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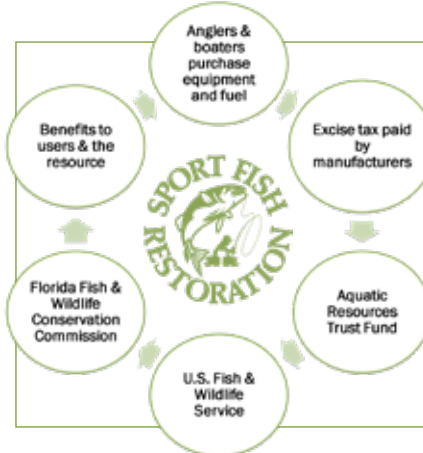
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- February 20-21, 2019 (North Central Region)
- May 1-2, 2019 (Tallahassee/Havana)

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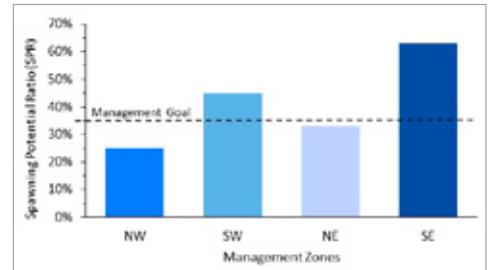
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Spotted Seatrout Anglers: Possible Recreational Regulations Changes Coming in 2019

One of the most highly-targeted saltwater species in Florida, spotted seatrout is an important and iconic fishery to the state. The FWC manages seatrout in four unique zones across the state (Northwest, Southwest, Southeast, and Northeast). Within each zone, seatrout populations are assessed using a measure of population health known as the Spawning Potential Ratio (SPR). Research indicates seatrout populations should be kept to at least 20% SPR in order to maintain a sustainable population, but the FWC manages spotted seatrout at a higher management goal of 35% SPR in order to provide a better fishery.

In 2017, staff held a series of workshops related to a draft spotted seatrout assessment to gather initial feedback. A final stock assessment was released in 2018 and suggests that the Southwest and Southeast zones are exceeding the FWC's 35% SPR management goal, while the Northeast and Northwest zones are not meeting this goal.

Following the release of the final 2018 assessment results, FWC conducted an online survey to gather information on recreational angler satisfaction and management desires for the recreational fishery. Based on the results of the assessment and public feedback received, staff is currently working on a proposal that will come before the Commission in early 2019. If the Commission moves forward with changes to the management of this fishery, changes will likely go in place sometime in 2019. If you are interested in this topic, please visit our website at MyFWC.com, and click on 'Commission Meetings' at the bottom of the page for updated Commission meeting agendas as they are posted. Additionally, you can stay up to date on Commission meeting agendas by reading or email-subscribing to our monthly newsletter, "Fishing in the Know" by visiting MyFWC.com/Fishing and clicking on "Saltwater" and then "Latest News." For more information on spotted seatrout and current regulations, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Recreational Regulations" and "Spotted Seatrout."



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Know Your Management Zones

For most species, Florida's recreational bag limits apply to all state waters off Florida, which extend out to 3 nautical miles on the Atlantic and out to 9 nautical miles on the Gulf. The following maps provide information regarding three species that have specific management zones where bag limits or rules vary by region. Great barracuda (map not included) also has a new bag limit of two fish per person and six per vessel that applies within all state and federal waters off Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Martin counties. Barracuda is not specifically regulated in other areas.

See the link below for management zones on gag grouper, hogfish, snook, permit, and weakfish. MyFWC.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/maps

Blue Crab Trap Closures

The blue crab trap closure map identifies the regions and time-frames where recreational traps must be removed from the water or tied to private property. Crabbing can continue during a trap closure period with other legal gear or with traps that are attached to private property.

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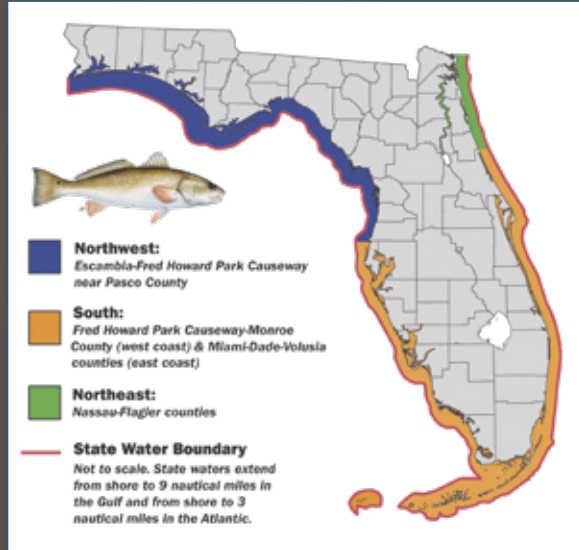
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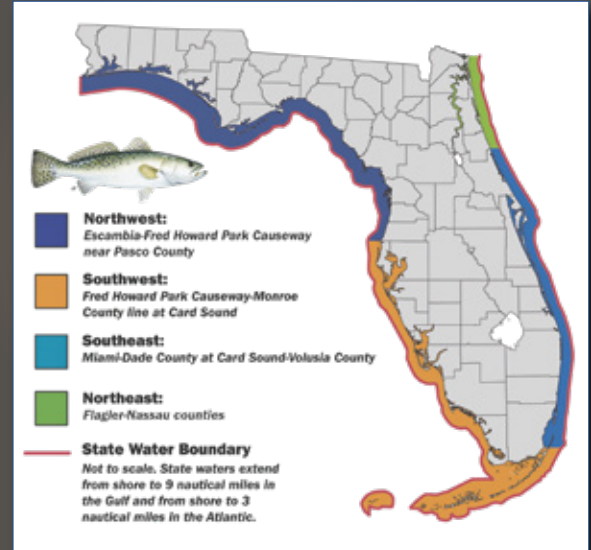
Red Drum Management Zones

For red drum, there are three management zones. The daily bag limit is one fish in the northwest and south zones and two fish in the northeast zone.



Spotted Seatrout Management Zones

Spotted seatrout has four management zones and the recreational bag limit is six fish in the northeast region, five fish in the northwest region, and four fish in the southeast and southwest zones.



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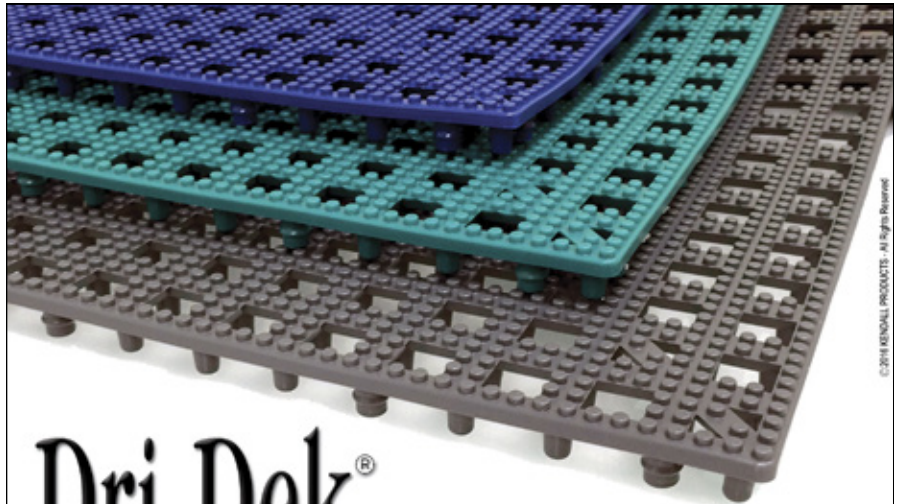
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FWC celebrates 2018 Lionfish Challenge; looks to the future after 2018 Lionfish Summit

The FWC is excited to announce that the Lionfish Challenge has continued to grow in its third year with increased diver participation and lionfish removals. A total of 166 recreational and commercial harvesters removed thousands of lionfish from Florida waters during the four-month Challenge that started on Lionfish Removal and Awareness Day (May 19) and ended on Labor Day (Sept. 3). Through a variety of initiatives, including the Lionfish Challenge, FWC has tracked the removal of over 514,000 lionfish from Florida waters since 2014.

