

Size and possession limits for Florida are as follows:

Species	Size Limit	Closed Season	Daily Recreational Bag Limit	Remarks
Greater Amberjack ▲ R	28" fork	***	1 per person per day	Measured by fork length.
Lesser Amberjack ▲ R Banded Rudderfish	Not less than 14" or more than 20" fork	***	5 aggregate of lesser amberjack and banded rudderfish	Measured by fork length.
Billfish	Sailfish 57" Blue Marlin 96" White Marlin 66"	***	1 per person per day Aggregate bag limit	Species includes marlin, spearfish, and sailfish. Federal size limits apply.
Black drum ▲ R	Not less than 14" or more than 24"	***	5 per person per day	May possess one over 24".
Mullet R	***	***	50 per vessel or person, whichever is less per day	Black mullet is not a restricted species west of the Ochlockonee River.
Bluefish ▲ R	12" fork	***	10 per person per day	
Bonefish	18"	***	1 per person per day	Illegal to buy or sell. Possession limit one.
Clams-hard	1" thick across hinge	***	One 5 gallon bucket per person or 2 per vessel, whichever is less per day	Illegal to harvest from closed areas. Call FMP for current information.
Cobia (ling) ▲	33" fork	***	2 per person per day	
Crab-blue R S	***	***	10 gallons whole per day	5 traps maximum. Trap requirements apply. Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited.
Crab-stone R S	2¼" claw	May 15 to October 15	1 gallon stone crab claws per person or 2 gallons per vessel, whichever is less	5 traps maximum. Trap requirements apply. Illegal to possess whole crabs. Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited.
Crawfish R S ▲ Spiny lobster	Larger than 3" carapace measured in the water or 5½ tail when wrung on land	April 1 - August 5 Exception: Sport season - last consecutive Wednesday & Thursday of July each year	24 per vessel or 6 per person per day, whichever is greater	Recreational trapping prohibited. Crawfish permit required. Special bag limit for 2-day sportsman's season. Call FMP for current information on sportsman's season.
Dolphin ■	***	***	10 per person per day	
Flounder ▲ R ■ ◆	12"	***	10 per person per day	May be harvested by spearing.
Grey triggerfish ■	12"	***	***	
Grouper ▲ R ■	20"	***	5 aggregate of all species per person per day	Includes yellowfin, red, black, gag, misty, scamp, yellowmouth, and yellowedge. Harvest of Nassau and jewfish prohibited.
Grouper-warsaw ■ speckled hind	***	***	1 per vessel per day of each species	Not counted in grouper aggregate bag limit. Illegal to buy or sell.
Hogfish R ■	12" fork	***	5 per person per day	

Mackerel-king ▲ R	20" fork	***	2 per person per day	Bag limit in Gulf-Atlantic fishery reduced to 1 when federal waters are closed to all harvest. Call FMP for details.
Mackerel-Spanish ▲ R ♦	12"	***	10 per person per day	Transfer of Spanish mackerel to other vessels at sea is prohibited.
Oysters	3"	June, July, August in Dixie, Wakulla, and Levy counties July, August, September in all other areas.	2 bags per person or vessel, whichever is less per day 1 bag = 60 lbs or two 5 gallon buckets (whole in shell)	Apalachicola Bay has summer and winter seasons/areas. Harvest from approved shellfish areas only. Call FMP for current information.
Permit ▲ R ■ ♦	Not less than 10" or more than 20"	***	10 per person per day of permit and pompano, 10 aggregate	May possess one over 20". Sale prohibited for permit more than 20".
Pompano ▲ R ■ ♦	Not less than 10" or more than 20"	***	10 per person per day of permit and pompano, 10 aggregate	May possess one over 20". Sale prohibited for pompano more than 20".
Pompano-African ▲ R ♦	Not less than 24"	***	2 fish per person per vessel/day, whichever is less	Hook & line gear only.
Red drum ▲ ■ (redfish)	Not less than 18" or more than 27"	***	1 per person per day	Gigging, spearing, snatching prohibited.
Red porgy ▲ ■	12" on Atlantic Coast	***	***	
Scallops-bay	***	September 11 - June 30	2 gallons whole or 1 pint meat per person, no more than 10 gallons whole or ½ gallon meat per vessel anytime	Restricted harvest areas apply to certain state waters. Call FMP for current information.
Sea bass ▲ ■	8"	***	***	Size limit applies to all sea basses (Centropristis).
Shad	***	***	10 aggregate per person per day	American, Alabama, and hickory are part of aggregate limit. Hook and line gear only.
Shark	***	***	1 per person/2 per vessel, whichever is less	Protected species. The practice of finning is prohibited and filleting at sea prohibited. No harvest of sawfish, basking and whale shark or spotted eagle rays.
Sheepshead ▲ R ■ ♦	12"	***	15 per person per day	
Shrimp ■	***	April and May closed to Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Putnam, Flagler, and Clay counties	5 gallons head on per person or per vessel per day	Must be landed in a whole condition. Contact FMP for closed areas.
Snapper-cubera ▲ R ■	Not less than 12" or more than 30"	***	10 per person per day, under 30" included in aggregate bag limit	No more than two 30" or larger per person or vessel, whichever is less. 30" or larger not included in aggregate bag limit.
Snapper-gray ▲ R ■ (mangrove)	10"	***	5 per person per day, aggregate bag limit	No more than 10 snappers aggregate of all snappers with a bag limit.

