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On the cover

Raymond Alexander releasing a red fish
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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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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.

2025 Commission meeting dates

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

- February 26–27
- May 21–22
- August 13–14
- November 5–6

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Message from the FWC by Chairman Rodney Barreto

Looking ahead, reflections, thanking engaged anglers!

As we welcome the new year, it's my privilege to look back on the progress we've made together in conserving Florida's cherished marine resources and continuing Florida's legacy as the Fishing Capital of the World. Serving as Chairman of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, I'm deeply proud of our dedicated staff who work tirelessly each day to protect and enhance our state's vibrant ecosystems, our law enforcement officers who safeguard our fish and wildlife resources and protect public safety in all they do, and of my fellow Commissioners who generously volunteer their time, energy, and resources to collectively managing and conserving Florida's fish and wildlife.

Our success as a Commission is deeply rooted in the collaboration and support of Florida's angling community. Florida anglers are among our strongest allies, contributing to conservation both through stewardship and active engagement. Over the past year, anglers have shared invaluable insights on important topics, participated in public workshops, attended Commission meetings, and submitted comments online. Your input has been instrumental in shaping conservation initiatives like the regional management approach for snook which went into effect last year—a true testament to the power of collaborative conservation.

This year, we are pleased to offer new opportunities for collaboration, such as the Atlantic Red Snapper Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) projects. These projects, designed to gather data and enhance understanding of Atlantic fish species, invite anglers to be at the forefront of conservation efforts. By participating, you're helping us create data-driven management strategies that can lead to a healthier fishery for all. Learn more about this initiative at MyFWC.com/AtlanticEFP.

Our commitment to the long-term health of our fisheries would not be possible without the contributions of Florida's anglers through the Sport Fish Restoration program. Your support enables the creation of artificial reefs, boat ramps, education initiatives, and vital research through funds generated from tackle, fishing licenses, and motorboat fuel purchases.

As we move into 2025 and celebrate 25 years as an agency, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every angler in Florida. Your dedication to responsible fishing practices and conservation makes a lasting impact, ensuring that Florida will remain the Fishing Capital of the World for generations to come. We are grateful for your continued engagement and partnership in our mission, and we look forward to continuing our work together to make this year another success for Florida's fisheries.

Thank you, Florida anglers!



Rodney Barreto
FWC Chairman



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Team Up with FWC to Collect Better Data on Atlantic Red Snapper — And Keep Your Catch!

The FWC is conducting three unique research projects that involve recreational anglers to help collect better and more reliable data on red snapper and snapper grouper species in the Atlantic. Specifically, these Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Projects allow FWC to collaborate with anglers, test innovative ways to reduce snapper grouper discards, increase red snapper harvest opportunities, and improve angler satisfaction. EFPs are permits that allow harvesting for specific purposes that are otherwise prohibited under current federal regulations.

The FWC recognizes that the increasingly short federal recreational Atlantic red snapper season is disappointing. This is one reason the agency is recruiting anglers like yourself to collaborate with our fisheries managers to collect better data on the snapper grouper fishery. As part of the Atlantic EFP Project, some anglers will be able to fish for red snapper **and keep** them outside of the federal season.

The three studies of this project take place off Florida's east coast from the Florida/Georgia line south to the Dry Tortugas. Two studies, the FWC Study Fleet and the FWC Hot Spot Fleet, are conducted from the Florida/Georgia line south to Cape Canaveral. The third study, the FWC Southeast Florida Snapper Grouper Fleet, is conducted from Cape Canaveral to south of the Dry Tortugas. Each study is somewhat different, but all focus on testing different management strategies to reduce discards, improving reporting of catch and discard information via an FWC app, improving best fishing practices and fish identification through an FWC education course, and evaluating angler satisfaction of EFP participants relative to those who must abide by federal regulations.

The projects have been underway since August 2024 and are scheduled to end

in July 2025. The duration is broken up into four, three-month quarters to allow the most harvest opportunities for anglers along the east coast of Florida.