All participants who submitted 25 lionfish (25lbs. for commercial harvesters) were rewarded with a Challenge t-shirt, a commemorative coin, and the opportunity to take an additional spiny lobster each day of the two-day sport season. Divers who submitted additional lionfish had the opportunity to receive other prizes such as harvesting gear, reusable heat packs for lionfish stings, customized apparel, and more.

The 2018 Challenge also included a new tagged-lionfish component. Lionfish were tagged at 50 public artificial reef sites between the depths of 80-120' statewide. Divers that harvested a tagged lionfish were rewarded with cash prizes of up to \$5,000, Engel Coolers, GoPro Cameras and customized performance fishing shirts. A total of 27 divers harvested 56 tagged lionfish along the Atlantic and Gulf coast and all lionfish were harvested from the same location as they were tagged.

This year's recreational Lionfish King is John McCain of Gilchrist and Columbia counties. McCain earned this designation after harvesting a total of 1,137 lionfish. McCain, who works for Dive Rite, has participated in the Challenge since its inception. He won third place in 2016 and second place in 2017.

This year's Commercial Champion is Ron Surrency of Duval county. Surrency harvested a total of 5,017 pounds of lionfish (poundage equates to about 5,531 fish). Surrency targets lionfish and other reef fish species commercially with his partners Jason Whetmore and Mark Irwin on the vessel Joyce Marie.

McCain and Surrency were each presented with a custom-made glass lionfish trophy from Zen Glass Studio, a customized Engel 65-quart cooler, and a \$500 gift card for scuba tank air refills.

A special thanks to the 53 dive shops that served as checkpoints for recreational submissions and for the generous donations from our

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To assess current lionfish control efforts and prioritize actions for the future, the FWC held the 2018 Lionfish Summit in Cocoa Beach Oct. 2-4. Over 100 researchers, resource managers, divers, and ocean conservationists attended the meeting that included oral presentations, expert panels, poster displays and facilitated discussions. Attendees provided and received updates on lionfish research, control efforts, outreach and education, the commercial market, and policy. The significant amount of progress made in lionfish research, control, and outreach since the last Lionfish Summit was held in 2013 was notable. The 2018 Summit yielded productive discussions on current efforts and prioritizing future efforts in Florida and throughout the invaded range.

To learn more about the Challenge and see a full list of participants and prize winners, visit the Hall of Fame page at MyFWC.com/Lionfish by clicking on "Lionfish Challenge" and then "Hall of Fame." For a copy of the 2018 Lionfish Summit Report, email Lionfish@MyFWC.com.

Lionfish Challenge Recreational Category

	NAME	NUMBER OF LIONFISH CAUGHT
1st place Lionfish King	John McCain	1,137
2nd place	Carlos Orozco	829
3rd place	Kevin Ward	612

Lionfish Challenge Commercial Category

	NAME	LIONFISH CAUGHT
1st place Commercial Champion	Ron Surrency	5,017 lbs.
2nd place	Doug Wigginn	1,969.45 lbs.
3rd place	Kevin Ward	1,555 lbs.

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Reef Fish

Snapper

General Snapper Regulations:

- **Snapper Aggregate Bag Limit** - Within state waters of the Atlantic and Gulf, all species of snapper are included in a 10 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit in any combination of snapper species, unless stated otherwise.
- **Seasons** - If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.

Other Snapper ▲◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 12"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

Remarks

- Includes: Blackfin, Dog, Mahogany, Queen, Silk and Yellowtail



Snapper, Cubera ▲◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 12" (see remarks)

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester under 30", included within snapper aggregate bag limit
- May additionally harvest up to 2 per harvester or vessel-whichever is less-over 30", and these 2 fish over 30" are **not** included within snapper aggregate bag limit



Snapper, Red ▲◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 20"
- Gulf - 16"

Season:

- Atlantic - Open year-round
- **Gulf - Closed, check MyFWC.com for 2019 season**

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 2 per harvester
- Gulf - Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels.



Snapper, Vermilion ▲◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 12"
- Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 5 per harvester **not** included within snapper aggregate bag limit
- Gulf - 10 per harvester **not** included within snapper aggregate bag limit



Snapper, Lane ▲◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 8"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 10 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 pounds per harvester, **not** included within snapper aggregate bag limit



Snapper, Gray (Mangrove) ▲◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester



Snapper, Mutton ▲◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 18"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester



Snapper, Schoolmaster ▲◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester



Snapper, Black & Wenchman ▲◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

Grouper

Atlantic Grouper

General Regulations:

- Atlantic grouper regulations apply to all state waters of the Atlantic and all state waters off Monroe County (Gulf and Atlantic sides).
- **Atlantic Grouper Aggregate Bag Limit** - all species of grouper plus golden tilefish in the Atlantic are included in a 3 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit in any combination of grouper/golden tilefish species.
- **Seasons** - If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.

Gulf Grouper

General Regulations:

- Gulf grouper regulations apply to all state waters of the Gulf except off Monroe County (where Atlantic rules apply).
- **Gulf Grouper Aggregate Bag Limit** - all species of grouper in the Gulf are included in a 4 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit in any combination of grouper species.
- **Seasons** - If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.



Grouper, Black ▲◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 24"
- Gulf - 24"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester. Only 1 fish can be gag or black
- Gulf - 4 per harvester*



Grouper, Scamp ▲◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 20"
- Gulf - 16"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester



Grouper, Snowy ▲◆●

Minimum Size Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester



Gag Grouper ▲◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 24"
- Gulf - 24"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed: Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - State waters off Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties: Open April 1-June 30, & Sept 1-Dec. 31.
- Gulf - State waters off all other counties: Open June 1-Dec. 31

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester. Only 1 fish can be gag or black
- Gulf - 2 per harvester*



Grouper, Red ▲◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 20"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 2 per Harvester*



Grouper, Warsaw & Speckled Hind ▲◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per vessel per day of each species



Grouper, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth ▲◆●

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 20"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester

* Zero bag limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels applies to gag, black, and red grouper only.

Reef Fish

Other Reef Fish (If no season information is provided, the species is open year-round)



Amberjack, Greater ▲●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 28" fork length
- Gulf - 34" fork length

Season:

- Atlantic - Open year-round
- Gulf - Open May 1-31 and Aug. 1-Oct. 31

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per harvester



Great Barracuda ▲■

Regulations only apply in Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties.

Minimum Size Limits:

- Not less than 15" or more than 36"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per person or 6 per vessel
- May possess one over 36" per vessel.
- Unregulated in all other areas.

Remarks

- Unregulated in all other areas see pg. 15



Hogfish ▲●

Atlantic regulations apply to Monroe county

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 16" fork length
- Gulf - 14" fork length

Season:

- Atlantic - Open May 1-Oct. 31
- Gulf - Open year round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 5 per harvester



Triggerfish (Gray) ▲●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 12" fork length
- Gulf - 15" fork length

Season:

- Atlantic - Open year-round
- Gulf - Open March 1-May 31 & Aug. 1-Dec. 31

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 10 per harvester
- Gulf - 1 per harvester



Red Porgy ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 14"
- Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 pounds



Tilefish, Golden ▲●

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester

Remarks

- Golden tilefish included within Atlantic and Gulf Grouper aggregate bag limits



Amberjack, Lesser & Banded Rudderfish ▲●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - Cannot be less than 14" or greater than 22" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per person aggregate of the two species



Black Sea Bass ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 13"
- Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 7 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 pounds per harvester

Pelagics



Billfish ▲★

Minimum Size Limits:

- Sailfish 63";
- Blue Marlin 99";
- White Marlin 66";
- Roundscale Spearfish 66"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester aggregate bag limit

Remarks

- Measured tip of lower jaw to fork. All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5528 or hmspermits.noaa.gov.
- HMS permit required in federal waters.



Swordfish ★

Minimum Size Limits:

- 47" lower jaw fork length with head attached or 25" cleithrum to keel length if head removed

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester per day, not to exceed a maximum of 4 per recreational (not for-hire) vessel or 15 per for-hire vessel

Remarks

- All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5528. HMS permit required in federal waters. Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels.



