

FLORIDA'S GULF COAST REGULATIONS

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FOR POPULAR SPECIES

CAUTION: Laws subject to change such as additional federal provisions, time and area closures and emergency actions. Florida state waters extend to 9 miles on the Gulf Coast. Check www.floridaspportsman.com, www.myfwc.com or www.gulfcouncil.org for updates and coordinates for area closures and comprehensive list of prohibited species.

SPECIES	MIN. LENGTH	DAILY BAG	CLOSURES
AFRICAN POMPAÑO	24" F	2 per boat	
AMBERJACK: GREATER	30" F	1	June 1-July 31
LESSER & RUDDERFISH	14"-22" F slot	5 in aggregate	
BLACK DRUM	14"-24" T slot, 1 over 24"	5	
BLACK SEA BASS	10" T	none	
BLUEFISH	12" F	10	
BONEFISH		NO TAKE	
COBIA	33" F	1/angler, 6/boat (2/angler)	
DOLPHIN	none	10/angler, 60/boat (none)	
FLOUNDER	12" T	10	
HOGFISH	12" F	5	
MACKEREL, KING	24" F	2	
MACKEREL, SPANISH	12" F	15	
MULLET	none	100/boat Feb. 1-Aug.31, 50/boat Sept. 1-Jan. 31	
PERMIT	11"-22" F slot, 1 over 22"	2/angler, 2/boat over 22"	
Special Permit Zone south of Cape Sable: Permit min. 22" F, bag 1/angler, 2/boat, closed May-July			
POMPAÑO	11" F	6	
REDFISH	18"-27" T slot	1(S), 2 (NW), 8/boat (0)	Fed. waters
South (S) and NW regions split at west end Fred Howard Park Cswy. (1.17 nm S. of Pasco/Pinellas county line)			
PORGY, RED	none	none	

SPECIES	MIN. LENGTH	DAILY BAG	CLOSURES
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	15"-20" T slot, 1 over 20"	4 (SW), 5 (NW)	
Southwest and Northwest regions split at west end Fred Howard Park Cswy. (1.17 nm S. of Pasco/Pinellas county line)			
SHEEPSHEAD	12" T	15	
SNOOK	28"-33" T	bag 1	Dec. 1-Feb. 28, May 1-Aug. 31
TARPON	none	1/boat with Tarpon Tag	
TILEFISH, GOLDEN	none	4* in grouper aggregate	
TRIGGERFISH, GRAY	14" F	2 (2 see fed. agg. bag)	June 1-July 31
TRIPLETAIL	15" T (none)	2 (none)	
TUNA, BLACKFIN	none	none	
TUNNY, LITTLE (BONITO)	none	none	
TUNA, SKIPJACK	none	none	HMS permit req.
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	27" Curved F	3	HMS permit req.
WAHOO	none	2 (none)	
BILLFISH Lower Jaw Fork Length Fed. HMS vessel permit required to harvest			
MARLIN, BLUE	99" LJF	Aggregate bag 1 state waters only	
MARLIN, WHITE	66" LJF		
SAILFISH	63" LJF		
SPEARFISH, MOST		NO TAKE (longbill spearfish)	
SWORDFISH	47" LJF	1/angler, max 4/boat	

■ Federal regs in red if differ from state T: Total length F: Fork length Slot: Not less than min. or more than max. Aggregate: Bag mixed species Boat: Max. sum of bag/angler, unless otherwise noted

GROUPERS	MIN. LENGTH	DAILY BAG	CLOSURES
NOTES: *AGGREGATE BAG LIMIT 4 GROUPERS ALL SPECIES, INCL. GOLDEN TILEFISH			
• MONROE CO. (KEYS, EVERGLADES PARK) WATERS FOLLOW ATLANTIC GROUPER REGS			
• SPECIAL AREA CLOSURES IN EFFECT IN FEDERAL WATERS			
SHALLOW WATER COMPLEX CLOSED FEB. 1- MAR. 31 SEAWARD OF 20 FATHOMS			
GAG	22" T	2*	Opens July 1 ▲ Gag opens July 1 most state, all fed waters (open Apr. 1-June 30 Franklin through Taylor counties.)
BLACK	22" T	4*	
RED	20" T	4*	
SCAMP	16" T	4*	
HINDS: RED, ROCK	none	4*	
YELLOWFIN	20" T	4*	
YELLOWMOUTH	20" T (none)	4*	
GOLIATH, NASSAU		NO TAKE	
DEEP WATER COMPLEX OPEN ALL YEAR			
MISTY, YELLOWEDGE	none	4*	
SNOWY	none	4*	
SPECKLED HIND	none	1 per vessel*	
WARSAW	none	1 per vessel*	

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SNAPPERS	MIN. LENGTH	DAILY BAG	CLOSURES
NOTE: **SNAPPER AGGREGATE BAG 10 NOT COUNTING VERMILION, LANE AND RED			
GRAY (MANGROVE)	10" T (12" T)	5 (10)**	
LANE	8" T	10 (see Fed. Agg. Bag)	
VERMILION (BEELINER)	10" T	10 (see Fed. Agg. Bag)	
SCHOOLMASTER	10" T (12" T)	10**	
RED	16" T	2**	Opens June 1 ▲
MUTTON	16" T	10**	
YELLOWTAIL	12" T	10**	
CUBERA	12" T	10**, 2/boat over 30"	
DOG & MAHOGANY	12" T	10**	
SILK & QUEEN	12" T (none)	10**	
WENCHMAN	none	10**	
SHARKS HMS vessel permit required to take sharks in fed. waters			
BLACKTIP	none (54" F)	Aggregate bag: 1/angler, 2/boat	Many protected
SHARPNOSE	none	Fed. waters 1/boat, plus 1 sharpnose &	
BONNETHEAD	none	bonnethead per person	
SHARK: OTHERS	54" F		

FEDERAL AGGREGATE BAG MISC. REEF SPECIES
Daily bag limit 20 includes vermilion and lane snapper, almaco jack, triggerfish and tilefish

CAPTAIN & CREW ON FOR-HIRE VESSEL MAY NOT RETAIN BAG LIMITS: Grouper, red snapper, snook, greater amberjack

Size, bag limit and season updates at www.floridaspportsman.com, www.myfwc.com

▲ SEASON CLOSURE TO BE ANNOUNCED

For Atlantic Laws See Atlantic Coast Lawstick

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