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2002 NC Recreational Coastal Waters Guide for Sports Fishermen

Ocean Flounder Season Closed North of New River Inlet

April 3 - July 3, 2002 [by Proclamation](#)

	State Coastal Waters (Internal & 0-3 Miles)		Exclusive Economic Zone EEZ (3-200 miles)	
Finfish Species (note symbols)	Minimum Length	Bag Limits (Per Person)	Minimum Length	Bag Limits (Per Person)
Greater Amberjack	28" FL	1/Day	28" FL	1/Day
Bluefish (P)		15/Day (P)		15/Day (P)
Cobia	33" FL	2/Day	33" FL	2/Day
Dolphin (B)		10/Day		10/Day
King Mackerel	24" FL	3/Day	24" FL	3/Day
Spanish Mackerel	12" FL	15/Day	12" FL	15/Day
Tuna; Yellowfin, Bluefin, Bigeye (J) (H)			27" CFL	Contact NMFS for closures & limits(J), Yellowfin Tuna limit 3/Day
Sharks (excluding spiny and smooth dogfish)	54-84" FL (L)	1/Vessel/Day (private boat) 1/Day (shore, charter, headboat) (L)	(F) 54" FL	1/Vessel/Day
Sharks, Atlantic Sharpnose	(L)	Included in Limit Above	(F)	1/Day
Blue Marlin	99" LJFL	1/vessel/trip either Blue or White Marlin	99" LJFL	1/vessel/trip either Blue or White Marlin
White Marlin	66" LJFL	1/vessel/trip either Blue or White Marlin	66" LJFL	1/vessel/trip either Blue or White Marlin
Sailfish	63" LJFL	1/Day	63" LJFL	1/Day
Red Drum (Channel Bass, Puppy Drum)	18-27" TL (D)	1/Day	Unlawful to Possess	
Internal Flounder	13" TL	No Limit		
Ocean Flounder See Regulations	15 1/2" TL	8/Day (G) Season Closed North of New River Inlet April 3 - July 3 2002 See Proclamation	15 1/2" TL (G) (P)	3/Day (P)
Spotted Seatrout (Speckled)	12" TL	10/Day	12" TL	10/Day
Gray Trout (Weakfish) (C)	14" TL	10/Day	14" TL	10/Day
See Proclamation	or 12 TL	4/Day if any fish kept is less than 14"	or 12" TL	4/Day if any fish kept is less than 14"
Tarpon		1/Day		1/Day
Striped Bass	(A)	(A)	Unlawful To Possess	

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American Eel	6" TL	50/Day	6" TL	50/Day
Scup (North of Cape Hatteras)	8" TL	50/Day	10(E)" TL (P)	50/Day (P)
Black Sea Bass (North of Cape Hatteras)	11 1/2" TL (P)	25/Day	11 1/2" TL (P)	25/Day
Black Sea Bass (South of Cape Hatteras)	10" TL	20/Day	10" TL	20/Day
Red, Scamp, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth Groupers	20" TL	5/Day (Species combined; only 1 speckled hind, 1 warsaw, and no more than 2 black or gag grouper - individual or combined)	20" TL	5/Day (Species combined; includes tilefish, only 1 speckled hind, 1 warsaw, and no more than 2 black or gag grouper - individual or combined) Contact NMFS
Black and Gag Groupers	24" TL	2/Day (See above)	24" TL	2/Day (See above)
Speckled Hind (Kitty Mitchell)		1/Vessel/Trip (See above)		1/Vessel/Trip (See above)
Warsaw Grouper		1/Vessel/Trip (See above)		1/Vessel/Trip (See above)
Red Porgy (Silver Snapper, Pinky)	14" TL	1/Day	14" TL	1/Day
Dog, Gray, Cubera, Mahogany, Queen, Schoolmaster, & Yellowtail Snappers		10/Day (Species combined; includes up to 2 Red Snapper)	12" TL	10/Day (Species combined; includes up to 2 Red Snapper)
Mutton Snapper		See Above	16" TL	See Above
Silk and Blackfin Snappers	12" TL	See Above	12" TL	See Above
Red Snapper	20" TL	2/Day - See Above	20" TL	2/Day - See Above
Vermillion Snapper	11" TL	10/Day	11" TL	10/Day
Reef Complex Species (I) (Includes Sheepshead, Spadefish, Gray Triggerfish)		20/Day		20/Day

