

Table 7-1

State Red Drum Regulations

State	<u>RECREATIONAL</u>		<u>COMMERCIAL</u>		
	<u>Minimum Size</u>	<u>Maximum Size</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Possession</u>	
Texas	18"	30"	5	10	"Game Fish" status; Red drum caught in Texas may not be sold. Importing fish not prohibited (but license needed).
Louisiana	none	Not more than 2 over 30"	50 (Red drum and spotted sea trout combined)	50	16" min size; no more than 2 over 30"; No purse seine and red drum on same boat; State laws do not prohibit sale -- requires license.
Mississippi	14"	Not more than 2 over 30"	10 (Five may be under 14")	30	Only licensed commercial fishermen can sell; 14" min. size; no more than 2 over 30"; 200,000 lbs commercial allocation stops net fishing; 9/15 - 11/15 closed to commercial net fishing; no purse seine and red drum on same boat.
Alabama	14"	Not more than 2 32"	15	30	"Game Fish" status; fish caught in Alabama may not be sold; transport and possession of fish caught outside of state allowed with documentation.
Florida*	18" (16" in Panhandle)	Not more than 1 over 32"	none	none	18" (16" in Panhandle); license required to sell; no food fish can be caught with purse seines within and without state waters.

*Florida Marine Fisheries Commission has requested a prohibition on sale of all native red drum; 18" minimum size throughout state; 5 fish bag limit and a closed season in the spring. They have not yet been implemented due to a rule challenge. All red drum regulations are currently superseded by a 90-day emergency rule effective 11/7/86 closing all Florida waters to harvest of red drum and banning all sales of red drum in the state.