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## **Our Mission**

In 1994, the Mississippi Legislature created the Department of Marine Resources as a separate governing agency to enhance, protect and conserve marine interests of the state. We manage all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas, and provide for the balanced commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes.

## **Recreational Bag Limits**

Species	Minimum Size	Bag Limit
Cobia	37 in. TL	2/person
Mullet	No Limit	No Limit
Flounder	No Limit	No Limit
Red Drum	18 in.*	3/
Spotted Seatrout	14 in. TL	15/
King Mackerel	24 in. FL	2/
Spanish Mackerel	No Limit	15/
Greater Amberjack	28 in. FL	1/
Nassau & Yellowfin Groupers	20 in. FL	5/person in aggregate for all groupers
Black, Red & Gag Groupers	22 in. TL	
Other Groupers	No Limit	
Jewfish	No Take	No Take
Red Snapper	16 in. TL	4/
Snapper, Lane & Vermillion	8 in. TL	20/person in aggregate
Gray Triggerfish	12 in. TL	
Mutton, Yellowtail, & Gray Snappers	12 in. TL	10/person in aggregate
Sharks (large Coastals & Pelagics)	37 in. TL	1/person up to 3/vessel
Sharks (small Coastals)	25 in. TL	4/person
Crabs - Hard Shells	5 in. ***	No Limit
Crabs - Soft Shell	No Limit	No Limit

Recreational fisherman may retain only one Red Drum over 30 inches TL.

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

TL = Total Length FL = Fork Length

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.

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It shall be unlawful for recreational fishermen to sell or offer for sale any seafood caught in or landed in the State of Mississippi.

It shall be unlawful for recreational fishermen to possess fish with heads, tails or flesh removed until delivered to the final destination; however, fish may be eviscerated, scaled or have gills removed. Charter and recreational boats, fishing in the Gulf of Mexico over 24 continuous hours, may possess filleted fish in Mississippi waters, if they have filed a float plan with the DMR in advance.

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.

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