- Quarter 1: August 2024 to October 2024 – Completed
- Quarter 2: November 2024 to January 2025 – Underway
- Quarter 3: February 2025 to April 2025
- Quarter 4: May 2025 to July 2025

The FWC is incredibly excited to offer this unique opportunity to Florida's saltwater anglers. This collaboration has the potential to significantly improve fisheries management in the South Atlantic, but we need your help! Florida's recreational saltwater anglers are strongly encouraged to apply to participate. You can find more information, including how to apply for the next quarter, at [MyFWC.com/AtlanticEFP](https://myfwc.com/atlanticefp).

How to Apply

The next application period for all projects for Quarter 3 will be January 3–13, 2025, and for Quarter 4 will be April 4–14, 2025.

FWC Hot Spot Fleet and FWC Southeast Florida Snapper Grouper Fleet Projects: Applicants must apply at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com. Participants will be selected via lottery.

FWC Study Fleet: Applicants must complete the Study Fleet online application form, which will go live on the EFP website (MyFWC.com/AtlanticEFP) during the open application period. All applications will be reviewed according to Study Fleet criteria prior to selection.

We look forward to working with you!



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Stone Crab Regulation Update

At the October 2023 commission meeting, FWC approved changes to stone crab regulations. For the 2024–25 stone crab season and future seasons, an unobstructed escape ring 2-3/16 inches in diameter located in a vertical exterior trap wall is required in all recreational and commercial plastic or wood stone crab traps. The location of an escape ring in a trap is a new requirement. An escape ring installed on the lid or bottom of the trap will no longer meet the requirements of this rule. An escape ring installed along a vertical exterior trap wall allows undersized crabs and other bycatch to escape and makes harvesters more efficient when sorting through their catch. As a reminder, these are regulations for recreational stone crab harvest:

- Only claws may be harvested
- Minimum claw size: 2-7/8 inches
- Open season: Oct. 15 – May 1
- Harvest of egg-bearing females prohibited
- Bag limit: 1 gallon
- Vessel limit: 2 gallons
- Trap requirements:
 - » Recreational stone crab trap registration
 - » Permanently affixed registration number, name and address on each trap

- » Maximum of five traps
- » Unobstructed escape ring 2-3/16 inches in diameter on a vertical exterior trap wall of a wood or plastic trap

For a complete list of the license requirements, buoy and vessel marking requirements, and additional trap specifications, please visit www.MyFWC.com/StoneCrab.

Example of standard plastic Recreational Stone Crab Trap

Max trap size 2' x 2' x 2' or 8 cubic feet (volume)

Materials:

wood, wire or plastic

Throat (Entrance)

- 5 1/2" x 3 1/2" or round throats not to exceed 5" diameter

- Collier, Monroe & Miami-Dade: 5 1/2" x 3 1/8" & round throats prohibited

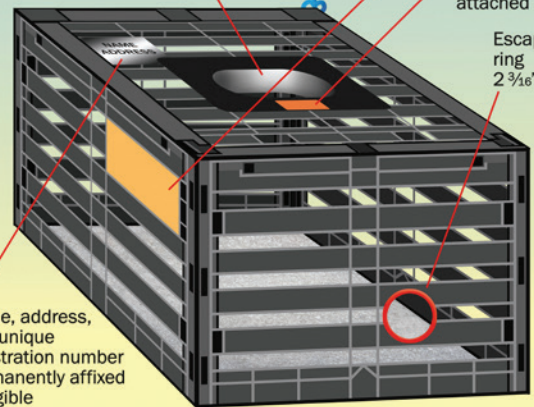
Buoy: no smaller than 6" & must have legible "R" at least 2" tall

Degradable Panel 5 1/2" x 3 1/2"
Cypress or untreated pine slat no thicker than 3/4"

