it from the water.
- You must remove your traps during each closure. You can find the closure map at MyFWC.com.

For a complete list of license requirements and trap specifications please visit:
MyFWC.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/blue-crab



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Best Fishing Practices for Recreational Stone Crab

When recreational fishing for stone crab, please keep the following in mind:

- Only **five traps** are permitted per person, and you must have a recreational fishing license and be registered with FWC.
- **Season closed:** May 2 - Oct. 14
- Traps must be removed from the water during the closure.
- Wire traps must have at least three unobstructed escape rings and a degradable panel made of cypress or untreated pine slat. No thicker than 3/4".
- Plastic traps must have at least one escape ring on the exterior wall.
- Check your traps frequently. If you are not actively fishing your trap, please remove it from the water.
- Do not place traps in areas where they can become navigational hazards.

For a complete list of license requirements & trap specifications please visit: MyFWC.com/stonecrab



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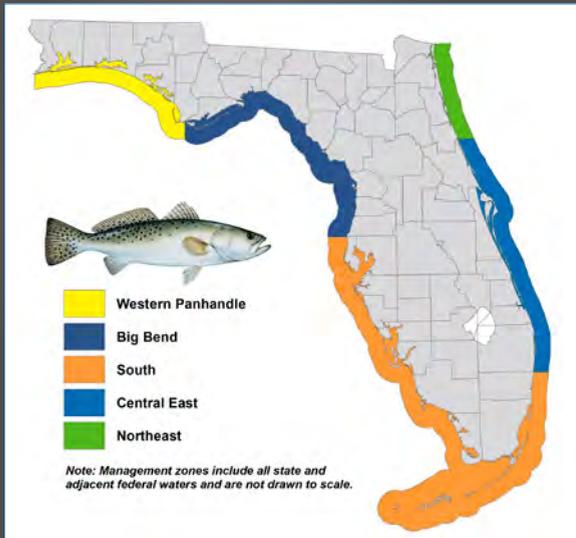
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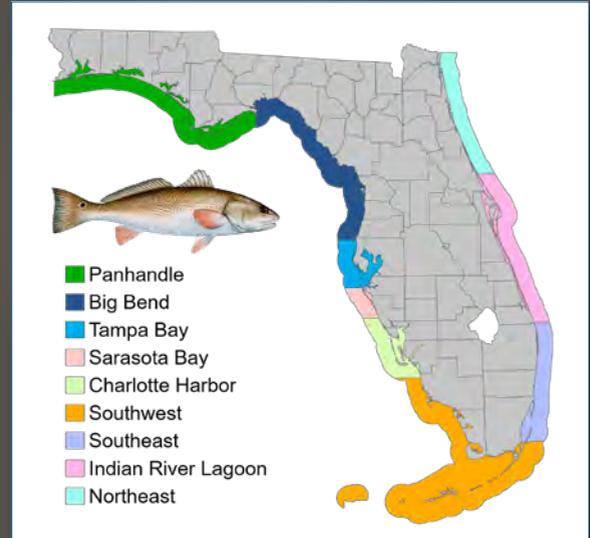
Spotted Seatrout Management Zones

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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Snook Management Zones

Snook Regional Management

- FWC has implemented 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.
- FWC staff will annually evaluate the snook fishery in each region using the metrics, and key findings will be summarized in Annual Review publications.
- The management regions extend inland, as shown on the map, and into adjacent federal waters.
- To see the latest snook annual reviews for each management region, visit MyFWC.com/Snook.

Regional Regulations

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

Help Prevent Injuries to Florida's Coral Reef

What is a coral reef?

Corals are animals that attach themselves to the ocean floor and form slow-growing reefs. Healthy reefs support 25% of all marine species, are vital for robust fish populations, safeguard against extreme weather and boost Florida's economy.

Can you anchor on a coral reef?

No. In 2009, the Florida Legislature passed the [Florida Coral Reef Protection Act](#) (CRPA) to increase protection of coral reef resources off the coasts of Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Martin counties. The CRPA makes it illegal to anchor on or otherwise damage coral reefs in Southeast Florida.

How do anchors and chains damage coral?

Anchors can dislodge, crush and crack the corals upon direct impact, and an anchor chain swinging over a reef can scrape or scar large sections. Parts of a reef can be repaired, but it can take centuries to fully recover. Often, coral is not able to naturally recover from a disturbance and is lost permanently.



Vessel grounding and anchoring

Anchoring on coral reef is not stable and can lead to collisions with other vessels or a vessel grounding. The hard limestone framework of the reef can cause extensive damage to vessel engines and hulls or snap anchor lines.

Learn more about how you can help protect reefs



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Florida Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations

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Regulations apply to state waters of the Gulf and Atlantic

New regulations are highlighted in red

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

State waters extend 9 miles from shore on the Gulf and 3 miles from shore on the Atlantic coast.