Mackerel, King ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- 24" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic (excluding Monroe) - 2 per harvester
- Gulf (including Monroe) - 3 per harvester

Remarks

- Bag limit reduced to 1 in some state waters if federal waters are closed to recreational harvest.



Mackerel, Spanish ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- 12" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 15 per harvester



Wahoo ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester



Cobia (Ling) ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- 33" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester not to exceed 6 per vessel
- Gulf - 1 per harvester, not to exceed 2 per vessel



Tripletail ▲★◆■

Minimum Size Limits:

- 18"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester

Remarks

- Hook and line only. No snatch hooks.



Dolphinfish ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 20" fork length
- Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 10 per harvester per day, not to exceed 60 per vessel per day. Vessel limit does not apply to for-hire vessels.



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Coastal Species



Bluefish ▲ ■

Minimum Size Limits:
 • 12" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 10 per harvester



Permit ● ▲ ★ ✦ ■

Size Limits:
 • 22" fork Special Permit Zone (SPZ); Not less than 11" or more than 22" fork length all other areas

Closed Season:
 • April 1–July 31 SPZ Only

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 1 per harvester, not to exceed 2 per vessel SPZ;
 • 2 per harvester all other state waters

Remarks
 • May possess 1 over 22" fork length outside the SPZ, not to exceed 2 over 22" fork per vessel per day. For map of SPZ, please see: MyFWC.com.
 • Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels



Black Drum ▲ ◆ ✦ ■

Size Limits:
 • Not less than 14" or more than 24"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 5 per harvester

Remarks
 • May possess one over 24". Snatching prohibited.



Flounder ▲ ◆ ✦ †

Minimum Size Limits:
 • 12"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 10 per harvester

Remarks
 • May be harvested by spearing. Snatching prohibited.



Weakfish ▲ ★ ◆

Minimum Size Limits:
 • Weakfish Management Area (WMA) in Nassau County - 12"
 • All other areas - no minimum

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • WMA - 1 per harvester
 • All other areas - 100 pounds per harvester

Remarks
 • Regulations apply in parts of Nassau County only.
 • See map at: MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational/Weakfish



Pompano, Florida ▲ ★ ✦ ■

Minimum Size Limits:
 • 11" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 6 per harvester

Remarks
 • Hook and line, cast net and beach or haul seine ONLY.



Bonefish ★ ■

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 0 per harvester

Remarks
 • Catch and release only
 • Hook and line only



Spotted Seatrout ● ★ ◆ ✦ ■

Size Limits:
 • Not less than 15" or more than 20" (See remarks)

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 5 per harvester per day N.W. Zone
 • 4 per harvester per day S.W. Zone
 • 4 per harvester per day S.E. Zone
 • 6 per harvester per day N.E. Zone

Remarks
 • May possess no more than 1 over 20"; included in the regional bag limit. See management zone map at MyFWC.com.



Mullet, Striped (Black) & Silver

Minimum Size Limits:
 • No minimum size

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 50 aggregate per harvester;
 • **Aggregate vessel limits**
 Feb. 1–Aug. 31: 100 per vessel;
 Sept. 1–Jan. 31: 50 per vessel



Pompano, African ● ★ ▲ ✦ ■

Minimum Size Limits:
 • 24" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 2 per harvester per day, not to exceed 2 per vessel



Snook (All species) ▲ ★ ◆ ✦ ■

Size Limits:
 • Not less than 28" or more than 32" Atlantic excluding Monroe
 • Not less than 28" or more than 33" Gulf and Monroe County

Closed Season:
 • Atlantic (excluding Monroe) closed Dec. 15–Jan. 31 and June 1–Aug. 31.
 • Gulf including Monroe County, Dec. 1–end of February, and May 1–Aug. 31.

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 1 per harvester

Remarks
 • Snook permit required for harvest when saltwater license required. See MyFWC.com for snook permit details. Snatch hooks and spearing prohibited.
 • Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels
 • **Catch and release only in SW region, see MyFWC.com for more information**



Blue Runner ■

Minimum Size Limits:
 • No minimum

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 100 fish per harvester



Sheepshead ● ▲ ◆ ✦ ■

Minimum Size Limits:
 • 12"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 8 per harvester

Remarks
 • Snatching prohibited
 • **Vessel limit of 50 fish during March and April**



Tarpon ● ★ ✦ ■

Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 1 per harvester per year. \$50 harvest tag required. Vessel limit of one fish. Harvest tag can only be used when fish is retained for potential IGFA record.

Remarks
 • Tarpon over 40 inches must remain in the water during release. Spearing and snatch hooking prohibited. Bottom weighted jigs prohibited in Boca Grande Pass. See: MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational/Tarpon for additional information.



Red Drum (Redfish) ▲ ★ ◆ ✦ †

Size Limits:
 • Not less than 18" or more than 27"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:
 • 2 per harvester per day in the NE zone, and 1 per harvester in the NW and S zone. See map on p. 6
 • Off the water possession limit of 6 fish

Remarks
 • Giggling, spearing, snatching prohibited. Harvest in Federal waters prohibited.
 • **Catch and release only in SW region, see MyFWC.com for more information**

Can't find your fish in the regulations?

Florida's coastal waters are home to thousands of marine species, and the majority of these species have no specific regulations with regard to bag limits, size limits, gear restrictions or closed seasons. These species are often referred to as "unregulated species," although the name can be a bit misleading. State law provides that for any marine species that does not have specific regulations, harvesting more than 100 pounds or two fish (whichever is the greater amount) constitutes a commercial quantity and requires a commercial license. This means the recreational harvest limit for any unregulated species is 100 pounds or two organisms if the combined weight of the two organisms exceeds 100 pounds.



Examples of "unregulated species" include:
 Ladyfish, bonito, menhaden, white grunt, southern stingray, gulf kingfish (whiting), pinfish, Atlantic croaker, jack crevalle, cero mackerel, hardhead catfish, gafftopsail catfish, lionfish and blackfin tuna.

* No license is required to harvest lionfish by dipnet, pole spear or Hawaiian sling and lionfish bag limit is unlimited for both Gulf and Atlantic state waters.

- ★ Spearing Prohibited
- ▲ Must remain in whole condition (removal of gills and guts allowed).
- ◆ Measured as total length. Total length is the straight line distance from the most forward part of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed together while the fish is lying on its side.
- State regulations apply in federal waters.
- Additional gear rules apply, please see: MyFWC.com
- † Harvest prohibited by or with the use of any multiple hook (any hook with two or more points and a common shaft) in conjunction with live or dead natural bait.
- ✕ Gulf reef fish survey required when fishing for selected reef species from a private vessel in the Gulf of Mexico.

Crustaceans and Mollusks

Bay Scallops



Season:

- Closed, check MyFWC.com for 2019 season

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 gallons whole or 1 pint meat per harvester; no more than 10 gallons whole, or ½ gallon meat per vessel anytime

Remarks

- Harvest allowed only in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico from the Pinellas - Pasco county line, to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County. It is illegal to harvest, possess and land bay scallops on waters outside open harvest area.



Shrimp

Closed Season:

- April & May closed in Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Putnam, Flagler & Clay counties

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 5 gallons heads on per harvester or vessel, whichever is less

Remarks

- Visit: MyFWC.com/Fishing and select "Saltwater", "Regulations" and "Shrimp" for additional regulations specific to Dade, Nassau and Duval

Spiny Lobster



Minimum Size Limit:

- Carapace must be greater than 3" measured in the water

Seasons:

- Sport Season open July 24-25, 2019
- Regular Season opens Aug. 6 through March 31

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Sport Season: 6 per harvester per day in Monroe County and Biscayne National Park, 12 in all other harvest areas.
- Regular Season: 6 per harvester in all areas

Remarks

- Recreational trapping prohibited. Spiny lobster permit required when license required. Harvest of egg-bearing females prohibited.

Clams (Hard)



Minimum Size Limits:

- 1" thick across hinge

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- One 5 gal. bucket per harvester or 2 per vessel (whole in shell)

Remarks

- Illegal to harvest from closed areas.
- Go to www.FloridaAquaculture.com for allowable harvesting areas.
- May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.

