

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

January 1, 2002

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	15 per person
Florida Pompano	12" min. TL	3 per person
Gag Grouper***	22" min TL	5 per person
Greater Amberjack	28" min FL	1 per person
Striped Bass****	16" min TL	2 per person
Gray Triggerfish	12" min TL	Reef fish aggregate*
Flounder	12" min TL	No bag limit
Tripletail (Blackfish)	16" min TL	3 per person

* **Spotted Seatrout (speckled trout) - no undersized fish allowed.**

** **Red Drum (redfish) - 1 fish may exceed maximum size.**

*** **Mixed species grouper aggregate bag limit (including Gag): 5 per person**

**** **Only two Striped Bass are allowed within MRD Jurisdiction.**

Snappers

Recreational Red Snapper season opens on April 21, 2002 at 12:01AM

Red Snapper	16" TL	4 per person
Vermillon Snapper (beeliner)	10" TL	Reef fish aggregate*
Lane	8" TL	Reef Fish aggregate*
Gray (mangrove, black)	12" TL	10 per person

Tarpon	60" TL	\$50.00 tag required to possess, kill or harvest each tarpon.
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Sharks

* Atlantic Sharpnose	none	2 per person per day
* All Other Shark Species	54" min FL	1 per person per day

* **Prohibited Sharks and Rays: Atlantic angel shark, Bigeye thresher, Dusky, Longfin mako, Sand tiger, Basking, Whale, White, Nurse, Smalltail, Smalltooth sawfish, Largetooth sawfish, Spotted eagle ray, Atlantic manta.**

As of January 1, 2001, Alabama has instituted new regulations pertaining to the harvest of shark species for commercial and recreational purposes. [Click here](#) for info provided to aid anglers in the identification of common species of sharks which may occur in Alabama's coastal waters.

* **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, gray triggerfish, beeliner, Lane snapper, etc).**

All fishing regulations are subject to change. Check with the [AL 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.**