






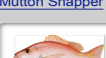

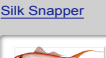







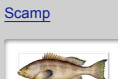

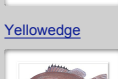
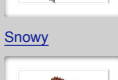
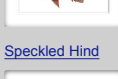
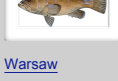







## Basic Recreational Fishing Regulations




This brief summary of regulations governs the taking of species in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico for personal use. Federal waters begin where state waters end and extend 200 miles. The absence of complete laws, rules and regulations in this summary does not relieve persons from compliance with those laws, rules or regulations.

Some species are subject to in-season closures. Please click on the fish for more detailed information, or check with the Council.

Snapper	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
 <a href="#">Red Snapper</a>	Closed					Open June 1 16" TL 2 per person Closure to be announced		Closed		→		Closed
 <a href="#">Vermilion</a>	←					Open 10" TL 20 within the 20 reef fish aggregate				→		
 <a href="#">Lane Snapper</a>	←					Open 8" TL 20 within the 20 reef fish aggregate				→		
 <a href="#">Gray/Mangrove</a>	←					Open 12" TL 10 within the snapper aggregate				→		
 <a href="#">Cubera</a>	←					Open 12" TL 10 within the snapper aggregate				→		
 <a href="#">Yellowtail</a>	←					Open 12" TL 10 within the snapper aggregate				→		
 <a href="#">Mutton Snapper</a>	←					Open 16" TL 10 within the snapper aggregate				→		
 <a href="#">Blackfin Snapper</a>	←					Open No Size Limit 10 within the snapper aggregate				→		
 <a href="#">Silk Snapper</a>	←					Open No Size Limit 10 within the snapper aggregate				→		
 <a href="#">Queen Snapper</a>	←					Open No Size Limit 10 within the snapper aggregate				→		

Grouper	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
 <a href="#">Black Grouper</a>	Open	Closed February 1 through March 31			Open 22" TL 4 per person in aggregate								
 <a href="#">Gag</a>	Closed				Closed		Open July 1 - Oct 31 22" TL 2 per person in aggregate					Closed	
 <a href="#">Red Grouper</a>	Open				Open 20" TL 4 per person in aggregate								
 <a href="#">Yellowfin</a>	Open				Open 20" TL 4 per person in aggregate								
 <a href="#">Scamp</a>	Open				Open 16" TL 4 per person in aggregate								
 <a href="#">Yellowmouth</a>	Open	Open No Size Limit 4 per person in aggregate											
 <a href="#">Yellowedge</a>			←		Open No Size Limit 4 per person in aggregate					→			
 <a href="#">Snowy</a>			←		Open No Size Limit 4 per person in aggregate					→			
 <a href="#">Speckled Hind</a>			←		Open No Size Limit 1 fish per vessel					→			
 <a href="#">Warsaw</a>			←		Open No Size Limit 1 fish per vessel					→			
 <a href="#">Goliath</a>			←		Harvest Prohibited					→			

Other Reef Fish	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
 <a href="#">Hogfish</a>	<div>←<div>Open 12" FL 5 per person</div>→</div>											
 <a href="#">Gray Triggerfish</a>	<div>←<div>Open 14" FL part of a 20 reef fish aggregate <u>Subject to reduced season length</u></div>→</div>											
 <a href="#">Greater Amberjack</a>	<div>←<div>Open 30" FL 1 per person</div></div>					<div>←<div>Closed June 1 - July 31</div>→</div>		<div>←<div>Open 30" FL 1 per person <u>Subject to in-season closure</u></div>→</div>				
 <a href="#">Lesser Amberjack</a>	<div>←<div>Open 14" - 22" FL 5 per person in aggregate</div>→</div>											
 <a href="#">Banded Rudderfish</a>	<div>←<div>Open 14" - 22" FL 5 per person in aggregate</div>→</div>											

Coastal Pelagics	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
 <a href="#">Cobia (ling)</a>	<div> <div>←</div> <div>Open 33" FL 2 per person</div> <div>→</div> </div>											
 <a href="#">Spanish Mackerel</a>	<div> <div>←</div> <div>Open 12" FL 15 per person</div> <div>→</div> </div>											
 <a href="#">King Mackerel</a>	<div> <div>←</div> <div>Open 24" FL 2 per person</div> <div>→</div> </div>											

Shellfish	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<a href="#">Spiny Lobster</a>	<div> <div>←</div> <div>Open 3" minimum carapace Must be measured in water</div> </div>			<div> <div>←</div> <div>Closed April 1 through August 5 NOTE: 2 Day Mini-season last consecutive Wednesday/Thursday in July</div> <div>→</div> </div>				<div> <div>←</div> <div>Open 3" minimum carapace Must be measured in water</div> <div>→</div> </div>				