Crab, Stone



Minimum Size Limits:

- 2¼" claw

Closed Season:

- May 16-Oct. 14

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 gal. claws per harvester or 2 gal. per vessel, whichever is less

Remarks

- 5 traps maximum. Visit MyFWC.com for statewide trap construction requirements and specific requirements that apply in Miami-Dade, Monroe and Collier. Illegal to possess whole crab. Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited. See how to properly de-claw on our website.



Crab, Blue

Closed Season:

- Regional trap closures apply. See map on page 6 or visit MyFWC.com for 2019 trap closure dates and locations.

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 10 gallons whole per harvester

Remarks

- 5 traps maximum. Trap requirements apply. Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited.

Oysters



Minimum Size Limit:

- 3"

Closed Season:

- June, July, Aug. in Dixie, Wakulla, Levy counties.
- July, Aug., Sept. in all other areas except Apalachicola Bay which has open areas year-round.

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 bags per harvester or vessel except Apalachicola Bay

Remarks

- **Apalachicola Bay: special bag limits and other harvest restrictions apply. See MyFWC.com for detailed information.**
- Apalachicola Bay has summer & winter seasons/areas.
- Harvest from approved shellfish areas during daylight hours only.
- Go to FloridaAquaculture.com to determine the Open or Closed status of shellfish harvesting areas.
- May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.
- 1 Bag = 60 lbs. or two 5 gal. buckets (whole in shell)
- Harvest prohibited in any harvest area that is in the Closed status as determined by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Bay County: Harvest and possession prohibited in West Bay Estuarine Habitat Restoration Project Zone

Sharks

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester or 2 per vessel per day, whichever is less.

Remarks

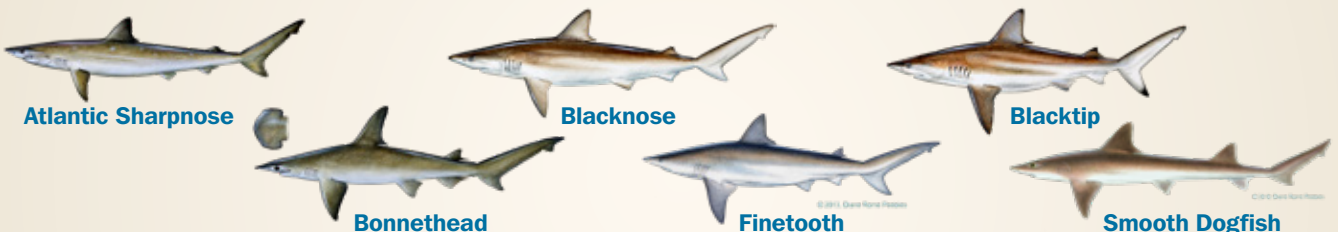
- The retainable sharks are managed as a group for bag limit purposes. In other words, you can only harvest one shark per day and the shark that you harvest must be one of the retainable species.
- Hook-and-line gear only.
- See list of prohibited species below.

Retainable Sharks with a 54" fork length minimum ▲ ★ †

Blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle, shortfin mako (not illustrated).



Retainable Sharks with no minimum size limit ▲ ★ †



Prohibited Species

It is unlawful to harvest, possess, land, purchase, sell or exchange the following species:

Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Nassau Grouper, Sawfish, Atlantic Angel Shark, Basking Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger Shark, Bigeye Sixgill Shark, Bigeye Thresher Shark, Bignose Shark, Caribbean Reef Shark, Caribbean Sharpnose Shark, Dusky Shark, Galapagos Shark, Lemon Shark, Longfin Mako Shark, Narrowtooth Shark, Night Shark, Silky Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Sandbar Shark, Sevengill Shark, Sixgill Shark, Smaltail Shark, Spiny Dogfish, Whale Shark, White Shark, Tiger Shark, Greater, Scalloped and Smooth Hammerhead Shark, Manta Ray, Devil Ray, Spotted Eagle Ray, Longbill Spearfish, Mediterranean Spearfish, Sturgeon, Queen Conch, Calico Scallop, Stony, Hard, Black and Fire Corals, Sea Fans, Bahama Starfish, and Longspine Urchin. Harvest of live rock in state waters is prohibited. Puffer fish harvest is prohibited in Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties.

Marine life regulations

Requirements for marine life (aquarium species) harvest:

- Recreational saltwater fishing license
- Organisms must be landed and kept alive
- A continuously circulating live well, aeration or oxygenation system of adequate size to maintain these organisms in a healthy condition
- **Allowable Gear:** hand-held net, drop net, rod, barrier net, slurp gun (use of quinaldine is prohibited)*
- **Bag Limit:** 20 organisms per person per day; only 5 of any one species allowed within the 20-organism bag limit
- **Possession Limit:** 2-day possession limit, 40 total organisms, no more than 10 of any one species allowed
- **Allowable substrate:** see species specifications in table
- **Closed areas:** Some closed areas exist**
- Sale of recreationally caught marine life organisms is prohibited
- Regulations also apply in federal waters

* Some organisms have additional gear limitations, see chart.

** Various closed areas exist. See regulations for Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, Everglades National Park, Biscayne National Park and Florida's State Parks before collecting in these areas.

Additional rules apply to the collection of shells containing live organisms in Lee or Manatee counties.

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Marine Life — Fish

SPECIES	REMARKS ¹	SIZE LIMITS (total length unless otherwise noted)
Angelfish	No more than 5 per person per day in any combination	Gray, French Angelfish: 1½–8" slot limit Blue, Queen Angelfish: 1¾–8" slot limit Rock Beauty: 2–5" slot limit
Butterflyfish		1–4" slot limit
Filefish/Triggerfish	Except Unicorn Filefish, Gray Triggerfish and Ocean Triggerfish	
Gobies		Maximum size limit: 2"
Hamlets/Seabasses	Except reef fish ² and Longtail Bass	
Jawfish		Maximum size limit: 4"
Parrotfish		Maximum size limit: 12"
Porkfish		Minimum size limit: 1½"
Pufferfish, Burrfish, Balloonfish, Porcupinefish	Includes Sharpnose Pufferfish, Striped Burrfish, Spotted Burrfish, Balloonfish, Porcupinefish	
Tangs and Surgeonfish		Maximum size limit (fork length): 9"
Wrasse/Hogfish/Razorfish	Except Hogfish Snapper	Spanish Hogfish: 2–8" slot limit Cuban Hogfish: 3–8" slot limit

Other Marine Life fish include¹: Basslets, Batfish, Blackbar Soldierfish, Blennies, Brotulas (Black and Key), Cardinalfish, Clingfish, Cometfish, Damselfish, Eels (Moray and Snake), Frogfish, Hawkfish, High-hat/Jackknife-fish/Spotted Drum/Cubbyu, Pipefish, Reef Croakers, Seahorses, Sleepers, Yellow Stingray, Sweepers, Toadfish, Trumpetfish and Trunkfish/Cowfish.

Marine Life — Invertebrates

SPECIES	REMARKS ¹
Anemones	Corallimorphs and Zoanthids: No more than 5 polyps of each may be landed per person per day, must be harvested with a flexible blade no wider than 2". Corallimorphs must be harvested as single polyps only. Zero bag limit on Giant Anemone (<i>Condylactis gigantea</i>).
Conch, Queen	Harvest prohibited
Corals: Hard, stony, fire & black	Harvest prohibited
Octocorals	No more than 6 octocoral colonies per person per day in any combination; harvest of attached substrate within 1" of base is permitted; harvest closes when quota met.
Crab, Hermit	Except Land Hermit Crabs
Crab, Horseshoe	Harvest prohibited
Live Rock	Harvest prohibited
Octopods ³	Except Common Octopus
Sea Fans	Harvest of Venus Sea Fan and Common (Purple) Sea Fan prohibited
Siphonophores/Hydroids	Harvest of Fire Coral prohibited
Sponges	Except Sheepswool, Yellow, Grass, Glove, Finger, Wire, Reef and Velvet Sponges; no more than 5 sponges per harvester per day in any combination; harvest of substrate within 1" of base permitted north and west of the southernmost point of Egmont Key, no substrate allowed south of Egmont Key
Starfish ³	Harvest of Bahama Starfish (Cushion Sea Star) prohibited
Urchins ³	Except Sand Dollars & Sea Biscuits; harvest of Longspine Urchin prohibited

Other Marine Life invertebrates include¹: Brittlestars³, Decorator (Furcate Spider) Crab, False Arrow Crab, Green Clinging (Emerald) Crab, Nimble Spray (Urchin) Crab, Red Mithrax Crab, Red-Ridged Clinging Crab, Spotted Porcelain Crab, Yellowline Arrow Crab, Fileclams³, Upside-down Jellyfish, Nudibranchs/Sea Slugs³, Sea Cucumbers³, Sea Lilies, Cleaner/Peppermint Shrimp, Coral Shrimp, Snapping Shrimp, Nassarius Snails³, Starsnails³, Featherduster Worms and Calcareous Tube Worms.

