

# Recreational Bag Limits



Species	Minimum Size	Bag Limit
Cobia	37 in. TL	2/day
Mullet	No Limit	No Limit
Flounder	No Limit	No Limit
Red Drum	18 in.*	3/day
Spotted Seatrout	14 in. TL	15/day
King Mackerel	24 in. FL 	2/day
Spanish Mackerel	No Limit	15/day
Greater Amberjack	28 in. FL	1/day
Red, Nassau, Yellowfin, Black & Gag Groupers	20 in. FL	5/day**
Other Groupers	No Limit	5/day**
Jewfish	No Take	No Take
Red Snapper	16 in. TL 	4/day
Vermillion Snapper	8 in. TL	No Limit
Lane Snapper	8 in. TL	No Limit
Mutton, Yellowtail, & Gray Snappers	12 in. TL	10/day Aggr
Sharks (large Coastals & Pelagics)	37 in. TL	3/vessel/day
Sharks (small Coastals)	25 in. TL	4/day
Crabs - Hard Shells	5 in. ***	No Limit
Crabs - Soft Shell	No Limit	No Limit



\* Recreational fisherman may retain only one Red Drum over 30 inches TL.

\*\* Aggregate limits for all groupers is 5 per day.

\*\*\* As measured from the tip of one lateral spine across the back of the shell to the tip of the opposite lateral spine.



State waters only

TL = Total Length      FL = Fork Length

NOTE: Fishing seasons for some species may be closed by order of the Commission on

Marine Resources. Advance notice of such closures will be given.

Recreational fishermen not fishing in Mississippi waters may transport and land fish that meet the minimum size and creel limits of the waters in which they were legally caught. They must possess a valid saltwater sport fishing license as may be required in the waters where the fish were caught.

It shall be unlawful for recreational fishermen to sell or offer for sale any seafood caught in or landed in the State of Mississippi.

It shall be unlawful for recreational fishermen to possess fish with heads, tails or flesh removed until delivered to the final destination; however, fish may be eviscerated, scaled or have gills removed. Charter and recreational boats, fishing in the Gulf of Mexico over 24 continuous hours, may possess filleted fish in Mississippi waters, if they have filed a float plan with the DMR in advance.

***The information on this page is an abstract of the rules and regulations in effect at the time of publishing. Fishermen are responsible for obeying fishing rules in full. Complete laws are available at the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.***

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