

**Louisiana - Recreational Size and Possession Limits**

Species	Size Limit	Bag & Possession Limit
BILLFISH: All persons conducting a tournament involving scorekeeping for awards for Atlantic billfish must register with the National Marine Fisheries Service's Southeast Fisheries Science Center: FAX (305-361-4219).		
Marlin, Blue	99" min LJFL	
Marlin, White	66" min LJFL	
Sailfish	57" min LJFL	
Swordfish	29" carcass length or 33 lbs dressed weight	5/vessel/trip
Cobia (Ling or Lemonfish)	33" min FL	2/person/day
Drum, Black	16" min TL	5/person bag and possession with only 1 over 27"
Drum, Red* (Redfish)	16" min TL	5/person bag with only 1 over 27"
Flounder, Southern		10/person/day for each consecutive day on the water
Mackerel, King**	24" min FL	2/person/day
Mackerel, Spanish**	12" min FL	15/person/day
Mullet, Striped		100 pounds/person/day
Seabass, Black	8" min TL	
Seatrou, Spotted* (Speckled Trout)	12" min TL	25/person bag
REEF FISH**		
Amberjack, Greater	28" min FL	1/person/day
Amberjack, Lesser Banded Rudderfish	14" min FL and 22" max FL	5/person/day in aggregate
Hogfish	12" min FL	5/person/day
Gag, Black Groupers	22" min TL	5/person/day in aggregate (all groupers, excluding Jewfish and Nassau, with not more than one Speckled Hind and one Warsaw Grouper per vessel)
Red, Yellowfin Groupers	20" min TL	
Scamp	16" min TL	
Red Hind, Rock Hind, Speckled Hind, Misty Grouper, Snowy Grouper, Yellowedge Grouper, Yellowmouth Grouper, Warsaw Grouper		
Jewfish, Nassau	Take Prohibited	Take Prohibited
Red Snapper	16" min TL	4/person/day 2000 Season Apr 21-Oct 31
Schoolmaster, Cubera, Mahogany, Dog, Yellowtail, Gray Snappers	12" min TL	10/person/day in aggregate (all snapper except Red, Vermilion, and Lane)
Mutton Snapper	16" min TL	included in 10 fish aggregate
Queen Snapper, Blackfin Snapper, Silk Snapper, Wenchman		included in 10 fish aggregate
Vermillion Snapper	10" min TL	20/person/day in aggregate
Lane Snapper	8" min TL	included in 20 fish aggregate
Gray Triggerfish	12" min TL	included in 20 fish aggregate

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Almaco Jack, Goldface Tilefish, Tilefish, Blackline Tilefish, Anchor Tilefish and Blueline Tilefish		included in 20 fish aggregate
<b>SHARK<sup>1</sup></b>		
Atlantic Sharpnose		2/person/day possession
Others: All except prohibited		aggregate 2/vessel/trip possession
<b>TUNAS<sup>2</sup></b>		
Tuna, Yellowfin	27" CFL	3/person
Tuna, Bigeye	27" CFL	
Atlantic Bluefin, Yellowfin, Bigeye, Skipjack, Albacore, and Atlantic Bonito		

LJFL = Straight line length from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail.

TL = Total length measure in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme tip of the tail fin.

FL = Fork length measure in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.

Carcass length-curved measure from back edge of gill opening to anterior portion of caudal keel.

CFL = Curved fork length measure from the tip of the upper jaw to fork of tail measured along the contour of the middle of the body.

Dressed weight is weight of the carcass after it has been gutted, headed, and finned.

Harvest of Jewfish, Nassau Groper, Basking Shark, White Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Whale Shark, Smalltooth and Largetooth Sawfish is prohibited.

\*Two day bag limits allowed in possession off of the water not while fishing or in a boat.

\*\*Two day possession limit on multi-day trips on charter or head boats.

<sup>1</sup> All Louisiana state waters shall be closed to the recreational and commercial harvest of all sharks between April 1 and June 30 of each year.

<sup>2</sup> Requires a federal permit to harvest or transport in state waters.