Prohibited Finfish Species

Coastal Waters (Internal waters and Atlantic Ocean out to 3 miles)	EEZ (Atlantic Ocean more than 3 miles)
Sturgeon, Nassau Grouper, and Jewfish. Prohibited sharks include; basking, white, sand tiger, and whale.	Sharks (Whale, Basking, White, Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Atlantic Angel Shark, Bigeye Sixgill, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Sevengill, Sixgill, and Smalltail), Red Drum, Striped Bass, Sturgeon, Nassau Grouper, Jewfish, and Spearfish

Shellfish

State Coastal and EEZ Waters
Internal and 0-200 miles

Species (note symbols)	Minimum Length	Bag Limits (Per Person)
Blue Crab	5" Carapace Width	50 crabs/day not to exceed 100 crabs/vessel/day
Hard Clam	1" Thick	100 clams/day not to exceed 200 clams/vessel/day
Oyster (N)	3" Shell Length	1 bushel/day not to exceed 2 bushels/vessel/day
Bay Scallops (N)(Q)		1/2 bushel/day not to exceed 1 bushel/vessel/day
Conchs & Whelks		10/day not to exceed 20/vessel/day
Mussels		100/day not to exceed 200/vessel/day

Explanation of Symbols

(A) Albemarle Sound Management Area: contact DMF for seasons, areas or other limits; Atlantic Ocean year-round: 2 per person per day at 28" TL minimum; Other coastal areas (excluding Inland Waters-regulations set by

(H) In state or federal waters federal permit required for Atlantic tunas, excluding Atlantic bonito, little tunny (albacore), and blackfin tuna: (508) 281-9370.

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Anglers fishing from a vessel, everyone on the vessel must abide by the same bag/size limit.

(D) Unlawful to possess red drum greater than 27 inches total length. It is unlawful to take or possess red drum taken by gigs, gaffs or spears

(E) North of Cape Hatteras Scup recreational season is Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, and July 1 - Oct. 31

(F) See prohibited species, Legal sharks include; sandbar, silky, tiger, blacktip, spinner, lemon, bull, nurse, smooth and scalloped and great hammerhead, blacknose, finetooth, bonnethead, shortfin mako, blue, thresher, porbeagle, and oceanic whitetip. One (1) Atlantic sharpnose per person per trip may be landed in addition to allowable bag limits for other sharks.

(G) Restrictions apply to gigging in the Ocean. North of New River Inlet in Atlantic Ocean recreational flounder 2002 closed season is 3 April through 3 July. As of May 8th there is no seasonal closure in the Atlantic Ocean South of New River Inlet.

(J) For snapper, grouper, and mackerels contact the South Atlantic Council (1-843-571-4366 or www.safmc.noaa.gov) or for tunas, billfishes, and sharks contact NMFS Highly Migratory Species Division (1-301-713-2347 or <http://caldera.sero.nmfs.gov/>)

(L) Minimum size does not apply to Atlantic sharpnose or dogfish. Creel does not apply to dogfish. Sharks greater than 84 inches are prohibited except for tiger, thresher, bigeye thresher, shortfin mako, and hammerhead sp. Headboat or Charterboat Captain or crew are not allowed a creel limit.

(M) Season, areas, or other limits may be set by DMF. Shad (hickory and American) may only be taken with recreational commercial gear such as drift gill nets from January 1 thru April 14th, or by hook and line year round.

(N) Contact DMF for seasons, areas, or other restrictions.

(P) Rule changes pending, Contact DMF for most current rules. Federal measures for EEZ flounder will be the same as state ocean waters, projected to occur July 2002.

(Q) During the open season, scallop harvest restricted to certain hours of the day, contact DMF for all restrictions.

Total length (TL) is measured from tip of snout with mouth closed to tip of compressed tail. Fork length (FL) is measured from tip of snout to middle of fork in tail. Lower jaw fork length (LJFL) is measured from lower jaw to middle of fork in tail. Curved fork length (CFL) is the measurement of the length taken in a line tracing the contour of the body from the tip of the upper jaw to the fork of the tail.

Bag limits are not additive for state and federal waters.

Ocean boundary is defined as water seaward of the [COLREGS Demarcation Lines](#) as indicated on National Ocean Service navigation charts

No one may possess aboard a vessel or while engaged in fishing any fish subject to limits without head and tail attached, except for alewife and blueback herring used for bait provided not more than two fish per boat/operation may be cut at any one time. - Reference 15A NCAC 3M.0101

IMPORTANT Check with Division of Marine Fisheries for most current minimum lengths and catch limits. 252-726-7021 or 800-682-2632 (North Carolina only). For inland water limits contact Wildlife Resources Commission 919-733-3633 or visit their website www.ncwildlife.org .

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