Marine Life — Plants

SPECIES	LIMITS
Algae, Coralline Red	
Caulerpa	One gallon of tropical ornamental marine plants per day in any combination; 2 gallon maximum possession limit
Halimeda/Mermaid's Fan/Mermaid's Shaving Brush	

- 1—Unless otherwise noted, combined bag limit of 20 marine life fish and invertebrates per person per day, only 5 of any one species allowed. A 2-day possession limit also applies (40 total organisms, only 10 of any one species).
- 2—Such as groupers, snappers, seabass and amberjacks. Must abide by regulations for these species on pages 10–11.
- 3—Bag limit of 2 live shell fish of any single species per harvester per day in Manatee County. Harvest prohibited in Lee County.

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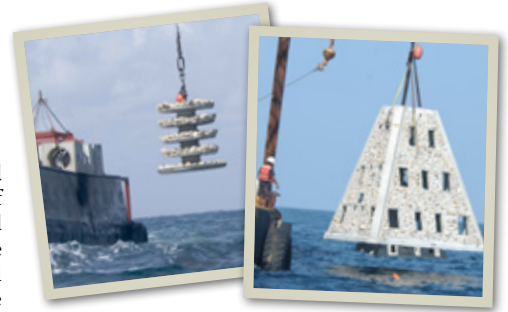
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New Artificial Reef Locations

Florida manages one of the most diverse, and most active artificial reef programs in the United States. As of November 2018, the FWC Artificial Reef Program reports over 3,426 artificial reef deployment locations state-wide. Between February 2018 and November 2018, 84 new artificial reefs were constructed, and the locations from a subset of those new reefs are listed in the table below. To download a complete list of Florida's artificial reef locations in a variety of digital formats, view an interactive map, and learn more about Florida's artificial reef program please visit MyFWC.com/ArtificialReefs.



Artificial Reef Highlights

DeployID	County	Deploy Date	Deployment Name	Material	Tons	Relief	Depth	Lat (DM)	Long (DM)
BA0446	Bay	4/20/18	MB 248	18 Reef Modules (various types)	130	17	78	29° 55.105' N	85° 38.055' W
BA0447	Bay	4/20/18	James King Memorial	1 Florida Limestone Module	3	8	19	29° 56.526' N	85° 29.305' W
BA0448	Bay	4/20/18	James Whitright Memorial	1 Florida Limestone Module	3	8	19	29° 56.294' N	85° 29.197' W
BA0449	Bay	4/20/18	Kyle Barron Memorial	2 Florida Limestone Modules	3	10	92	29° 45.886' N	85° 36.895' W
BA0450	Bay	4/20/18	Courtney K. Gaines Memorial	3 Super Reef Modules	50	16	101	29° 44.546' N	85° 41.660' W
BA0451	Bay	4/20/18	Bayou Bash	1 FL Limestone and 1 Grouper Box Module	7	10	60	29° 54.388' N	85° 32.405' W
BA0452	Bay	4/20/18	Buddy Jacobs Memorial	1 Tetrahedron Module	3	10	59	29° 54.547' N	85° 32.338' W
BA0453	Bay	4/20/18	Kerns Memorial	1 Tetrahedron Module	3	10	60	29° 55.464' N	85° 32.679' W
BA0465	Bay	4/20/18	W.Reiners III Memorial	1 Tetrahedron Module	3	10	66	29° 43.408' N	85° 28.879' W
BA0466	Bay	4/20/18	Military & Veterans Memorial	3 Tetrahedron Modules	3	10	74	29° 54.731' N	85° 35.243' W
BA0467	Bay	7/11/18	BCARA Hopper Barge	98' Steel Hopper Barge	432	15	148	29° 38.521' N	85° 58.675' W
BE0067	Brevard	8/7/18	Newy Reef	24 Dome-shape modules	48	5	80	29° 54.731' N	85° 35.243' W
B00118	Broward	6/13/18	Limestone Boulder Piles	1800 Tons Limestone Boulders	1,811	14	39	26° 03.165' N	80° 05.790' W
B00119	Broward	8/7/18	John M. Baker Fishing Reef	572 Tons Secondary Use Concrete	572	5	155	26° 09.457' N	80° 04.134' W
B00120	Broward	8/14/18	John M. Baker Memorial Reef	50 Tons Concrete Culverts	50	6	70	26° 09.482' N	80° 04.721' W
DA0230	Miami-Dade	6/25/18	Eternal Reef #27	4 Pallet Reef Balls & 3 Bay Reef Balls	5	4	43	25° 57.785' N	80° 05.895' W
DA0231	Miami-Dade	6/7/18	Biscayne Connection (Pile D)	310 Tons Limestone Boulders	314	7	72	25° 41.793' N	80° 05.217' W
DA0232	Miami-Dade	6/11/18	Larson Barge	80' Steel Barge with Four 6' Pilings	150	10	30	25° 48.899' N	80° 10.269' W
DA0233	Miami-Dade	2/26/18	Eternal Reef #26	2 Pallet Reef Balls	2	4	43	25° 57.735' N	80° 05.864' W
DA0234	Miami-Dade	2/13/18	Dock & Marine - 2018	30 Tons Concrete Dock Material	30	6	24	25° 48.801' N	80° 10.069' W
DA0235	Miami-Dade	6/5/18	Monty's Pier	1192 Tons Slabs and Pilings	1,192	7	23	25° 48.810' N	80° 09.870' W
DU0101	Duval	7/18/18	JCL Reef (addition)	4 Concrete Blocks & 3 Reef Balls	30	4	70	30° 10.158' N	81° 09.626' W
DU0103	Duval	10/13/18	Starship Reef	14" Square Concrete Pilings (various lengths)	640	5	70	30° 10.177' N	81° 09.351' W
ES0517	Escambia	8/4/18	Escambia NRDA Reef 00	1 Large Tetrahedron	18	15	79	30° 11.801' N	87° 12.616' W
ES0523	Escambia	8/4/18	Escambia NRDA Reef 18	1 Large Tetrahedron	18	15	85	30° 12.166' N	87° 10.371' W
ES0528	Escambia	8/4/18	Escambia NRDA Reef 33	1 Large Tetrahedron	18	15	98	30° 12.468' N	87° 08.491' W
IR0014	Indian River	8/25/18	Alan's Reef	10 Tetrahedron Modules	30	8	55	27° 50.127' N	80° 21.639' W
ME0095	Manatee	7/27/18	Borden Artificial Reef	575 Tons Limestone Boulders	575	9	40	27° 24.498' N	82° 47.857' W
MI0111	Martin	8/24/18	Brause Girls Reef	100 ft. Steel Tug	199	63	188	27° 12.463' N	80° 00.236' W
MI0112	Martin	8/14/18	2018 Kerry Dillon Site 1	765 Tons Concrete (Culverts, Poles, & Slabs)	765	12	56	27° 11.876' N	80° 05.873' W
MI0113	Martin	8/16/18	2018 Kerry Dillon Site 2	800 Tons Concrete (Culverts, Poles, & Slabs)	802	5	42	27° 11.820' N	80° 05.539' W
PB0103	Palm Beach	8/21/18	PBFF Reef	24 Pre-Fabricated Reef Darts	240	35	110	26° 47.661' N	80° 00.144' W
PB0104	Palm Beach	8/23/18	Andrew Red Harris Reef	32 Cell Modules & 500 Tons of Boulders	600	15	75	26° 52.751' N	80° 01.871' W
PB0105	Palm Beach	8/1/18	Boca Step Reef	530 Tons Limestone Boulders	530	15	35	26° 20.553' N	80° 03.888' W
SR0020	Santa Rosa	9/8/18	SR-27 NRDA Patch Reef 22	22 Reef Modules (18 Tetrahedron & 4 Ledge)	94	16	70	30° 21.157' N	86° 52.678' W
SR0021	Santa Rosa	9/21/18	SR-27 NRDA Patch Reef 8	7 Reef Modules (1 Tetrahedron & 6 Ledge)	41	16	70	30° 21.630' N	86° 51.033' W
SL0059	St. Lucie	7/13/18	Ft. Pierce Fishing Club Reef	1,011 Tons Secondary Use Concrete	1,011	14	122	27° 23.485' N	80° 02.124' W
ST0192	Sarasota	4/26/18	Tom Wallin Reef M-2 2018	32 Various Dome Modules & 2 Block Reefs	33	6	40	27° 18.745' N	82° 43.001' W
ST0193	Sarasota	2/19/18	Silvertooth 24	12 Bay Balls, 2 Pallet Balls & 3 Ultra Balls	8	4	30	27° 17.158' N	82° 35.989' W
VO0169	Volusia	6/23/18	Lady Philomena	150' Steel Cargo Vessel	590	35	75	29° 11.590' N	80° 46.130' W
VO0170	Volusia	6/23/18	Tug Everglades	90' Steel Tug Boat	150	25	75	29° 11.585' N	80° 46.181' W
VO0171	Volusia	9/7/18	Argoil wreck concrete pile	400 Tons Secondary Use Concrete	400	16	72	29° 07.070' N	80° 41.560' W
VO0172	Volusia	9/7/18	Semarca wreck concrete pile	400 Tons Secondary Use Concrete	400	10	75	29° 09.178' N	80° 40.638' W
VO0174	Volusia	9/20/18	Thomas H wreck concrete pile	400 Tons Secondary Use Concrete	400	12	80	29° 11.730' N	80° 44.888' W
VO0175	Volusia	10/26/18	Mindinao wreck concrete pile	375 Tons Secondary Use Concrete	375	14	85	29° 11.952' N	80° 44.887' W
WL0027	Walton	6/25/18	Topsail Hill Patch Reef 2	2 Reef Modules & 2 Reef Cubes	8	8	60	30° 21.447' N	86° 19.469' W
WL0030	Walton	6/25/18	Topsail Hill Patch Reef 5	3 Reef Modules & 1 Reef Cube	9	8	60	30° 21.460' N	86° 19.252' W
WL0032	Walton	6/25/18	Topsail Hill Patch Reef 7	3 Reef Modules & 1 Reef Cube	9	8	60	30° 21.289' N	86° 19.467' W
WL0037	Walton	6/25/18	Topsail Hill Patch Reef 12	2 Reef Modules & 2 Reef Cubes	8	8	60	30° 21.291' N	86° 19.245' W
WL0038	Walton	6/25/18	Grayton Sculpture Reef	7 Steel & Concrete Art Sculptures	6	10	59	30° 18.755' N	86° 09.562' W