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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 vessel, 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 - Visit MyFWC.com for 2026 updates**

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
- **» Visit MyFWC.com for new lane snapper regulations effective April 1, 2026**

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 - 10"

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.

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.

* Zero bag limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels applies to Gulf 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

Season:

- Atlantic - Open May 1–June 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per vessel
- 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

Season:

- Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per vessel 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



Grouper, Gag ▲◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 24"
- Gulf - 24"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan 1–April 30
- **Gulf - Visit MyFWC.com for 2026 season updates**

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 ▲●✕

Minimum Size Limits:

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

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed April 1-30
- Gulf - Open Sept. 1-Oct. 31

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 - Open year round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 lbs. or 2 per harvester, whichever is greater



Tilefish, Blueline ▲●

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 2 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.
- Atlantic has a zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew



Tilefish, Golden ▲●

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 lbs. or 2 per harvester, 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 harvester or 6 per vessel, whichever is less

Remarks

- May possess one over 36" per vessel.
- Unregulated in all other areas.



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 harvester aggregate of the two species



Hogfish ▲●✕

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) ▲●✕

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 ●★▲↑■

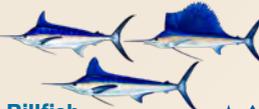
Minimum Size Limits:

- 24" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per vessel

Pelagics



Billfish ★▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- Measured tip of lower jaw to fork.
- Sailfin 63";
- Blue Marlin 99";
- White Marlin 66";
- Roundscale Spearfish 66"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester aggregate bag limit

Remarks

- All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5528 or hmspermits.noaa.gov.
- HMS permit required in federal waters.
- Hook and line only



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.
- Hook and line only



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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.



Gulf Kingfish



Jack Crevalle



Lionfish

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.
- ✗ State Reef Fish Angler designation required when fishing for select reef fish species from a private vessel in the Gulf of America or Atlantic Ocean.

Crustaceans and Mollusks

Bay Scallops



Season:

- Gulf County: Aug. 16–Sept. 24
- Franklin-NW Taylor County: July 1–Sept. 24
- Fenholloway - Suwannee River Zone: June 15–Labor Day
- Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties: July 1–Sept. 24
- Pasco Zone: July 10–Aug. 18

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 America 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 29–30, 2026
- 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 2026 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 without the Apalachicola Bay Recreational Opportunity permit**

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 bags per person or vessel per day, whichever is less

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, 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:

Oceanic Whitetip, 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, Carolina, 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 10–11.
- 3—Bag limit of 2 live shell fish of any single species per harvester per day in Manatee County. Harvest prohibited in Lee County.

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.	\$0.00
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
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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
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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:

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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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 America:** 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 America. 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)



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* 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 unloaded and is properly stored upon watercraft passing nonstop through the area.

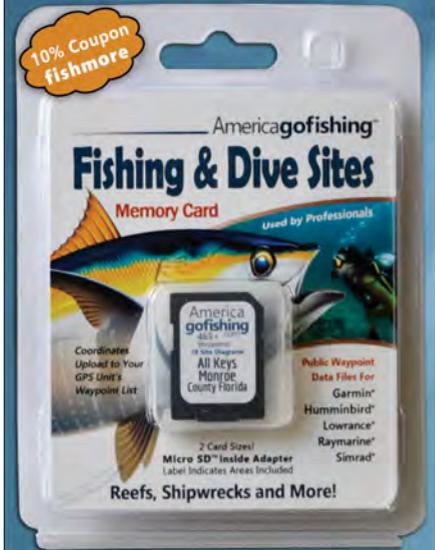
- Within the no-take areas of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (Visit: www.floridakeys.noaa.gov)

- 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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Grand Slam Tier 1 - 3 Different Grand Slams:

David Naumann
Christopher D. Perry
John M. Suleski

Bay and Estuary:

Christopher D. Perry
John M. Suleski

Blue Water:

Ryan G. Russell

Family - Drum:

Eric Burish
Lauren B. Esarey
Beth Groff
Jaxson Madison
Andrew J. Moline
Julius Ortega
Shawn B. Trindell

Family - Grouper:

Don Trippel
Tanner J. Trippel

Family - Grunt:

Elle Clancy
Sara Georgiades

Family - Jack/Pompano:

Pierce Rodriguez
Stacie K. Wond

Family - Parrotfish:

Sean T. Wilms

Family - Snapper:

Rafael C. Astillero

Gavin B. Brown
Elle Clancy
Peter M. Digiovanni
Nathaniel Dubasik
John-Paul Fox
Lukas Hallman
Richard Heming
Kenneth J. Mahoney
Amy Orlando
Nolan Orlando
Antonio E. Ortiz

