

Table 7b. State Regulatory History - North Carolina through Florida for Spanish mackerel as of 1990 as recorded in the Fishery Management Plan for Spanish Mackerel, Fishery Management Report No. 18, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, November 1990.

State	Bag Limit	Size Limit	Other
NC	10 fish	none	3,500 lb commercial trip limit
SC	10 fish	12" FL min.	Season closes with EEZ closure
GA	10 fish	12" FL min.	Recreational season open 3/16-11/30; 5% size tolerance by weight on trawlers
FL	5 fish	12" FL min.	1,850,000 lb quota for power assisted gill nets; season: Dec 15-Oct31. 205,000lb quota for all other forms of commercial fishing gears; season: Nov 1-Oct 31. 3 1/2 inch minimum stretched mesh.

Table 7c. State Regulatory History - New York through Florida, for Spanish Mackerel at specific times as taken from annual ASMFC FMP Reviews for Spanish Mackerel.

As of December 1995

State	Bag Limit	Size Limit	Other
NY	10 fish	14" TL min.	3,500 lb commercial trip limit
NJ	10 fish	14" TL min.	
DE	10 fish	14" TL min.	
MD	10 fish	14" TL min.	Declaration allowing regulation through framework. Gill net mesh sizes for Chesapeake Bay.
VA	10 fish	14" TL min.	Size limit exemption for pound net fishery; closure when quota reached; 3500 lb trip limit.

NC	10 fish	12" FL min.	3,500 lb commercial trip limit (Spanish and king mackerel combined); finfish excluder devices required in shrimp trawls. Purse gill net prohibition.
SC	10 fish	12" FL min.	3,500 lb commercial trip limit tracking by reference the federal FMP.
GA	10 fish	12" FL min.	Season closed December 1 - March 15.
FL	10 fish	12" FL min.	3 1/2 inch minimum mesh size, 600 yd. maximum length net. Commercial daily trip limits: 1,500 lb April 1 - November 30; December 1 until 75% of adjusted quota reached-unlimited harvest on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 1,500 lb per vessel per day on Tuesday and Thursday; 500 lb per vessel per day on Saturday and Sunday; >75% adjusted quota until quota fulfilled-1,000 lb per vessel per day; >100% of adjusted quota-500 lb per vessel per day.

As of September 1998

State	Bag Limit	Size Limit	Other
NY	10 fish	14" TL min.	3,500 lb. commercial trip limit
NJ	10 fish	14" TL min	
DE	10 fish	14" TL min	
MD	10 fish	14" TL min	Declaration allowing regulation through framework. Gill net mesh sizes for Chesapeake Bay
VA	10 fish	14" TL min	Size limit exemption for pound net fishery; closure when quota reached; 3,500 lb. trip limit
NC	10 fish	12" FL min	3,500 lb. commercial trip limit (Spanish and king mackerel combined); finfish excluder devices required in shrimp trawls. Purse gill net prohibition.
SC	10 fish	12" FL min	3,500 lb. commercial trip limit tracking by reference the federal FMP.
GA	10 fish	12" FL min	Season closed December 1 - March 15.

FL	10 fish	12" FL min	3½ " minimum mesh size, 600 yd. maximum length net. Commercial daily trip limits: 1,500 lb. April 1 - November 30; December 1 until 75% of adjusted quota reached - unlimited harvest on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 1,500 lb. per vessel per day on Tuesday and Thursday; 500 lb. per vessel on Saturday and Sunday; >75% adjusted quota until quota filled - 1,500 lb. per vessel per day; > 100% of adjusted quota - 500 lb. per vessel per day.
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As of October 2001

State	Recreational	Commercial	Notes
NY	14"; 15 fish	14"	3,500 lb. commercial possession limit/vessel
NJ	14"; 10 fish	14" TL	
DE	14" TL; 10 fish	no fishery	
MD	14"; 15 fish	14"	Declaration allowing regulation through framework; gill net mesh sizes for Chesapeake Bay
PRFC	14"; 15 fish	14"	
VA	14" TL; 15 fish	14" TL	Size limit exemption for pound net fishery; closure when quota reached; 3,500 lb. trip limit
NC	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	3,500 lb. commercial trip limit (Spanish and king mackerel combined); finfish excluder devices required in shrimp trawls. Purse gill net prohibition.
SC	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	Federal commercial harvest restrictions apply; federal permit required to exceed bag limit; state license required to land/sell.
GA	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	Commercial landings from state waters limited to bag limits; gillnets/longline gear prohibited in state waters; state waters closed December 1 - March 15 for harvest of Spanish mackerel; commercial landings (3,500 lb. trip limit) from EEZ by federally permitted vessels allowed throughout year as long as the federal quota remains open.

FL	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	3½ " minimum mesh size, 600 yd. maximum length net; Commercial daily trip limits: 1,500 lb. April 1 - November 30; December 1 until 75% of adjusted quota reached - unlimited harvest Mon-Fri, 1,500 lb. per vessel/day Sat-Sun; >75% adjusted quota until quota filled - 1,500 lb. per vessel/day; > 100% of adjusted quota - 500 lb. per vessel/day.
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As of October 2002

State	Recreational	Commercial	Notes
NY	14"; 15 fish	14"	3,500 lb. commercial possession limit/vessel
NJ	14"; 10 fish	14" TL	
DE	14" TL; 10 fish	no fishery	
MD	14"; 15 fish	14"	Declaration allowing regulation through framework; gill net mesh sizes for Chesapeake Bay
PRFC	14"; 15 fish	14"	
VA	14" TL; 15 fish	14" TL	Size limit exemption for pound net fishery; closure when quota reached; 3,500 lb. trip limit
NC	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	3,500 lb. commercial trip limit (Spanish and king mackerel combined); finfish excluder devices required in shrimp trawls. Purse gill net prohibition.
SC	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	Federal commercial harvest restrictions apply; federal permit required to exceed bag limit; state license required to land/sell.
GA	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	Commercial landings from state waters limited to bag limits; gillnets/longline gear prohibited in state waters; state waters closed December 1 - March 15 for harvest of Spanish mackerel; commercial landings (3,500 lb. trip limit) from EEZ by federally permitted vessels allowed throughout year as long as the federal quota remains open.

