

For more information please read our [Saltwater Fishing Rules and Regulations Guide](#) (877 KB pdf)

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE	BAG LIMIT
Cobia	33 in. FL	2/person
Mullet	No Limit	No Limit
Flounder	12 in. TL	15/person
Red Drum	18 in. TL ¹	3/person
Spotted Seatrout	14 in. TL	15/person
King Mackerel	24 in. FL	2/person
Spanish Mackerel	No Limit	15/person
Goliath Grouper (Jewfish) ²	No Take	No Take
Nassau Grouper ²	No Take	No Take
Speckled Hind	No Limit	1/vessel
Warsaw Grouper	No Limit	1/vessel
Red & Yellowfin Groupers	20 in. TL	5/person in aggregate
Black & Gag Groupers	22 in. TL	
Scamp	16 in. TL	
Other Groupers	No Limit	
Red Snapper	16 in. TL	4/person
Vermilion Snapper	10 in. TL	20/person in aggregate
Lane Snapper	8 in. TL	
Gray Triggerfish	12 in. TL	
Almaco Jack	No Limit	
Goldface Tilefish	No Limit	
Anchor Tilefish	No Limit	
Tilefish	No Limit	
Blacklined Tilefish	No Limit	
Bluelined Tilefish	No Limit	10/person in aggregate
Gray, Schoolmaster, Cubera, Dog, Mahogany, and Yellowtail Snappers	12 in. TL	
Mutton Snapper	16 in. TL	1/person
Greater Amberjack	28 in. FL	
Lesser Amberjack and Banded Rudderfish	14 in. FL to 22 in. FL slot limit	5/person in
Hogfish	12 in. TL	5/person
Bigeye Tuna	27 in. CFL	No Limit
Yellowfin Tuna	27 in. CFL	3/person
Blue Marlin	99 in. lower jaw fork length	No Limit
White Marlin	66 in. lower jaw fork length	No Limit
Sailfish	63 in. lower jaw fork length	No Limit
Longbill Spearfish ²	No Take	No Take
Sharks - Large Coastals	37 in. TL	1/person up to 3/vessel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandbar <i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i> Blacktip <i>Carcharhinus limbatus</i> 		Please note the ² after the common name

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dusky² <i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i> • Spinner <i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i> • Silky <i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i> • Bull <i>Carcharhinus leucas</i> • Bignose² <i>Carcharhinus altimus</i> • Narrowtooth² <i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i> • Galapagos² <i>Carcharhinus galapagensis</i> • Night² <i>Carcharhinus signatus</i> • Caribbean reef* <i>Carcharhinus perezii</i> • Tiger <i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i> • Lemon <i>Negaprion brevirostris</i> • Sand tiger² <i>Odontaspis taurus</i> • Bigeye sand tiger² <i>Odontaspis noronhai</i> • Nurse <i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i> Scalloped hammerhead <i>Sphyrna lewini</i> • Great hammerhead <i>Sphyrna mokarran</i> • Smooth hammerhead <i>Sphyrna zygaena</i> • Whale² <i>Rhincodon typus</i> • Basking² <i>Cetorhinus maximus</i> • White² <i>Carcharodon carcharias</i> 		<p>indicates "No Take". Possession of these species is prohibited by state ordinance and federal law.</p>
Sharks - Small Coastals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atlantic sharpnose <i>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</i> • Caribbean sharpnose² <i>Rhizoprionodon porosus</i> • Finetooth <i>Carcharhinus isodon</i> • Blacknose <i>Carcharhinus acronotus</i> • Smalltail² <i>Carcharhinus porosus</i> • Bonnethead <i>Sphyrna tiburo</i> • Atlantic angel² <i>Squatina dumeril</i> 	25 in. TL	<p>4/person</p> <p>Please note the ² after the common name indicates "No Take". Possession of these species is prohibited by state ordinance and federal law.</p>
Sharks - Palagic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortfin mako <i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> • Longfin mako² <i>Isurus paucus</i> • Porbeagle <i>Lamna nasus</i> • Thresher <i>Alopias vulpinus</i> • Bigeye thresher² <i>Alopias superciliosus</i> 	37 in. TL	<p>1/person up to 3/vessel</p> <p>Please note the ² after the common name indicates "No Take". Possession of these species is prohibited by state ordinance and federal law.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue <i>Prionace glauca</i> • Oceanic whitetip <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> • Sevengill² <i>Heptranchias perlo</i> • Sixgill* <i>Hexanchus griseus</i> • Bigeye sixgill² <i>Hexanchus vitulus</i> 		
Crabs - Hard Shells	5 in. ***	No Limit
Crabs - Soft Shell	No Limit	No Limit

¹ Recreational fisherman may retain only one Red Drum over 30 inches TL.

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*** 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 - 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.

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.

Recreational fishermen not fishing in Mississippi waters may transport and land fish that meet the minimum size and creel limits of the waters in which they were legally caught. They must possess a valid saltwater sport fishing license as may be required in the waters where the fish were caught.

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.

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