Caroline L. Pride
Pierce Rodriguez
Theresa A. Russo
Evan James Sager
Brayden Vinson
Stacie K. Wond

Florida:

David Naumann

Inshore:

Kim Atwood

Sam Azey
Bill Bates
Mitchell Gibbs
Shawn Ham
Derek Head
Justin R. Henry
Stephanie Hill
John M. Mercado
Alexis Rose Paul
Miki Ramsey
Kayla Shirley

Michael Stachura

Shoreline:

Kevin Murphy

Small Fry:

Isaac Carlan
Elle Clancy
Owen Clancy
Samuel R. Hastings
Christopher W. Kittle
Huntley Phillips
Pierce Rodriguez

New Saltwater Fish Life List Club Members

50 - Fish Club:

Kevin Council

30 - Fish Club:

Julia Bernstein
Gerald Burch
Matthew Calinao
Owen Clancy

Stephen Helvin
Lawrence Kissner
Earl F. Lynch
Deborah A. Mahle
Antonio E. Ortiz
Jaci L. Pustelnik
Miki Ramsey
Trevor Joseph Seits

10 - Fish Club:

Evan I. Allen
Rafael C. Astillero
Bill Bates
Penelope Calinao
Solomon A. Casolari
Carly A. Caza

Jill Christoferson
Owen Clancy
Ethan Croxton
Niko P. Della Penna
Charlie Diaz
Marco N. Digiovanni
Peter M. Digiovanni
Lauren B. Esarey

Eric Fontaine
John-Paul Fox
Nathan D. Geiger
Sara Georgiades
Stephen Helvin
Preslee Huffman
Mandy M. Kannapel
Christopher W. Kittle

Christopher Long
Earl F. Lynch
Jacob Okeefe
Noah Peterson
Shannon Pollard
Colin Ralph
Matt Robertson
Pierce Rodriguez

Drew Scatizzi
David J. Stewart
Brandon R. Tompkins
Don Trippel
Karen J. Trippel
Sam Turpening
Christopher K. Watson

New Saltwater Reel Big Fish Club Members

Tier 1 - 5 Different Species:

Elijah Booten
Adam Burish
Joshua R. Guthrie
Bentley Owens
Christopher D. Perry

African Pompano:

Jacob Coleman
Sullivan Hoppe

Almaco Jack:

Mike Bauz
Peter M. Digiovanni
Clarence E. Pipkin II

Black Drum:

Rhett A. Pinelo

Catfish:

Jacob Allison
Owen Clancy
Cutler Cologlu
Attila Gergely

Kate Monahan
Brian Murray
Carey Nelson
Julius Ortega
Eric W. Peterson
Pierce Rodriguez
John Rusk
Chad M. Wammock
Austin Wyman

Cobia:

Harrison Stringfellow

Crevalle Jack:

Julia Bernstein
Mike T. Kepler

Florida Pompano:

Pierce Rodriguez
Kristopher R. Thatcher
Stacie K. Wond
Derrick Wyle

Flounder:

Ethan Croxton

Caleb C. Stickney

Gag:

Brady Nourse
Cody J. Trippel

Gray (Mangrove) Snapper:

Evan G. Cates
Olivia Clayton
Mandy M. Kannapel
Rick Malenfant
Bentley Owens

Gray Triggerfish:

William Muth
Christopher D. Perry
Wyatt T. Pierce

Greater Amberjack:

Jae Min Marcantonio

King Mackerel:

Augustina Andrews
Reid Blizzard
Joshua R. Guthrie

Justin R. Henry
Jason R. Olson
Nathan Tysinger
Zack Tysinger

Ladyfish:

Connor T. Atcheson
Eric Fontaine
Pierce Rodriguez
Kaia Simon
Stacie K. Wond

Mutton Snapper:

Matthew Calinao
Joshua Cohen

Red Drum:

Carson L. Atcheson
Connor T. Atcheson
Luke Boersma
Charlotte Booten
Adam Burish
Micah A. Cain
Blake Canada

Spencer C. Davis
Niko P. Della Penna
Lauren B. Esarey
Savannah Gordon
Mckethan Harris
Jakob Henline
Walter L. Herndon
David Holland
Avery J. Irvin
Conner Mills
Jacob Okeefe
Antonio E. Ortiz
Selena Ortiz
Eric W. Peterson
Miki Ramsey
Samantha L. Rapoza
Dexter Williams
Mitzi Williams
Nola Williams

Connor T. Atcheson
Eric Fontaine
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Samantha L. Rapoza
Dexter Williams
Mitzi Williams
Nola Williams

Sheepshead:

Miki Ramsey

Snook:

