

A crap trap float line must be of material easily cut with a knife. It shall be unlawful to have any sponge crabs (egg-bearing crabs, except for those taken legally in another state) at any time. All sponge crabs shall immediately be returned to the water alive during this period. It is illegal to remove crabs from traps for which one is not specifically licensed. A valid crabbing license must be obtained when using in excess of six crab traps or whenever crabs caught are to be offered for sale.

Legal Size

All crabs (except for peeler crabs and soft-shell crabs) must be larger than 5" measured from the tip of one lateral spine across the back of the shell to the tip of the opposite lateral spine.

FINFISH

Commercial Size and Possession Limits for Mississippi are as follows:

Species	Daily Bag	Possession	Minimum length in inches	Maximum length in inches
Red drum	Quota*	Quota*	18 TL	1 over 30 TL
Spotted seatrout	Quota**	Quota**	14 TL	
Mullet	No Limit	No Limit	10 TL	
Cobia***	2	2	37 TL	
Spanish mackerel	No Limit	No Limit	14 FL	
Red snapper	Quota	Quota	15 TL	

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, offer for sale, barter, trade or purchase any red drum smaller than the minimum legal length established in Mississippi for red drum or red drum taken from the waters of the state of Mississippi during a closed commercial season for red drum.

*There is a 35,000 lb annual commercial quota.

**There is a 40,000 lb limit.

***No commercial sale of cobia is allowed.

Saltwater fishermen cannot use multiple-point hooks (i.e., treble hooks) when fishing with live, dead, or cut bait.

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