












2023 Recreational Seasons - AT-A-GLANCE

Gulf of Mexico State Waters
























Click on the species for up-to-date closures and regulations.

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
 Amberjack, Greater	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
 Bay Scallops	2023 bay scallops at-a-glance at MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational/Bay-scallops											
 Crab, Stone	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closes May 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Opens Oct. 15	Open	Open
 Flounder	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closes Oct. 15	Closed	Open
 Gag Grouper All counties excluding Monroe	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Closes Nov. 11	Closed
 Permit	Open	Open	Open	Special Permit Zone (SPZ) only				Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
 Snapper, Red State and federal waters	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	2023 Season TO BE DETERMINED		Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
 Snook Charlotte Harbor Region: Snook remains catch-and-release through Nov 30, 2022.	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Closed
 Spiny Lobster	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sport season open July 26-27	Opens Aug. 6	Open	Open	Open	Open
 Spotted Seatrout Western Panhandle Management Region	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
 Triggerfish, Gray	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Key	Open			Closed				Open for portion of month (see open/close dates)				

2023 Recreational Species With No Closed Seasons - AT-A-GLANCE

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JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
											
	Bonefish Catch and Release Only				King Mackerel				Sheepshead		
											
	Black Drum				Spanish Mackerel				Snappers (Excluding Red Snapper)		
											
	Blue Crab (regional trap closures apply)				Mullet				Lionfish		
											
	Bluefish				African Pompano				Other Groupers (Includes Black, Red, Yellowfin, Yellowmouth, Rock Hind, Red Hind & Scamp <u>Excluding</u> Monroe County)		
											
	Cobia				Florida Pompano				Tripletail		
											
	Dolphin, Mahi				Redfish (Red Drum)				White Grunt		
											
	Hogfish Except south of the 25°03 North Latitude line or Cape Sable				Black Sea Bass				Whiting		
											
			Shark (Non-prohibited species)			Spotted Seatrout (except Western Panhandle)					

Prohibited Species: Goliath Grouper (without permit), Nassau Grouper, Queen Conch, Prohibited Sharks, Sturgeon, Spotted Eagle Ray.
(Does not include all prohibited species)