Stone crab trap tag permanently attached

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Florida manages one of the most diverse, and most active artificial reef programs in the United States. As of October 2024, the FWC Artificial Reef Program has recorded over 4,383 artificial reef deployment locations state-wide. In the past six months, 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) |
|----------|----------|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|--------|-------|---------------|---------------|
| BA0554 | Bay | 04/25/2024 | SM 1-1C | Secondary-use concrete (81) | 120 | 8' | 75' | 85° 54.627' W | 30° 10.107' N |
| OK0508 | Okaloosa | 05/02/2024 | WM-LC-23 | Prefabricated modules (5) | 29 | 25' | 121' | 85° 36.155' W | 29° 46.368' N |
| BA0556 | Bay | 05/03/2024 | SM 1-1E | Secondary-use concrete (138) | 130 | 8' | 71' | 85° 29.650' W | 29° 56.408' N |
| OK0524 | Okaloosa | 05/07/2024 | WM-LC-21 | Prefabricated modules (5) | 29 | 15' | 124' | 85° 54.394' W | 29° 56.293' N |
| DU0107 | Duval | 05/08/2024 | Ripper Reef | Barge 175' | 300 | 16' | 91' | 85° 27.972' W | 29° 54.168' N |
| BA0557 | Bay | 05/23/2024 | SM 1-1F | Secondary-use concrete (91) | 131 | 6' | 73' | 85° 29.053' W | 29° 46.103' N |
| TA0051 | Taylor | 05/25/2024 | 2024 FWC Patch Reef 1 | Prefabricated modules (10) | 44 | 15' | 50' | 85° 29.877' W | 29° 56.308' N |
| TA0052 | Taylor | 05/25/2024 | 2024 FWC Patch Reef 2 | Prefabricated modules (10) | 44 | 15' | 50' | 85° 41.876' W | 29° 46.496' N |
| TA0053 | Taylor | 05/25/2024 | 2024 FWC Patch Reef 3 | Prefabricated modules (10) | 44 | 15' | 50' | 85° 42.663' W | 29° 46.504' N |
| BA0559 | Bay | 06/11/2024 | MB 292 Unnamed | Prefabricated modules (2) | 40 | 15' | 67' | 85° 41.666' W | 29° 46.995' N |
| BA0558 | Bay | 06/11/2024 | SM 1-1G | Secondary-use concrete (180) | 121 | 4' | 74' | 85° 36.713' W | 29° 45.656' N |
| ST0235 | Sarasota | 06/17/2024 | Silvertooth #35 | Concrete dome-shaped modules (14) | 8 | 5' | 30' | 85° 32.222' W | 29° 54.290' N |
| BA0565 | Bay | 06/25/2024 | Jeff Purcell Memorial Reef | Prefabricated modules (4) | 26 | 15' | 80' | 85° 32.179' W | 29° 54.116' N |
| BA0562 | Bay | 06/25/2024 | MB-22 | Prefabricated modules (2) | 40 | 15' | 59' | 85° 32.284' W | 29° 54.119' N |
| BA0566 | Bay | 06/25/2024 | MB-275 Unnamed | Prefabricated modules (2) | 23 | 15' | 80' | 85° 32.403' W | 29° 54.117' N |
| ST0236 | Sarasota | 07/11/2024 | Silvertooth #24 | Concrete dome-shaped modules (9) | 7 | 5' | 31' | 85° 27.972' W | 29° 54.168' N |
| BA0567 | Bay | 07/12/2024 | Hough Memorial Reef | Prefabricated modules (3) | 9 | 8' | 101' | 85° 50.700' W | 29° 58.509' N |
| BA0570 | Bay | 07/12/2024 | MB-300 Unnamed | Prefabricated modules (3) | 54 | 25' | 117' | 85° 50.872' W | 29° 58.667' N |
| WL0071 | Walton | 08/08/2024 | 2024 Fort Panic Nearshore NE | Prefabricated modules (6) | 18 | 8' | 52' | 85° 27.972' W | 29° 54.168' N |
| WL0072 | Walton | 08/08/2024 | 2024 Fort Panic Nearshore SW | Prefabricated modules (6) | 18 | 8' | 58' | 85° 29.002' W | 29° 43.258' N |
| WL0074 | Walton | 08/08/2024 | 2024 UMA Deployment | Modules (concrete and steel) (7) | 18 | 13' | 55' | 85° 29.143' W | 29° 43.444' N |
| OK0526 | Okaloosa | 08/21/2024 | DHS Reef 2024 | Prefabricated modules (14) | 42 | 8' | 66' | 85° 27.704' W | 29° 54.260' N |
| OK0531 | Okaloosa | 08/21/2024 | LC-2024-01-S01 (SE4) | Prefabricated modules (10) | 47 | 15' | 161' | 85° 28.498' W | 29° 43.514' N |
| OK0527 | Okaloosa | 08/21/2024 | Poseidon Reef 2024 | Prefabricated modules (8) | 24 | 8' | 70' | 85° 29.022' W | 29° 44.124' N |
| ST0237 | Sarasota | 09/09/2024 | Silvertooth #25 | Concrete dome-shaped modules (12) | 6 | 3' | 30' | 85° 32.558' W | 29° 55.222' N |

