

Recreational 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	
Lesser Amberjack ▲ R Banded Rudderfish	Not less than 14" or more than 22" fork	***	5 aggregate of lesser amberjack and banded rudderfish	
Billfish	Sailfish 63" Blue Marlin 99" White Marlin 66"	***	1 per person per day Aggregate bag limit	Species includes Marlin, Spearfish, and Sailfish. Federal size limits apply. Measured tip of lower jaw to fork.
Black drum ▲ R	Not less than 14" or more than 24"	***	5 per person per day	May possess one over 24".
Bluefish ▲ R	12" fork	***	10 per person per day	
Bonefish	18"	***	1 per person per day	
Clams-hard	1" thick across hinge	***	One 5 gallon bucket per person or 2 buckets per vessel, whichever is less per day	Illegal to harvest from closed areas. Call 1-877-304-4024 for allowable harvesting areas.
Cobia (ling) ▲	33" fork	***	2 per person per day	
Crab-blue R	***	***	10 gallons whole per day	5 traps maximum. Trap requirements apply. Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited.
Crab-stone R	2½" claw	From May 16 through October 14	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 ▲ (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 sport season. Call FWC for current information on sport season.
Dolphin	***	***	10 per person per day	
Flounder ▲ R ♦	12"	***	10 per person per day	May be harvested by spearing.
Grouper ▲ R - red, scamp, yellowfin, yellowmouth	20"	***	5 aggregate of all species per person per day	Harvest of nassau and jewfish prohibited.
Grouper-black and gag ▲ R	24" Atlantic and Monroe County 20" Gulf outside of Monroe County		2 per person per day Atlantic and Monroe County 5 per person per day Gulf	Included in grouper aggregate bag limits.
Grouper-warsaw ▲ R speckled hind	***	***	1 per vessel per day of each species	Included in grouper aggregate bag limit.

Grouper-all others ▲ R			Included within 5 per person per day grouper aggregate bag limit.	Includes: coney, graysby, misty, red hind, rock hind, snowy, tiger, yellowedge
Hogfish R ▲	12" fork	***	5 per person per day	
Mackerel-king ▲ R	24" fork	***	2 per person per day	Bag limit in Gulf-Atlantic fishery reduced to 1 when federal waters are closed to all harvest. Call FWC for details.
Mackerel-Spanish ▲ R	12" fork	***	10 per person per day	Transfer of Spanish mackerel to other vessels at sea is prohibited.
Mullet-striped or black R	***	***	February 1-August 31, 50 per person per day, maximum 100 per vessel	September 1-January 31, 50 per person or per vessel, whichever is less.
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	Apalachicola Bay has summer and winter seasons/areas. Harvest from approved shellfish areas only. Call 1-877-304-4024 for allowable harvesting areas.
Permit ▲ R	Not less than 10" or more than 20" fork	***	10 per person per day aggregate	May possess one over 20". Sale prohibited for permit more than 20".
Pompano ▲ R	Not less than 10" or more than 20" fork	***	10 per person per day aggregate	May possess one over 20". Sale prohibited for pompano more than 20".
Pompano-African ▲ R	Not less than 24" fork	***	2 fish per person or per vessel per 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 ▲	14" Atlantic	Closed-Atlantic	5 per person per day - Atlantic	Atlantic red porgy closed until further notice.
Scallops-bay	***	September 11 - June 30	2 gallons whole or 1 pint meat per person per day, no more than 10 gallons whole or ½ gallon meat per vessel anytime	Harvest allowed only in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico north of latitude 29°17'2" north (from the south bank of the mouth of the Suwannee River to near channel marker 21 westward to the outer limits of state waters).
Sea bass-black ▲	10"	***	20 per person per day - Atlantic	
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 or 2 per vessel per day, whichever is less	The practice of finning 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, whichever is less	Must be landed in a whole condition. Contact FWC for closed areas.

Snapper-cubera ▲ R	Not less than 12" or more than 30"	***	Included in 10 per person per day aggregate limit if under 30"	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	Included in 10 snapper per person per day aggregate 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	Included in 10 per person per day aggregate 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	
Snapper-vermilion ▲ R	10"	***	Gulf - no bag limit Atlantic - 10 per day	Included in 10 per person per day aggregate if harvested from the Atlantic.
Snapper-all other ▲ R	12"	***	10 aggregate of all snappers with a bag limit	Includes blackfin, dog, mahogany, queen, silk, and yellowtail snappers.
Snook ▲	Not less than 26" or more than 34"	December 15 - January 31 of each year and June, July, August	2 per person per day	Snook permit required when saltwater license required. Illegal to possess more than one over 34". Illegal to buy or sell.
Spotted seatrout ▲ R	Not less than 15" or greater than 26" (statewide), except one fish over 20" per person	Regions closed: <i>NE and NW</i> - February <i>S</i> - November & December	<i>NE and NW</i> - 5 fish per person per day <i>S</i> - 4 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 and the southern boundary of the Northwest region on the Gulf of Mexico in Pinellas County and adjacent federal EEZ waters. The <i>Northwest</i> region is defined as all state waters north and west of a line running due west from the westernmost point of Fred Howard Park Causeway (28E9.350N 82E48.398W), which is approximately 1.17 nautical miles south of the Pasco-Pinellas County line to the Florida-Alabama border, and adjacent federal EEZ waters. The <i>Northeast</i> region is defined as all state waters north of Volusia/Flagler line to the Florida/Georgia border and adjacent federal EEZ waters.
Tarpon	***	***	2 per possession limit	Illegal to buy or sell - requires \$50 tarpon tag to possess or harvest.
Triggerfish (gray) ▲	12"			All other species of triggerfish have live landing and live well requirements
Tripletail ▲ R	15"	***	2 per person per day	Hook and line gear only. No snatch hooks.
Weakfish ▲	12"	***	4 per person per day	

R - restricted species/▲ - must remain in whole condition until landed ashore.

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