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Recreational gear

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Reef fish gear rules

(applies to species marked with ● on pages 10-11)

- **Gulf of Mexico:** These regulations require the use of a dehooking device when recreationally fishing for reef fish in the Gulf of Mexico. All persons aboard a vessel harvesting reef fish must possess and use non-stainless steel non-offset circle hooks when using natural baits.
- **Atlantic Ocean:** Recreational and commercial fishers are required to use dehooking devices as needed while fishing for reef fish.

These rules apply to all members of the reef fish complex including groupers, snappers, amberjacks, red porgy, gray triggerfish, black sea bass, golden tilefish, banded rudderfish, speckled hind and others. For a complete species list, please visit MyFWC.com.

Hook-and-line gear

Hook-and-line anglers must tend their gear at all times to prevent people, marine life and shore life from becoming entangled in the line or injured by the hook. Also, it is against the

law to intentionally discard any monofilament netting or line into or onto state waters. Monofilament line can entangle birds, marine mammals, marine turtles and fish, often injuring or killing them. Trot lines with 10 or fewer hooks are considered hook-and-line gear and must be tended at all times while deployed. Species identified with "T" on pages 10 through 13 cannot be harvested with multi-hooks (single hook with two or more points) in conjunction with natural baits.

Nets

The following types of nets may be used for recreational purposes in Florida waters:

- Bully nets (for lobster only) no greater than 3 feet in diameter and not made of monofilament.
- Frame nets and push nets (for shrimp only) no greater than 16 feet in perimeter and not made of monofilament. Frame nets cannot be used in state waters off Dade County.
- Hand-held landing or dip nets no greater than 96 inches in perimeter.
- Cast nets measuring 14 feet or less stretched length (stretched length is defined as the distance from the horn at the center of the net with the net gathered and pulled taut, to the lead line).
- Beach or haul seines measuring no larger than 500 square feet of mesh area, no larger

than 2 inches stretched mesh size, not constructed of monofilament, and legibly marked at both ends with the harvester's name and address if a Florida resident. Non-residents using beach or haul seines for recreational purposes are required to have a commercial saltwater products license and legibly mark the seine at both ends with the harvester's saltwater products license number.

- Cast nets and seines may be used as harvesting gear for the following species only: black drum, bluefish, cobia, flounder, mullet, Florida pompano, red drum, sheepshead, shrimp, Spanish mackerel, weakfish and unregulated species (see p. 12).
- No more than two nets can be fished from any vessel and no more than one net can be fished by any person not on a vessel.

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Spearing

Spearing is a general term that includes bow fishing, gigging, spearfishing (underwater), or the use of any other device to capture a fish by piercing its body. Spearing does not include snagging or snatch hooking by hook and line. Marine species harvested by spearing are subject to the same recreational regulations (e.g., bag limits, size limits, and closed seasons) as those marine species that are harvested by any other type of recreationally-allowed gear. The following is a list of species or groups of species that are prohibited from harvest by all forms of spearing in state waters:

- All prohibited species (listed on p. 10-13)
- Billfish (all species)
- Bonefish
- Crab (blue, stone)
- Caribbean spiny lobster (*Panulirus argus*)
- Goliath grouper
- Manta ray
- Nassau grouper
- Permit
- Pompano (Florida and African)
- Red drum
- Sharks (all species including dogfish)
- Snook
- Spotted eagle ray
- Spotted seatrout
- Sturgeon
- Tarpon
- Tripletail

- Weakfish
- Marine life species (listed on p. 14)

* Volusia County — You may not harvest by spearing in Volusia County inland waters with the exception of flounder and sheepshead, and only by the use of a barbed spear with three or fewer prongs.

* Special Local Laws also prohibit harvest by spearing in specific areas (Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and select "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations," "Full Text Rule by Species" and "Local Laws.")

Spearfishing

Spearfishing is a specific form of "spearing" defined as "the catching or taking of a fish through the instrumentality of a hand or mechanically propelled, single or multi-pronged spear or lance, barbed or barbless, **operated by a person swimming at or below the surface of the water.**" In addition to the harvest species limitations above, you may not spearfish:

- For any species that cannot be harvested by spearing (see Spearing above).
- For any species (freshwater or marine) in freshwater. Possession of spearfishing equipment in or on freshwater is also prohibited.
- Within the upper Keys no-spearfishing zone, which includes all state waters from the Miami-Dade County line down to and including Long Key.

- Within 100 yards of any designated public bathing beaches, commercial or public fishing piers, or portions of bridges where fishing is allowed.
- Within 100 feet of the unsubmerged portion of any jetty, except that spearing is allowed along the last 500 yards of any jetty that extends more than 1,500 yards from the shoreline.
- In or on any body of water under the jurisdiction of the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection. Within these areas, the possession of spearfishing equipment is also prohibited except when such equipment is unloaded and is properly stored upon watercraft passing nonstop through the area.
- Within the no-take areas of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (Visit: www.floridakeys.noaa.gov).
- Within any area where spearfishing is prohibited by a Special Local Law (Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and select "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations," "Full Text Rule by Species" and "Local Laws.")