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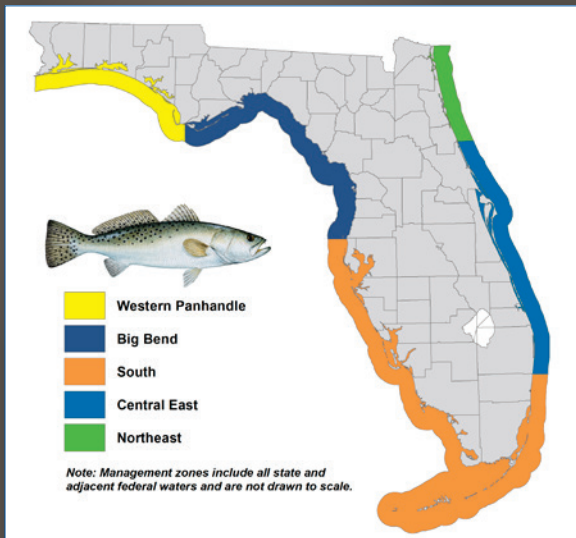
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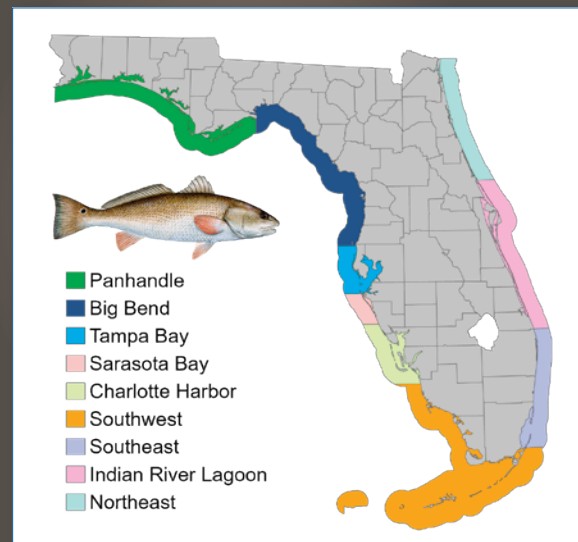
Spotted Seatrout Management Zones

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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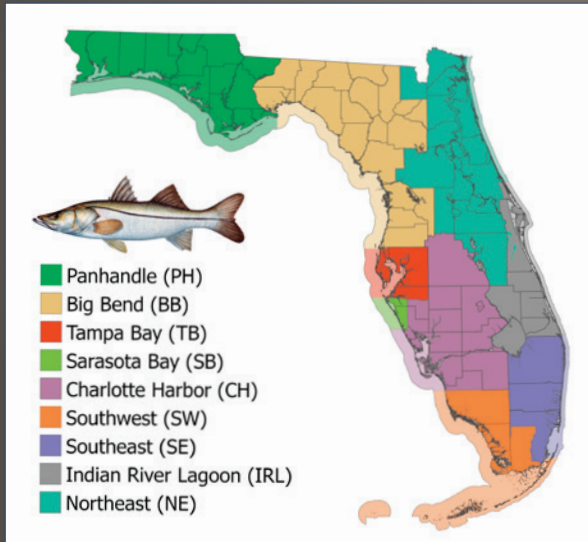
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Snook Management Zones

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?

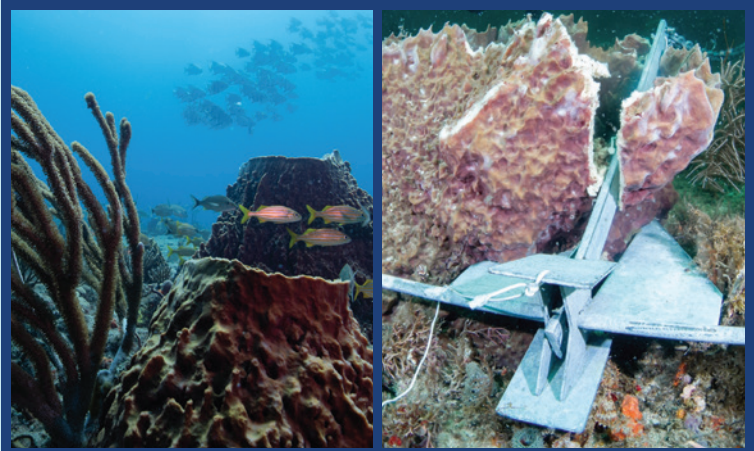
Corals are animals that attach themselves to the ocean floor and form slow-growing reefs. Healthy reefs support 25% of all marine species, are vital for robust fish populations, safeguard against extreme weather and boost Florida's economy.

