

Recreational Size and Possession Limits for Mississippi are as follows:

Species	Daily bag	Possession	Minimum length in inches	Maximum length in inches
Red drum*	3	3	18 TL	1 over 30 TL
Spotted seatrout	15	15	14 TL	No Limit
Cobia **	2	2	37 TL	No Limit
King mackerel	2	2	20 FL	No Limit
Red snapper	4	4	15 TL	

*The sale, offering for sale, purchase, barter or trade of red drum caught by saltwater sports fishermen is prohibited.

**The sale of cobia is prohibited.

Saltwater sportsfishermen not fishing in the waters of the state of Mississippi may transport and land spotted seatrout and red drum with size and creel limits less than those above, provided such fish were legally taken in the waters under the jurisdiction of a state adjoining Mississippi and meet that state's minimum size and creel requirements. Said saltwater sportsfishermen must possess a valid saltwater sportsfishing license as may be required in the state where the fish were caught. In the absence of minimum size requirements in an adjoining jurisdiction, Mississippi law will prevail.

SALTWATER NETS

Licenses

Resident Recreational (Hook and Line) - \$4.00*

Resident Gill & Trammel Net - \$100.00

Resident Charter, Party - \$200.00

Commercial Hook and Line - \$100.00 + \$100.00 for each person on board. Beginning July 1, 1999, the hook and line license fisherman is now required to purchase an additional license which cost an additional \$100.00. This license is a Commercial Fisherman's license. It is also required that each person on board the vessel actively engaged in fishing must also purchase a Commercial Fisherman's license.

Resident Menhaden Boat/Net - \$150.00

*Valid for recreational hook and line fishing south of U.S. Interstate Highway 10. Saltwater sport fishermen are not permitted to sell, barter, trade, or offer for sale any saltwater fish caught or landed in Mississippi.

Restrictions

Saltwater finfish may be taken from Mississippi waters by any of the following methods: hook and line, trotline, throwline, spear, gig, bow and arrow, cast net, and brail nets (less than 12' maximum radius; no freshwater species may be in possession while using cast or brail net), small-mesh beach seine (under 100' in length and with a maximum ¼" bar), Brill net, shrimp trawl, trammel net, gill net, wing net, beach and purse seines (all must be under 1,200' in total length and with a minimum 1½" square stretched mesh size and 1¼" square mesh October 15-December 15), fish traps (smaller than 1"x½" mesh size). Only single point hooks may be used while fishing with live, dead, or cut bait (artificial lures/baits excluded).

Nets, seines, or traps used for catching fish other than mullet are not permitted within 1,200' of any pier or harbor. Mullet fishing is defined as any net fishing activity in which 90% or more of the total catch by weight consists of mullet. Mullet fishing using fish traps, seines, or nets other than cast or brail nets is not permitted within 1,200' of any public or hotel/motel pier nor within 300' of any private pier, provided that such

piers are in usable condition and extend 75' or more from the shoreline. Nets must not exceed 1,200' in length. King mackerel fishing is defined as fishing activity in which the sole purpose is to catch king mackerel; and the catching in excess of 10% by weight of species other than king mackerel while net fishing for king mackerel is prohibited. All nets except purse seines and trawls used for mullet fishing must be of mesh sizes 1½" square (3" stretched) or larger. Between October 15 through December 15 of each year, gill and trammel nets must be of a mesh size of one and three-fourths inch (1¾") square, three and one-half inch (3½") stretch or larger, and it shall be unlawful for any boat to use more than one (1) such net. On and after January 1, 1997, all gill and trammel nets must be constructed of an approved degradable material. An approved degradable material list will be on file with the Executive Director of the DMR or his designee.

Purse seines may not exceed 1,500' in length, except those used expressly to catch menhaden and must have a mesh size no smaller than ½" square (1" stretched). Nets or seines must be attended at all times from a distance no greater than the length of the boat in use. All nets, regardless of type, must be clearly marked with the owner's name or license number on floats or buoys placed at intervals of 100' or less. All fish traps or pots and eel traps or pots must be clearly marked with the owner's full name, permit, or license number. All fish traps or pots and eel traps or pots must be checked and emptied at least once every 48 hours.

Nets, seines, or fish traps are not permitted in any of the following areas: 1) within any river, bayou, creek, canal, stream, tributary, lake, bay, inlet, or other water source entering into salt waters except: Point aux Chenes Bay, Middle Bay, Jose Bay, L'Isle Chaude Bay, Heron Bay, South Rigolets, Biloxi Bay, south of a line between Marsh Point and Grand Bayou, parts of Pascagoula Bay; 2) within 1,200' of the shoreline of Deer Island; 3) within one mile of the shorelines of Cat or Round islands or from the shoals of Telegraph Keys or Telegraph Reef during the period from May 15 through September 15 of each year and within one mile of Horn, Ship, and Petit Bois islands year round; 4) within 1,500' from the shoreline between the U.S. Highway 90 bridge and the north shore of Bayou Caddy in Hancock County.

Nets, seines, or fish traps are not permitted within 100' of the mouth of any bay, bayou, creek, canal, stream, lake, inlet, channel, or tributary or within any areas that would block the mouth of any such water body. Boats are permitted to use only one approved net as specified.

When landing reports, as required by law, indicate that the 35,000 pound catch limit for red drum and the total allowable catch (TAC) for commercial spotted seatrout landings (beginning October 1 through September 30 each year) have been reached, the DMR will, with adequate notice, issue a news release and public notice closing state waters to the commercial net fishing for red drum and spotted seatrout for the remainder of that year. Purse seines may not be used to catch in excess of 5% by weight in any set of the net any of the following: spotted seatrout, bluefish, Spanish mackerel, king mackerel, dolphin, pompano,