

Statewide Bag and Length Limits for Saltwater Fish		
Species	Daily Bag	Length in Inches (Minimum-Maximum)
Amberjack, Greater	1	32 - No limit
Bass: striped, its hybrids and subspecies	5 (in any combination)	18 — No limit
Catfish: channel and blue catfish, their hybrids and 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 <sup>a</sup>	5	14 — 30 <sup>a</sup>
Drum, red <sup>b</sup>	3	20 — 28 <sup>b</sup>
Flounder: all species, their hybrids and subspecies <sup>c</sup>	10 (in any combination)	14 — No limit <sup>c</sup>
Grouper, goliath (formerly called Jewfish)	0	Catch and release only
Mackerel, king	2	27 — No limit
Mackerel, Spanish	15	14 — No limit
Marlin, blue	No limit	131 — No limit
Marlin, white	No limit	86 — No limit
Mullet: all species, their hybrids and subspecies <sup>d</sup>	No limit	No limit — 12 <sup>d</sup> (during Oct., Nov., Dec. & Jan.)
Sailfish	No limit	84 — No limit
Seatrout, spotted	10 <sup>e</sup> See special regulation below for Lower Laguna Madre	15 — 25 <sup>f</sup>
Shark: all species, their hybrids and subspecies	1	24 — No limit
Sheepshead	5	13 — <sup>g</sup> No limit
Snapper, lane	No limit	8 — No limit
Snapper, red	4	15 — No limit
Snapper, vermilion	No limit	10 — No limit
Snook	1	24 — 28
Tarpon	1	85 — no limit
Tripletail	3	17 — no limit

a Black Drum: No more than one black drum over 52 inches may be retained per person per day and counts as part of the daily bag and possession limit.

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 completed [Red Drum Tag](#) and one red drum over the stated maximum length limit may be retained when affixed with a properly completed Bonus Red Drum

Tag. Any fish retained under authority of a Red Drum Tag or a Bonus Red Drum Tag may be retained in addition to the daily bag and possession limit as stated in this section.

c Flounder special regulation: The possession limit for flounder is 10 fish.

d Mullet: 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 Spotted Seatrout: Special Regulation: For the Lower Laguna Madre, the daily bag limit and the possession limit shall be 5 fish in all inside waters south of marker 21. Inside waters are all bays, inlets, outlets, passes, rivers, streams, and other bodies of water landward from the shoreline of the state along the Gulf of Mexico and contiguous to, or connected with, but not a part of, the Gulf of Mexico and within which the tide regularly rises and falls.

f Spotted Seatrout: No more than one spotted seatrout over the stated maximum length may be retained per person per day and counts as part of the daily bag and possession limit.

g Sheepshead: Special Regulation: Beginning on Sept. 1, 2008, the length limit will be 14 inches. Beginning on Sept. 1, 2009, the length limit will be 15 inches.