

# Saltwater Regulations

For freshwater finfish species caught in the public salt waters of this state, statewide bag, possession and length limits as listed under freshwater regulations apply.

## BAG, POSSESSION AND LENGTH LIMITS

- Daily bag is the quantity of a species of a wildlife resource that may be taken in one day.
- Possession limit is twice the daily bag on game and non-game fish except as provided in this guide.
- Possession limit does not apply to wildlife resources in the possession of or stored by a person at their permanent residence or in cold storage.
- There are no bag, possession or length limits on game or non-game fish except as listed in this guide.

Species	Daily Bag	Length in Inches (Minimum--Maximum)
Amberjack, greater	3	32--No limit
Bass: striped, its hybrids & subspecies	5 (in any combination)	18--No limit
Catfish: channel & blue catfish, their hybrids & subspecies	25 (in any combination)	12--No limit
Catfish, flathead	5	18--No limit
Catfish, gafftopsail	No limit	14--No limit
Cobia	2	37--No limit
Drum, black (see <a href="#">a</a> )	5	14--30
Drum, red (see <a href="#">b</a> )	3	20--28 (see <a href="#">b</a> )
Flounder (see <a href="#">c</a> ): all species, their hybrids & subspecies	10 (in any combination)	14--No limit
Jewfish	0	Catch and release only
Mackerel, king	2	23--No limit
Mackerel, Spanish	7	14--No limit
Marlin, blue	No limit	114--No limit
Marlin, white	No limit	81--No limit
Mullet: all species, their hybrids & subspecies (see <a href="#">d</a> )	No limit (during Oct, Nov, Dec and Jan)	No limit--12
Sailfish	No limit	76--No limit
Seatrout, spotted	10	15--No limit

Shark: all species, their hybrids & subspecies	5 (in any combination)	No limit--No limit
Sheepshead (see <a href="#">a</a> )	5	12--No limit
Snapper, lane	No limit	8--No limit
Snapper, red	5	15--No limit
Snapper, vermilion	No limit	8--No limit
Snook	1	24--28
Tarpon (see <a href="#">e</a> )	0	Catch and release only (see <a href="#">e</a> )

**a**

Bag and possession limits for black drum and sheepshead do not apply to the holder of a Commercial Finfish Fisherman's License while commercial fishing.

**b**

Red drum special regulation: During a license year, one red drum over the stated maximum length limit may be retained when affixed with a properly executed Red Drum Tag and one red drum over the stated maximum length limit may be retained when affixed with a properly executed Bonus Red Drum Tag. Any fish retained under authority of a Red Drum Tag or a Bonus Red Drum Tag shall be counted in addition to the daily bag and possession limit as stated in this section.

**c**

The daily bag and possession limit of 60 flounder applies for the holder of a Commercial Finfish Fisherman's License while commercial fishing.

**d**

May not take from public waters or possess on board a boat mullet over 12 inches during October, November, December and January. No limits apply during other months.

**e**

Tarpon special regulation: One tarpon 80 inches or larger in length may be retained during a license year when affixed with a properly executed Tarpon Tag...