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Recreational Catch Limits

The [Guide to Saltwater Fishing Rules and Regulations](#) supersedes information listed below.

It is illegal to sell any seafood taken with a recreational license.

SPECIES	Minimum Length in Inches	Number of Fish Bag/Possession
Cobia	33 FL	2
Flounder	12 TL	15
Red Drum ♦	18 TL to 30 TL**	3
Spotted Seatrout	13 TL	15
King Mackerel ♦♦♦	24 FL	2
Spanish Mackerel ♦♦♦	No Limit	15
Tripletail	18 TL	3
Vermilion Snapper ♦♦♦	10 TL	20 in aggregate
Lane Snapper ♦♦♦	8 TL	
Gray Triggerfish ♦♦♦	14 TL	
Almaco Jack ♦♦♦	No Limit	
Goldface Tilefish ♦♦♦	No Limit	
Anchor Tilefish ♦♦♦	No Limit	
Tilefish ♦♦♦	No Limit	
Blackline Tilefish ♦♦♦	No Limit	
Blueline Tilefish ♦♦♦	No Limit	1 per vessel ***
Goliath Grouper ♦♦♦	No Take	
Nassau Grouper ♦♦♦	No Take	
Warsaw Grouper ♦♦♦	No Limit	
Red & Yellowfin Groupers ♦♦♦	20 TL	4 in aggregate
Black Grouper ♦♦♦	22 TL	
Gag Grouper ♦♦♦	22 TL ****	
Scamp ♦♦♦	16 TL	
Speckled Hind ♦♦♦	No Limit	1 per vessel ***
Red Snapper ♦♦♦	16 TL	2
Gray, Schoolmaster, Cubera, Dog, Mahogany, and Yellowtail Snappers ♦♦♦	12 TL	10 in aggregate
Mutton Snapper ♦♦♦	16 TL	
Queen, Blackfin, Silk & Wenchman Snappers ♦♦♦	No Limit	
Greater Amberjack ♦♦♦	30 FL	1
Lesser Amberjack and Banded Rudderfish ♦♦♦	14 FL to 22 FL **	5 in aggregate
Hogfish ♦♦♦	12 TL	5
Bigeye Tuna ♦♦♦	27 CFL	No Limit

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21 captures

29 Jun 2014 - 28 Oct 2018

White Marlin ♦♦♦

66 lower jaw FL

No Limit

Sailfish ♦♦♦

63 lower jaw FL

No Limit

Longbill Spearfish ♦♦♦

No Take

No Take

Sharks (Large Coastals and Pelagics) ♦♦/♦♦♦

37 TL

1 per person/up to 3 per vessel

Sharks (Small Coastals) ♦♦/♦♦♦

25 TL

4

Crabs - Hard Shells

5 ***

No Limit

Crabs - Soft Shell

No Limit

No Limit

▼ About this capture

** Range represents minimum and maximum lengths.

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

**** Recreational fishermen may possess 2 within four-fish aggregate.

♦ Recreational fishermen may retain only one red drum over 30 inches.

♦♦ Possession of certain coastal sharks is prohibited.

♦♦♦ For openings and closings of federally regulated fish, visit www.gulfcouncil.org.

TL = Total Length - Straight line distance from tip of snout to tip of tail.

FL = Fork Length - Straight line distance from tip of snout to fork of tail.

CFL = Curved Fork Length - Tip of the upper jaw to the fork of tail measured along the contour of the middle of the body.

Federal regulations may differ from state regulations. Please refer to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council for Federal Regulations: (888) 833-1844 | www.gulfcouncil.org.

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.

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.

For more information call the DMR at (228) 374-5000 or email.