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

Regulations apply to state waters of the Gulf and Atlantic

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

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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 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 2025 season 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

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.

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, 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, Snowy ▲◆◆●

Minimum Size Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed July 1–April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

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



Gag Grouper ▲◆◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 24"
- Gulf - 24"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1–April 30
- **Gulf - Visit MyFWC.com for 2025 season updates**

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

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



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 per day of each species

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 - **Closed April 1-30**
- Gulf - **Closed Jan 1-Aug. 1**

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 per harvester



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-August 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 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 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 ▲ ● 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 vessel

Pelagics



Billfish ★ ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

Measured tip of lower jaw to fork.

- Sailfish 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.



Examples of "unregulated species" include:

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

* No license is required to harvest lionfish by dipnet, pole spear or Hawaiian sling and lionfish bag limit is unlimited for both Gulf and Atlantic state waters.

- ★ 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 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 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 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 30–31, 2025
- 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 2025 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:

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:

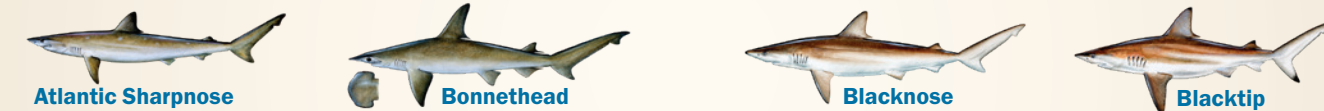
- 1 per harvester or 2 per vessel per day, whichever is less.

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, 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 for Tarpon



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For more information visit MyFWC.com/Tarpon

Choosing Gear

- Use tackle heavy enough by matching tackle to conditions and targeted fish size
- When using bait, use non-stainless, non-offset, barbless circle hooks

Efficiently Fight

- Minimize fight time to reduce stress on the fish
- If the tarpon rises to the surface or jumps, point rod tip towards the fish and drop rod tip down while reeling in
- If a shark appears, immediately break or cut the line as close as possible to hook and change fishing locations

Minimize Handling

- Tarpon over 40 inches **MUST** remain in the water by rule, unless using a tarpon tag to harvest for a record
- Use wet hands and support horizontally under the belly if handling tarpon less than 40 inches
- Keep fingers away from gills and eyes, and minimize air exposure

Safely Release

- Use a long handled dehooking tool to remove the hook or cut the line as close as possible to the hook
- Move water through the mouth, over gills to revive
- Avoid fishing for tarpon from bridges or piers, as this requires specialized lifting gear or cutting excessive line



Have camera ready for a fast photo!



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For more information visit MyFWC.com/Tarpon



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Catch Data

Angler Name:

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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)



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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 barbedless, **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 Master Angler -

All 8 Grand Slams: Gregg E. Lewis

Grand Slam Tier 1 -

3 Different Grand Slams: Ryan S. Brown

Christopher J. Evey

Robert D. Alsen

Bay and Estuary:

Josh Lively Sr

Kaiya Miller

Blue Water:

Gregg E. Lewis

Family - Drum:

Carson L. Atcheson

Connor T. Atcheson

Family - Grunt:

Brady Dickerson

Family - Jack/Pompano:

Richard A. Brundage

Family - Mackerel/

Tuna:

Alec Rosen

Family - Porgy:

Brady Dickerson

Family - Snapper:

