

# SALTWATER FISHING

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## Recreational Fishing Limits



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| Recreational Fishing Limits*                            |                          |                               |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *Bag/Possession are per person unless stated otherwise. | Minimum Length in Inches | Number of Fish Bag/Possession |
| Cobia   | 33 FL                    | 2                             |
| Flounder  | 12 TL                    | 10                            |
| Red Drum*****   | 18 TL to 30 TL**         | 3                             |
| Spotted Seatrout  | 15 TL                    | 15                            |
| King Mackerel*****                                      | 24 FL                    | 3                             |
| Spanish Mackerel*****                                   | No Limit                 | 15                            |
| Tripletail  | 18 TL                    | 3                             |
| Sheepshead  | 14 TL                    | 15                            |
| Vermillion Snapper*****                                 | 10 TL                    | 20 (in aggregate)             |

|  |           |                    |
|--|-----------|--------------------|
| Lane Snapper*****  | 8 TL      |                    |
| Gray Triggerfish*****  | 15 FL     | 1 (in aggregate)   |
| Almaco Jack*****   | No Limit  | 20 (in aggregate)  |
| Goldface Tilefish*****   | No Limit  |                    |
| Anchor Tilefish*****   | No Limit  |                    |
| Tilefish*****  | No Limit  |                    |
| Blackline Tilefish*****  | No Limit  |                    |
| Blueline Tilefish*****   | No Limit  |                    |
| Goliath Grouper*****   | No Take   | No Take            |
| Nassau Grouper*****  | No Take   | No Take            |
| Warsaw Grouper*****  | No Limit  | 1 per vessel***    |
| Red & Yellowfin Groupers*****  | 20 TL     | 4 (in aggregate)   |
| Black Grouper*****   | 24 TL     |                    |
| Gag*****   | 24 TL**** |                    |
| Scamp*****   | 16 TL     |                    |
| Speckled Hind*****   | No Limit  | 1 per vessel***    |
| Red Snapper***** See <a href="http://www.eregulations.com/mississippi/saltwater/common-finish-mississippi-waters/">Common Finfish in Mississippi Waters</a><br>( <a href="http://www.eregulations.com/mississippi/saltwater/common-finish-mississippi-waters/">http://www.eregulations.com/mississippi/saltwater/common-finish-mississippi-waters/</a> ) | 16 TL     | 2                  |
| Gray, Schoolmaster, Cubera, Dog, Mahogany & Yellowtail Snappers*****   | 12 TL     | 10 (in aggregate)  |
| Mutton Snapper*****  | 16 TL     |                    |
| Queen, blackfin, silk & wenchman Snappers*****   | No Limit  |                    |
| Yellowmouth, yellowedge, misty & snowy groupers  | No Limit  | 4 (in aggregate)** |
| Rock & red hind groupers   | No Limit  | 4 (in aggregate)** |
| Greater Amberjack*****   | 34 FL     | 1                  |

|   |                  |                                 |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lesser Amberjack & Banded Rudderfish*****     | 14 FL to 22 FL** | 5 (in aggregate)                |
| Hogfish*****                                  | 12 FL            | 5                               |
| Bigeye Tuna*****                              | 27 CFL           | No Limit                        |
| Yellowfin Tuna*****                           | 27 CFL           | 3                               |
| Blue Marlin*****                              | 99 lower jaw FL  | No Limit                        |
| White Marlin*****                             | 66 lower jaw FL  | No Limit                        |
| Sailfish*****                                 | 63 lower jaw FL  | No Limit                        |
| Longbill Spearfish*****                       | No Take          | No Take                         |
| Sharks (large Coastals & 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                        |

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

\*\* Range represents minimum and maximum lengths.

\*\*\* Recreational fishermen may possess one per vessel within four-fish aggregate.

\*\*\*\* Recreational fishermen may possess two within four-fish aggregate.

\*\*\*\*\* Recreational fishermen may retain only one Red Drum over 30 inches.

\*\*\*\*\* Possession of certain coastal sharks is prohibited. See federal regulations for more information.

\*\*\*\*\* For information on federally regulated fish and updated size limits, visit [gulfcouncil.org](http://gulfcouncil.org) (<http://gulfcouncil.org>).

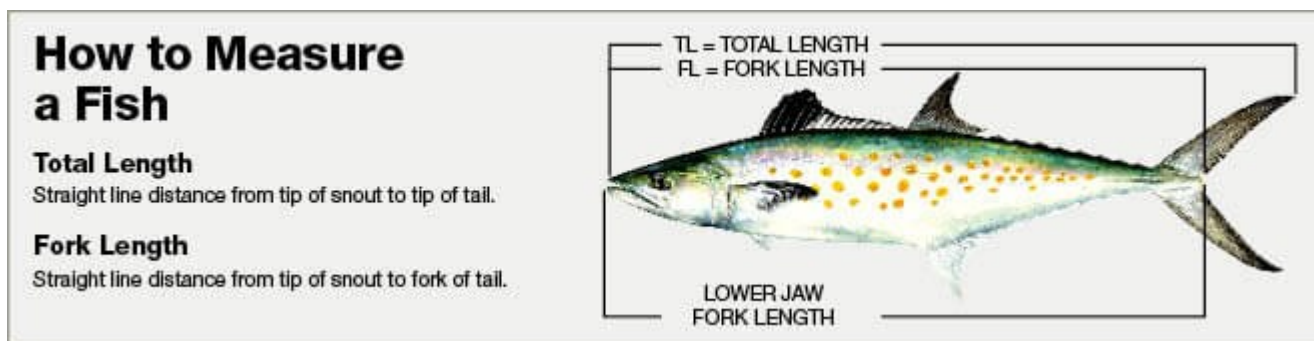
TL = Total Length – Straight line distance from tip of snout to tip of tail.

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.

**Bluefin Tuna limits** are variable throughout the season and depend on the size category. Refer to [nfmfspermits.com](http://nfmfspermits.com) or call 888-872-8862 for updated information. All Bluefin catches must be reported to the MDMR Office of Marine Fisheries, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530, or call 228-374-5000.

*Note: Fishing seasons for some species may be closed by order of the Commission on Marine Resources. Advance notice of such closures shall be given. Species caught out of their natural habitat may have size, creel and seasonal limits.*



Federal regulations may differ from state regulations. For federal regulations, contact the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council at 888-833-1844 or [gulfcouncil.org](http://gulfcouncil.org) (<http://gulfcouncil.org>).

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