

RECREATIONAL SIZE & CREEL LIMITS FOR ALABAMA STATE WATERS

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
SHEEPSHEAD	12" min (FL)	10 per person
SPOTTED SEATROUT	15" min (TL)	6 per person
	22" min (TL)	1 oversized fish allowed
RED DRUM (REDFISH)	16" min (TL)	3 per person
	26" max (TL)	1 oversized fish allowed
COBIA (LING)	36" min (FL)	1 per person (not to exceed 2 per vessel)
KING MACKEREL	24" min (FL)	3 per person
SPANISH MACKEREL	none	15 per person
FLORIDA POMPAÑO	12" min (TL)	3 per person
TRIPLETAIL (BLACKFISH)	18" min (TL)	3 per person
FLOUNDER ¹	14" min (TL)	5 per person
STRIPED BASS ²	16" min (TL)	2 per person ²
GREATER AMBERJACK ³	34" min (FL)	1 per person
LESSER AMBERJACK	14" - 22" (FL)	⁴
BANDED RUDDERFISH	14" - 22" (FL)	⁴
YELLOWFIN TUNA	27" min (CFL)	3 per person
BIGEYE TUNA	27" min (CFL)	no creel limit
GAG GROUPER ^{3,5}	24" min (TL)	2 per person ⁵
RED GROUPER ^{3,5}	20" min (TL)	2 per person ⁵

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
BLACK GROUPER ^{3,5}	24" min (TL)	4 per person ⁵
YELLOWFIN GROUPER ^{3,5}	20" min (TL)	4 per person ⁵
SCAMP ^{3,5}	16" min (TL)	4 per person ⁵
SNAPPERS ³		
RED	16" min (TL)	2 per person
GRAY (MANGROVE, BLACK)	12" min (TL)	10 per person
VERMILION (BEELINER)	10" min (TL)	10 per person
LANE	8" min (TL)	⁴
GRAY TRIGGERFISH ³	15" min (FL)	1 per person ⁴
TARPON	60" min (TL)	\$61 tag required
MULLET	none	⁶
SHARKS		
SHARPNOSE, BONNETHEAD	none	1 per person per day
HAMMERHEAD, GREAT	78" min (FL)	1 per person per day
HAMMERHEAD, SMOOTH	78" min (FL)	1 per person per day
HAMMERHEAD, SCALLOPED	78" min (FL)	1 per person per day
MAKO, SHORTFIN	71" min (FL) (M)	1 per person per day
	83" min (FL) (F)	
ALL OTHER SHARK SPECIES	54" (FL)	1 per person per day

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ALL FISH Must Be Landed with The Head and Fins Intact

- ¹ The taking or possession of flounder from Nov. 1 - 30 is prohibited.
- ² Only two Striped Bass are allowed within Marine Resources Division jurisdiction.
- ³ Alabama state waters open and close along with federal regulations.
- ⁴ There is a twenty (20) fish aggregate creel limit for reef fish species for which there is no other creel limit.
- ⁵ Mixed species grouper aggregate creel limit: 4 per person (No more than 2 red grouper and no more than 2 gag grouper included in aggregate).
- ⁶ 25 mullet per person from the shoreline or 25 per boat, Oct. 24 - Dec. 31. No mullet by cast net or snagging in Theodore Industrial Canal, Dog River, Fowl River and their tributaries.

PROHIBITED SPECIES: Prohibited Species: Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Nassau Grouper, Atlantic Angel Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Thresher Shark, Bignose Shark, Caribbean Reef Shark, Caribbean Sharpnose Shark, Galapagos Shark, Narrowtooth Shark, Night Shark, Sevengill Shark, Bigeye Sixgill Shark, Dusky Shark, Longfin Mako Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Basking Shark, Whale Shark, White Shark, Smalltail Shark, Smalltooth Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, Spotted Eagle Ray, Atlantic Manta, Sixgill Shark, Sandbar Shark (unless the fisherman possesses a NOAA Fisheries sandbar shark research permit).

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FISH MEASUREMENT

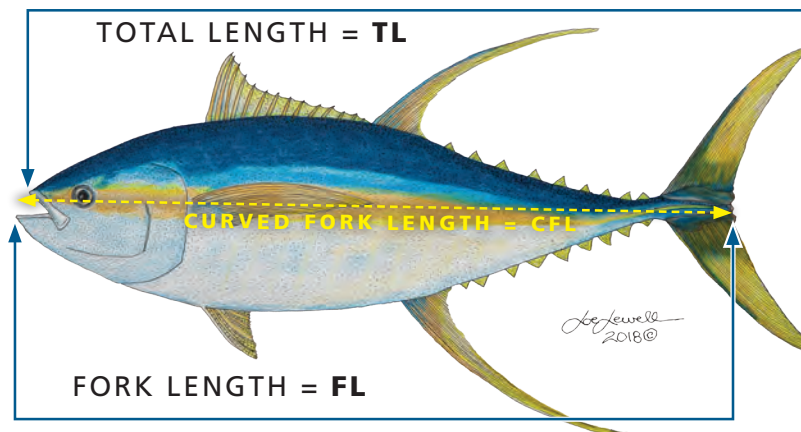
TL = TOTAL LENGTH

FL = FORK LENGTH

CFL = CURVED FORK LENGTH

USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF A FISH:

- For total length (TL) place the fish on a flat surface with jaw closed. Squeeze tail together and turn it in such a way to obtain maximum total length.
- For fork length (FL) measure in a straight line from the tip of snout to deepest notch in tail.
- For curved fork length (CFL - tunas only) measure using flexible ruler from tip of upper jaw to deepest notch in tail.



REGULATIONS

All fishing regulations are subject to change so before going fishing check with the Marine Resources Division for any changes:

Gulf Shores (251) 968-7576

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MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION (251) 476-1256