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Fish Creel Limits

Spotted Seatrout - *Cynoscion nebulosus*

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Recreational Size and Bag Limits for Alabama State Waters (Includes inshore waters and Gulf Waters out to 3 miles offshore)

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY BAG LIMIT
* Spotted Seatrout	14" min. TL	10 per person
* Red Drum	16" min. - 26" max	3 per person
Cobia (Ling)	33" min. FL	2 per person
King Mackerel	24" min. FL	2 per person
Spanish Mackerel	no size limit	10 per person
Florida Pompano	12" min. TL	no bag limit
Gag Grouper	20" min TL	5 per person
Greater Amberjack	28" min TL	1 per person
Striped Bass	16" min TL	6 per person
Gray Triggerfish	12" min TL	*Reef fish aggregate
* Spotted Seatrout (speckled trout) - 2 undersized fish allowed. * Red Drum (redfish) - 1 fish may exceed maximum size.		
Snappers		
Red Snapper	16" TL	4 per person
Vermillion Snapper (beeliner)	10" TL	*Reef fish aggregate
Lane	8" TL	*Reef Fish aggregate
**Gray (mangrove)	12" TL	**10 per person
**Mutton	12" TL	**10 per person
**Yellowtail	12" TL	**10 per person
** Gray snapper, mutton snapper and yellowtail snapper - 10 per person combined.		
Tarpon	60" TL	\$50.00 tag required to possess, kill or harvest each tarpon.
* There is a twenty (20) fish aggregate bag limit for reef fish species for which there is no other bag limit. (for example, grunts, porgies, triggerfish, beeliner, etc.)		
All fishing regulations are subject to change. Check with the Ala. Marine Resources Division before going fishing.		
Mississippi and Florida also require saltwater fishing licenses. Florida's state waters extend 9 miles from the coastline. You can be fined for straying into another state's waters with fish caught in Alabama or federal waters		
State waters extend into the Gulf of Mexico 3 miles south of Alabama's coastline from Florida almost due west along the Fort Morgan peninsula and Dauphin Island to Mississippi; however, the line bulges southward 3 miles from Sand Island. A rule of thumb leaving Mobile Bay: if you are south of the Farewell Buoy, you are in federal waters.		

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Attention

1999 Recreational Red Snapper Season closed at 12:01 AM, August 29 in federal waters and 12:01 AM, November 1, 1999 in Alabama state waters (shore to 3 miles).

FISH MEASUREMENT

The following procedures should be used to determine the length of a fish:

1. Place the fish on a flat surface with jaw closed.
2. Squeeze tail together or turn it in such a way to obtain total length.
3. For fork length, measure in a straight line from the tip of snout to deepest notch in caudal fin (tail) (see illustration).

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