Snapper-lane ▲ R ■	8"	***	10 bag limit applies toward aggregate of all snappers if harvested in Atlantic.	Lane snapper harvested in Gulf of Mexico not subject to aggregate bag limit.
Snapper-mutton ▲ R ■	16"	***	10 per person per day, aggregate bag limit	No more than 10 snappers aggregate of all snappers with a bag limit.
Snapper-red ▲ R ■	16" Gulf 20" Atlantic	***	4 Gulf of Mexico per day 2 Atlantic per day	No more than 10 snappers aggregate of all snappers with a bag limit.
Snapper-schoolmaster ▲ R ■	10"	***	10 per person per day, aggregate bag limit	No more than 10 snappers aggregate of all snappers with a bag limit.
Snapper-vermilion ▲ R ■	10"	***	Gulf - no bag limit Atlantic - 10 per day	Not counted in snapper aggregate bag limit.
Snapper-all other ▲ R ■	12"	***	10 aggregate of all snappers with a bag limit	Includes blackfin, cubera under 30", dog, mahogany, queen, silk, and yellowtail snappers.
Snook ▲ ■	Not less than 24" or more than 34"	December 15 - January 31 of each year and June, July, August	2 per person per day	Snook stamp required. Illegal to possess more than one over 34 inches. Illegal to buy or sell.
Spotted seatrout ▲ R ■	<i>S Region:</i> not less than 15"-not more than 20" <i>NW Region:</i> not less than 15"-not more than 24" <i>NE Region:</i> not less than 15"-not more than 20"	Regions closed: <i>S</i> - November & December <i>NW</i> - February <i>NE</i> - December, January, February	<i>S</i> - 5 fish per person per day <i>NW</i> - 7 fish per person per day <i>NE</i> - 5 fish per person per day	May possess one fish over the maximum size limit. The <i>South</i> region is defined as all state waters lying between the Volusia/Flagler county line on the Atlantic extending to Pinellas/Pasco line on the gulf. The <i>Northwest</i> region is defined as all state waters north and west of Pinellas/Pasco. The <i>Northeast</i> region is defined as all state waters north of Volusia/Flagler line.
Tarpon	***	***	2 per person per day	Illegal to buy or sell - requires \$50 tarpon tag to possess or harvest.
Trippletail ▲ R ◆	15"	***	2 per person per day	Hook and line gear only. No snatch hooks.
Weakfish ▲	12"	***	4 per person per day	

S - saltwater products license

R - restricted species

▲ - must remain in whole condition (heads & tails intact) until landed ashore.

■ - gear restrictions apply, contact the nearest FMP.

◆ - length for these species is defined as the most forward point of the head to the rear center edge of the tail.

It is illegal to harvest, possess, land, purchase, sell, or exchange the following species: nassau grouper, jewfish, sawfish, sawshark, basking shark, whale shark, spotted eagle ray, sturgeon.