Adriel Aguirre
Adam Burish
Eric Burish
Joshua Cohen
Ava Davis
Evan A. Davis
Marco N. Digiovanni
Marcia E. Ellett
Gavin Hart
Ethan Horn
Dan Kipnis
Asher T. McCullough
Rafael Miranda
Jake Olson
Emmett J. Robichaud
Thomas Rogers
Sebastian R. Stepanek
Elijah Booten
Ed C. Ellett
Pierce Rodriguez

Spotted Seatrout:

Matthew Calinao
Rigoberto Gonzalez Jr
Savannah Gordon
William F. Heinly
Chase A. Irvin
Kenneth J. Mahoney
Gregory Peterson
Lisa M. Sparling

Tripletail:

Carson L. Atcheson
Camden Huffman
Seth Richard
Fischer Zelman

Vermilion Snapper:

Boden Bluey
Roy Magnuson
Bentley Owens
Christopher D. Perry
Finley Petersen

Yellowtail Snapper:

Joshua Cohen

New Triple Threat Club Members

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

Matthew Calinao
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Andrew J. Moline
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Julius Ortega

Miki Ramsey
Pierce Rodriguez
Brayden Vinson

Chad M. Wammock
Stacie K. Wond
Derrick Wyle

New Florida Saltwater Fishing Records

Youth Weight - Crevalle Jack

Julia Bernstein

Youth Weight - Vermilion Snapper

Julia Bernstein

Youth Weight - Tripletail

Carson Atcheson

Youth Weight - Spanish Mackerel

Brandon Canady

Adult Weight - Atlantic Bonito

Joel Hierholzer

Youth Weight - Mutton Snapper

Jeremiah Pelequin II

Youth Weight - Black Sea Bass

Harrison Farshid

Youth Length - Permit

Julia Bernstein

Adult Weight - Red porgy

Billy Ray Pierce

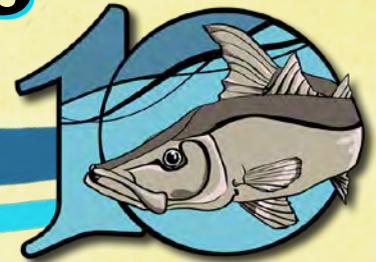
Adult Length - Snook

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We're reducing the qualifying lengths for 9 species, including flounder, black drum, sheepshead and almaco jack. Visit our website for the complete list!



New Life List Species!

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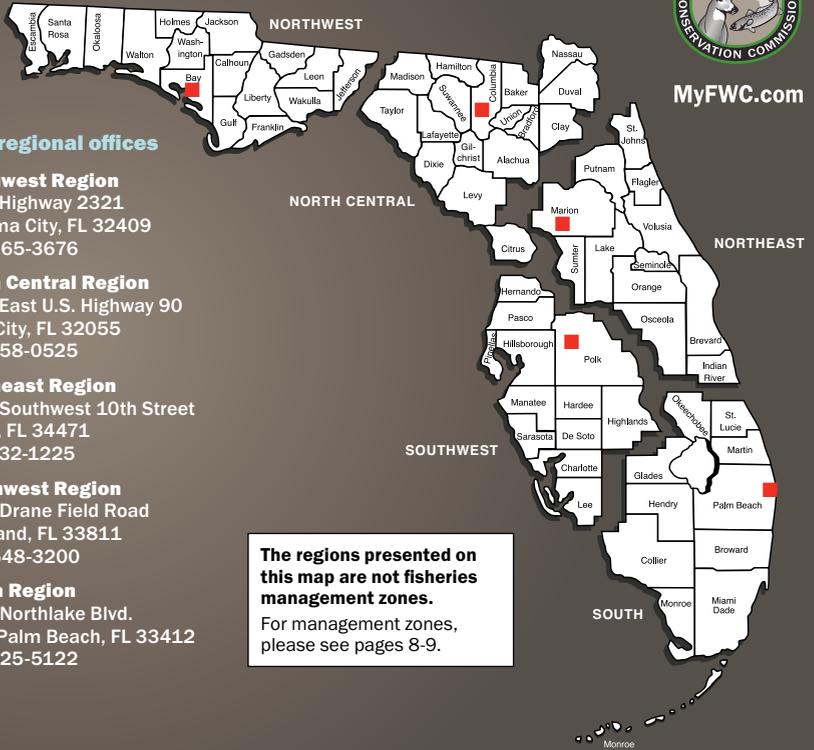
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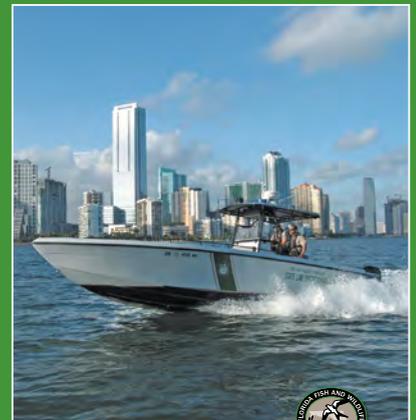
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