FL	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	3½ " minimum mesh size, 600 yd. maximum length net; Commercial daily trip limits: 1,500 lb. April 1 - November 30; December 1 until 75% of adjusted quota reached - unlimited harvest Mon-Fri, 1,500 lb. per vessel/day Sat-Sun; >75% adjusted quota until quota filled - 1,500 lb. per vessel/day; > 100% of adjusted quota - 500 lb. per vessel/day.
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As of October 2004

State	Recreational	Commercial	Notes
NY	14"; 15 fish	14"	3,500 lb. commercial possession limit/vessel
NJ	14"; 10 fish	14" TL	
DE	14" TL; 10 fish	no fishery	
MD	14"; 15 fish	14"	Declaration allowing regulation through framework; gill net mesh sizes for Chesapeake Bay
PRFC	14"; 15 fish	14"	
VA	14" TL; 15 fish	14" TL	Size limit exemption for pound net fishery; closure when quota reached; 3,500 lb. trip limit
NC	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	3,500 lb. commercial trip limit (Spanish and king mackerel combined); finfish excluder devices required in shrimp trawls. Purse gill net prohibition.
SC	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	Federal commercial harvest restrictions apply; federal permit required to exceed bag limit; state license required to land/sell.
GA	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	Commercial landings from state waters limited to bag limits; gillnets/longline gear prohibited in state waters; state waters closed December 1 - March 15 for harvest of Spanish mackerel; commercial landings (3,500 lb. trip limit) from EEZ by federally permitted vessels allowed throughout year as long as the federal quota remains open.
FL	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	3½ " minimum mesh size, 600 yd. maximum length net; Commercial daily trip limits: 1,500 lb. April 1 - November 30; December 1 until 75% of adjusted quota reached - unlimited harvest Mon-Fri, 1,500 lb. per vessel/day Sat-Sun; >75% adjusted quota until quota filled - 1,500 lb. per vessel/day; > 100% of adjusted quota - 500 lb. per vessel/day.

As of October 2005

State	Recreational	Commercial	Notes
NY	14" TL; 15 fish	14" TL	3,500 lb. commercial possession limit/vessel
NJ	14" TL; 10 fish	14" TL	
DE	14" TL; 10 fish	14" TL	Gill net and drift net restrictions
MD	14" TL; 15 fish	14" TL	Declaration allowing regulation through framework; gill net mesh sizes for Chesapeake Bay
PRFC	14" TL; 15 fish	14" TL	Closure when quota reached
VA	14" TL; 15 fish	14" TL	Size limit exemption for pound net fishery; closure when quota reached; 3,500 lb. trip limit
NC	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	3,500 lb. commercial trip limit (Spanish and king mackerel combined); finfish excluder devices required in shrimp trawls. Purse gill net prohibition.
SC	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	Federal commercial harvest restrictions apply; federal permit required to exceed bag limit; state license required to land/sell.
GA	12" FL; 15 fish	12" FL	Commercial landings from state waters limited to bag limits; gillnets/longline gear prohibited in state waters; state waters closed December 1 - March 15 for harvest of Spanish mackerel; commercial landings (3,500 lb. trip limit) from EEZ by federally permitted vessels allowed throughout year as long as the federal quota remains open.
FL	12" FL; 15 fish Transfer at sea prohibited.	12" FL	3½ " minimum mesh size, 600 yd. maximum length net. Commercial daily trip limits: 3,500 lb. April 1 - November 30; December 1 until 75% of adjusted quota reached - 3,500 lb. per vessel/day Mon-Fri, 1,500 lb. per vessel/day Sat-Sun; >75% adjusted quota until quota filled - 1,500 lb. per vessel/day; > 100% of adjusted quota - 500 lb. per vessel/day.

In 2006

Notes: commercial license required to sell Spanish mackerel in all states; other general gear restrictions apply to the harvest of Spanish mackerel.

State	Recreational	Commercial
NY	14" TL, 15 fish	14" TL. 3,500 lb. trip limit
NJ	14" TL, 10 fish	14" TL.
DE	14" TL, 10 fish	14" TL.
MD	14" TL, 15 fish	14" TL.
PRFC	14" TL, 15 fish	14" TL. Closure when quota reached.
VA	14" TL, 15 fish	14" TL; size limit exemption for pound net fishery. 3,500 lb. trip limit. Closure when quota reached.
NC	12" FL, 15 fish	12" FL. 3,500 lb. trip limit (Spanish and king mackerel combined). Purse gill nets prohibited.
SC	12" FL, 15 fish	12" FL, 15 fish
GA	12" FL, 15 fish	12" FL. State waters: 15 fish limit, closure from December 1 - March 15. 3,500 trip limit in federal waters. Closure when quota reached.
FL	12" FL, 15 fish	12" FL. Trip limits: April 1 – Nov. 30 - 3,500 lb.; Dec. 1 until 75% of adjusted quota reached - 3,500 lb. Mon-Fri. & 1,500 lb. Sat-Sun; >75% adjusted quota until quota filled -1,500 lb.; > 100% of adjusted quota - 500 lb.