Powerheads, Bangsticks, Rebreathers

Harvest with the use of powerheads, bangsticks or rebreathers is prohibited in state waters, except that rebreathers are allowed for the harvest of lionfish. Within state waters, powerheads and bangsticks can be used for personal protection only, and cannot be used to harvest any species.

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Catch a Florida Memory rewards anglers for their fishing achievements while supporting marine fisheries conservation. These programs encourage anglers to target a diverse array of species during fishing trips to help decrease fishing pressure on the most commonly sought-after catches. Whether you are new to fishing or a seasoned expert, Catch a Florida Memory is sure to add some excitement to any day out on the water. Learn more and submit catches at CatchaFloridaMemory.com.



Koby Booten with his Reel Big Red Drum.

Saltwater Grand Slams

An FWC Grand Slam is catching three specified fish species in a 24-hour period. There are nine Grand Slam categories, from Inshore (red drum, spotted seatrout and flounder) to Blue Water (dolphinfish, sailfish and wahoo), and even a Small Fry Grand Slam for youth age 15 and under (pinfish, catfish and grunt). Successful anglers are not only awarded a certificate and t-shirt, but also receive recognition for every three or more different Grand Slams submitted and win a grand prize if all eligible slams are caught.

Saltwater Fish Life List

Similar to a birding life list, the Saltwater Fish Life List allows anglers to track their progress at catching 70 species of saltwater fish. Anglers are rewarded for their achievements as they reach 10, 30, 50 and 70-Fish Club milestones. Plus, anglers who complete their Life List by submitting all 70 fish get a grand prize!

Saltwater Reel Big Fish

Anglers are rewarded for catching memorable-sized saltwater fish in 30 different Reel Big Fish species categories. To qualify, fish must be legally caught and meet or exceed a minimum qualifying length. A photo of the fish on a length measuring device must be submitted, in addition to a photo of the angler with the fish. Successful anglers are awarded a certificate and t-shirt, as well as additional prizes for catching five, 10, 15 and 30 different Reel Big Fish species. Anglers who submit all 30 species get a grand prize!

NEW Triple Threat Club

This new club rewards anglers who have at least one application approved for each Catch a Florida Memory program (Grand Slams, Life List and Reel Big Fish). In addition to receiving a long sleeve performance fishing shirt custom designed by partner Tony Ivory, Triple Threat Club anglers also have the chance to win exclusive prizes. In fall 2018, the Martin County Office of Tourism and the Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort & Marina in Stuart

partnered to provide the perfect escape for lucky angler Michael "Soloyaker" Taylor, including three nights for two at the beautiful 200-acre resort, meals arranged and provided at various local restaurants, and a Martin County welcome bag. Submit your catches to all three Catch a Florida Memory programs for your chance to win with the next Triple Threat Club prize giveaway!

Florida Saltwater Fishing Records

State all-tackle records for the heaviest fishes caught in Florida waters are maintained for 81 marine species in both conventional tackle and fly-fishing categories. Successful anglers receive a certificate and custom ink fish print courtesy of Fish Print Shop. Catches must be made according to Florida Saltwater Fishing Records program rules. As of Jan. 1, 2019, four new species were added to the program — blue-line tilefish, schoolmaster, white grunt and red porgy. Catches for these newly-added species must be made on or after Jan. 1, 2019, to qualify. So go fishing and catch a record!

Saltwater Fish Life List Club Recipients

30-Fish Club:

Adam J. Ball
Allison Stattner
Dennis Triana
Michael D. Yannick
Rosemary J. White

10-Fish Club:

Adam J. Ball
Adrian Patrick Stanfill
Alex Gaus
Alexander Lee Jacobson
Anthony J. Cetrangelo, Jr.
Arthur Bernhardt
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Chris Clark
Christine M. Fleeman
Christopher L. Gorman
Cindy McGee
Clifton Charles Gagliano
Dale Carl Melms

Daryn Andrew White
David C. Deliere
David Mark Sager
Dennis Triana
Edward S. Hicks
Ernesto Plasencia
Ethan White
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Garrison H. Fairhurst
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Travis Reed Anderson
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Monthly Raffle Drawings

Successful Catch a Florida Memory participants are automatically entered into monthly raffle drawings for each verified submission made to the program in the last three years. Winners are randomly selected, and prizes include fish mounts from Mount This Fish Company, sunglasses from Smith Optics, rods and reels from the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, fillet knives from Smith's Consumer Products, fishing gear from Live to Fish, nets and hats from EGO Fishing and gift certificates from Ocean Waves Sunglasses.

Florida Saltwater Fishing Records Recipients

Rick Whitley – Bluefin Tuna
Joseph Cornelius Murphy, III – Vermilion Snapper (on fly)
Larry T. Finch – Kingfish (whiting)
Ethan Pillitteri – Hardhead Catfish
Allen Escuage – Ladyfish

Program Requirements

- All submitted fish must have been caught by the angler applying for recognition.
- Anglers must follow Florida saltwater recreational fishing regulations.
- Fish do not have to be harvested and we encourage catch-and-release fishing.
- Anglers must provide photographs of themselves with each fish submitted.
- Reel Big Fish applications must include a photo of fish on a length measuring device.
- Use proper fish handling techniques to minimize stress on fish. Learn more at MyFWC.com/Fishing by clicking on "Saltwater," "Recreational" and "Fish Handling."

Partnerships

Contributions from our generous partners help provide rewards and recognition for program participants. We gratefully acknowledge our partners: Martin County Office of Tourism, Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort, CCA Florida, Mount This Fish Company, Smith Optics, McLean Angling, Smith's Consumer Products, Live to Fish, Tony Ivory Art and Apparel, Warbird Fishing Gear, Ocean Waves Sunglasses, Fish Print Shop, EGO Fishing, Keep Em Wet Fishing, Bass Assassin, Bottom Candy, Carlos Cardenas – Marine Artist, Reel Local, and the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida. To become a partner, contact AnglerRecognition@MyFWC.com or 850-487-0554.

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Saltwater Reel Big Fish Club Recipients

Black Drum:
Traesyn Mathas Carroll

Black Sea Bass:
Matthew T.R Johnson

Cobia:
Robert Grundwald

Crevalle Jack:
Jason Coston
Max Lichtig

Florida Pompano:
Richard Stone Lendino

Gray/Mangrove Snapper:
Katlyn Michelle Paul
Nathan Gibson

Greater Amberjack:
Michael Yannick
Robert Grundwald

King Mackerel:
Alexander David Torres
Allison Stattner
Caeley Alexis Parish
Trenton Allen Daniel

Ladyfish:
Drew John Serraes

Mutton Snapper:
Trevor Wayne Hall

Red Drum:
Anetta Sookhdeo
Angie Arrich
Ben McCarty

Bill Weisharr
Billy Grant
Blake Davis
Carol Denheyer
Cayden Karppe
Charles Land
Chris Moberly
Clifton C. Gagliano (4)
Dave Lunsford
David James Galasso
Elijah Booten
Elijah Cox
Eric J. Gerlak (2)
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Gabriel Bahra
Gavin Thomas Grauer
Greg John Knothe
Griffin Kirby
Jason Ronald Coston
Justin James Bowden
Koby Booten
Melissa A. Rodriguez (2)
Mike Boggs
Nicholas David Galasso (2)
Patty Wilson
Richard Manning
Ryder Karppe
Savannah Land
Stacy Bauer
Thomas Kent Grauer
Travis Reed Anderson
Daniel Rex

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Snook:
Alec Blayne Schmitz
Cayden Karppe
Danny Gibbs
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Jackson Webster
Jason Ronald Coston
Jason D. Garner
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Shawn Robert Blanton

Spotted Seatrout:
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Blake Stenstrom
Carl Douglas Wilhite
Drew Serraes
Eric Todd Anderson
Gabriel Bahra
Joe Stoddard
John H. Dobbins
Joshua Damon
Richard Manning
Stephen Stubbs (2)
Shannon D. Swindal

Yellowtail Snapper:
Ryan Michael Milder

Saltwater Grand Slam Club Recipients

Tier 1 Recognition:
Dan Casey

Small Fry:
Ethan Sonnenberg
Joshua Atkinson
Mason Zimmer
Rylan J. Larkin
The Tarpon Master

Blue Water:
Richard Allen Timmons

Florida:
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Florida's Making a Splash with Lots of Women's Fishing Opportunities!