Raymond Alexander

Robert D. Alsen

Adam Burish

Penelope Calinao

Logan M J Clifton

Caleb Combs

Brantley Davis

Hudson Davis

Isaac Fowler

Matthew Raymond Fowler

Tony Hart

Justin R. Henry

Kyle W. Hinds

Ronald T. Isbell

Brady Khan

Cobey Khan

Mary Khan

Christopher W. Kittle

Artemio Medina Ramirez

Kaiya Miller

Kevin Murphy

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Michael Orlando

Gianni D. Perez

Lucas D. Perez

Miki Ramsey

Cory Richard

Joel Sabin

Maxx D. Single

John C. Soeder IV

Cal J. Starling

Patti Vinciguerra

Bee Yang

Family - Snook:

Madison N. Wheeler

Florida Grand Slam:

Megan Johnson

Inshore:

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Ty B. Bilbrey

Jason Cook

Amanda Doering

Kearah L. Galvao

Jeffrey L. Gobeli

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Christopher L. Kovach

Priscilla M. Renwick

Cal J. Starling

Jordan B. Sweat

Seth Ward

Larry Weedman

Small Fry:

Charlie Linhart

Bryson Nilsson

Cody J. Trippel

Tanner J. Trippel

New Saltwater Fish Life List Club Members

50 - Fish Club:

Krieger Webb Brasseale II

30 - Fish Club:

Steven Agapi

Raymond Alexander

Christopher J. Evey

Brady Khan

Cobey Khan

Maxwell Miller

Leo F. Ryan Jr

Shawn H. Turner

10 - Fish Club:

David Allen

Ryan S. Brown

Coralee D. Calinao

Austin R. Caracciolo

Amber Cheung

Logan M J Clifton

Jason Cook

Robert W. Crane

Alex Davis

Brantley Davis

Heather Davis

Hudson Davis

William J. Fennel

Brian J. Ferreira

Devon Glasco

Liam Grant

Reid Grant

Everett Hamilton

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Richard Heming

Justin R. Henry

Eric James

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Josh Lively Sr

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Kevin Murphy

Abel Noriega Jr

Keri Olsen

Bryce Ramsey

Miki Ramsey

Joel Sabin

Christopher Slaughter

James Stanley

Benjamin Steiner

Arden M. Tilgham

Brayden Vinson

Thomas Wickham

Bee Yang

New Saltwater Reel Big Fish Club Members

Tier 2 - 10 Different Species:

Julia Bernstein

Vincent Rafailovici

Tier 1 - 5 Different Species:

Kurt Larson

Tanner J. Trippel

African Pompano:

Raymond Alexander

Black Drum:

James N. Corvin

Black Sea Bass:

Brayden Vinson

Bluefish:

Justin Hoover

Catfish:

Brantley Davis

Larry Echols

Clifton Gagliano

Marley K. Larkin

Charlie Linhart

Joshua Lively Jr

Wyatt Markle

Jesse L. Nelson

Bryce Ramsey

Nathan W. Rich

John M. Suleski

Eric P. Sullivan

Shawn B. Trindell

Eli S. Williams

Crevalle Jack:

Brandon A. Bates

Fredrick W. Bernsdorf

Kurt Larson

Robbie Neighbors

Michael Pepperman

Vincent Rafailovici

Matthew Jacob St Martin

Florida Pompano:

Devon Glasco

Jeffery Todd Thomas

Flounder:

Liam Grant

Gray (Mangrove)

Snapper:

Julia Bernstein

Adam Burish

Justin D. Clements

Alexis Rose Paul

Gray Triggerfish:

Brady Khan

Vincent Rafailovici

Greater Amberjack:

Julia Bernstein

Hogfish:

Jonathan Parris

King Mackerel:

Joel Sabin

Ladyfish:

Bryce Eckenrode

Thoren Person

Joedeelee Rigdon

Mutton Snapper:

Stephen Bouwer

Andrew T. Morris

Barry J. Strauss

Red Drum:

Logan M J Clifton

Matthew B. Crane

Russell S. Dasch

Joshua H. Daughtry

Christian Eulo

Brooke N. Hart

Christopher B. Holleman

Justin Hoover

Robert Kent

Corey Lantzman

Kathy L. Lanzon

Michael S. Meyer

Robert C. Molina

Robbie Neighbors

Julius Ortega

Micheal D. Page

Priscilla M. Renwick

Ryan R. Rindone

Shawn B. Trindell

Charles H. Yeager

Sheepshead:

Dylan R. Sullivan

Jordan Tarpley

Snook:

Brantley Davis

Hudson Davis

Robert Gillespie

Josh Lively Sr

Vincent Rafailovici

John M. Suleski

Spanish Mackerel:

Cody J. Trippel

Tanner J. Trippel

Spotted Seatrout:

Garrett Hart

Louis Hernandez

David Mayer

Michael S. Meyer

Ryan R. Rindone

Tripletail:

Jordan Dewitt

Omar Ibarra

Michael L. Smith

Vermilion Snapper:

Anibal M. Falero

Brady Khan

Cobey Khan

Joel Sabin

Yellowtail Snapper:

Raymond Alexander

Julia Bernstein

Charles T. Douglas

Dan Kipnis

Valentina Weis

New Triple Threat Club Members

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

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Mary Khan

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Charlie Linhart

Josh Lively Sr

Kaiya Miller

Mandy O'connor

Connor Orlando

Micheal D. Page

Thoren Person

Bryce Ramsey

Joedeelee Rigdon

Joel Sabin

Barry J. Strauss

Larry Weedman

New Florida Saltwater Fishing Records

Youth Length - Bonefish

Julia Bernstein

Youth Length - Permit

Julia Bernstein

Youth Weight - Yellowtail Snapper

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

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| Three-day Saltwater License | \$17.00 |
| Seven-day License | \$30.00 |
| Annual License | \$47.00 |

Saltwater permits – residents and non-residents

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| 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.

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| 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

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| 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.

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| 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

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|------------------|----------|
| 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.

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|------------------|------------|
| 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:

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.

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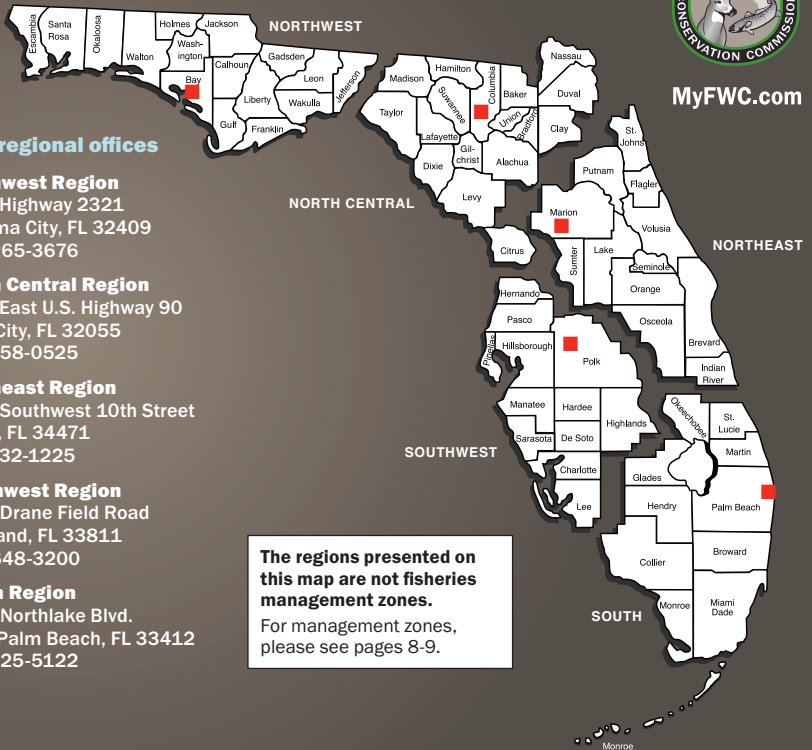
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The regions presented on this map are not fisheries management zones. For management zones, please see pages 8-9.



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are traveling Florida's coastline and waterways, and may issue citations for violations of state and federal fishing, wildlife and boating laws.

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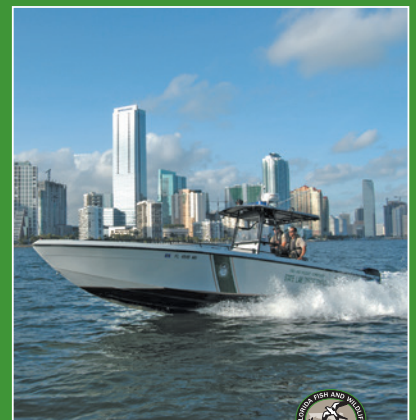
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