Krista and Ryland Brown with a flounder.



A mother introduces her children to fishing.

Did you know that nearly half of new anglers are women?* And on top of that, children are more likely to be introduced to fishing by their mother than their father.**

Whether it's a seasoned lady angler looking to enhance her already sharp skills or a first-timer dipping a toe into the fishing world, Florida has a fishing opportunity to meet their needs, from women-only fishing tournaments such as the Old Salt Women's Only Tournament and Ladies Fish Off, to special prizes in Lady Angler divisions of many other tournaments, to organizations like the International Women's Fishing Association and Nature Coast Lady Anglers, both based in Florida.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has many opportunities for women, children, and men to explore the sport of fishing too. Kids' Saltwater Fishing Clinics, Becoming an Outdoors-Woman, Youth Saltwater Fishing Camps, Women's Saltwater Fishing Clinics and Adult Saltwater Fishing Clinics are just

a few of the programs available to introduce fishing and responsible marine stewardship to everyone.

FWC's saltwater fishing clinics are free, one-day educational events that introduce participants to the basics of saltwater fishing and provide education on conserving Florida's marine resources. These catch-and-release only events are conducted by FWC staff with funding from the Sport Fish Restoration program, a user-pay, public-benefit system that provides millions of dollars in funding each year to enhance fishing opportunities

and boating access. Anglers contribute to this federal program by purchasing fishing equipment, motorboat fuel and fishing licenses.

Women's and Adult Saltwater Fishing Clinics are for those 16 years or older, so moms, feel free to bring your older teenagers along for the fun. Interested in learning more? Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing by clicking on "Saltwater Fishing" and "Outreach and Education Programs." Questions? Email Marine@MyFWC.com or call the Division of Marine Fisheries Management Outreach and Education subsection at (850) 487-0554.

* Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation Survey from 2016-17: https://www.takemefishing.org/getmedia/42e36204-8d02-41e8-9d59-c56b90dfc404/2017-Special-Report-on-Fishing_FINAL.pdf

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Share your marine fisheries comments on new saltwater commenting webpage!

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Division of Marine Fisheries Management wants to hear from you. In an effort to keep stakeholders informed and to gather public input on upcoming issues, a new webpage has been created: MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments.

Keep track of items expected to be discussed by the Commission in future meetings and provide your thoughts on fishery management in state waters (shore to 3 nautical miles in the Atlantic and shore to 9 nautical miles in the Gulf) by visiting the new webpage.

To comment, fill out the form at the bottom of the commenting page. Comments can also be emailed to Marine@MyFWC.com or submitted over the phone at 850-487-0554.



Have a question instead of a comment?
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Saltwater Rulemaking Comments

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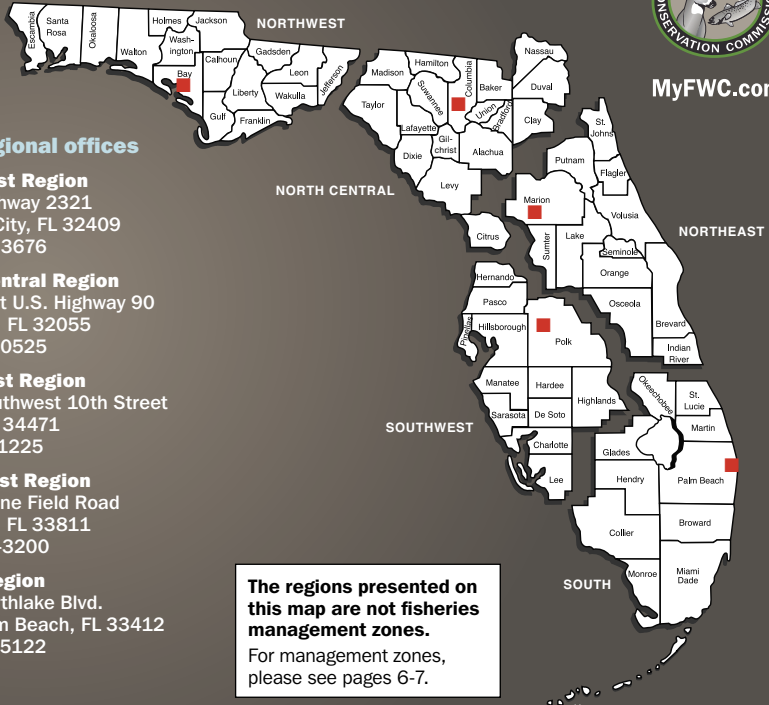
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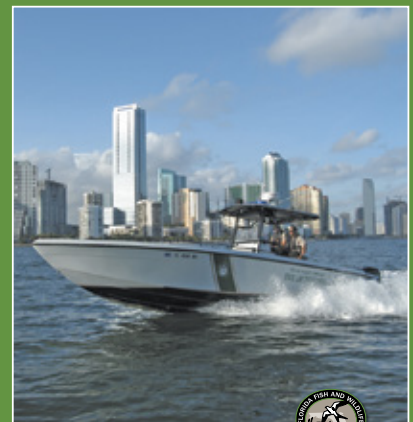
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Costs for licenses

In addition to the cost of licenses and permits specified in this section, license agents may charge an issuance fee for selling licenses or permits. **Note: All sales are final.**

Florida resident saltwater licenses	
One-Year Saltwater License	\$17.00
Covers both watercraft and shoreline fishing	
Youth Saltwater Fishing License — valid until 17th birthday	\$17.00
Five-Year Saltwater License	\$79.00
One-Year Saltwater Shoreline License	\$0.00
Covers saltwater fishing from shorelines and attached structures. Does not cover fishing from a watercraft, fishing from a shoreline reached by watercraft, or fishing while swimming or diving.	
Non-resident saltwater licenses	
Three-day Saltwater License	\$17.00
Seven-day Saltwater License	\$30.00
One-Year Saltwater License	\$47.00
Saltwater permits	
Snook Permit — residents and non-residents	\$10.00
Five-Year Snook Permit (Florida residents only)	\$50.00
Spiny Lobster Permit — residents and non-residents	\$5.00
Five-Year Spiny Lobster Permit (Florida residents only)	\$25.00
Tarpon Tag (available only at tax collector offices)	\$51.50
If required to have a license, permits for the take of Snook and Spiny Lobster also required. Tarpon tags required to land tarpon.	

Florida resident combination licenses	
Fishing-Saltwater/Freshwater	\$32.50
Fishing-Saltwater/Freshwater & Hunting	\$48.00
One-Year Gold Sportsman's License	\$100.00
Five-Year Gold Sportsman's License	\$494.00
Youth Gold Sportsman's License — valid until 17th birthday	\$100.00
One-Year Military Gold Sportsman's License	\$20.00
Includes the same licenses and permits as the Gold Sportsman's License. Available at county tax collectors' offices with current military identification card for Florida residents who are active duty or fully retired members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Armed Forces Reserve, Florida National Guard, Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve. Fully-retired veterans may renew online.	
Florida resident Lifetime Saltwater fishing licenses	
Age: 0–4	\$126.50
Age: 5–12	\$226.50
Age: 13 or older	\$301.50
Florida resident Lifetime Gold Sportsman's licenses	
Age: 0–4	\$401.50
Age: 5–12	\$701.50
Age: 13 or older	\$1,001.50

Saltwater fishing in Florida... What to know before you go:

Saltwater fishing licenses can be obtained online at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com, at county tax collectors' offices and license agents, or by calling toll-free 888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356). Handling fees apply for telephone and Internet services. For current recreational licensing information, please visit MyFWC.com/License.

Florida residents:

For purposes of saltwater fishing in Florida, a resident is defined as:

- Any person who has declared Florida as his or her only state of residence as evidenced by a valid Florida driver license or identification card with both a Florida address and a Florida residency verified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (HSMV). A Florida voter registration card, declaration of domicile, or homestead exemption may also be used as proof of Florida residency.
- Active duty United States military personnel stationed in Florida, including spouses and dependent children residing in the household, with military orders.

Gold Sportsman's licenses include:

- Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing and Hunting licenses.
- Snook, Spiny Lobster, Management Area, Archery, Crossbow, Muzzleloading Gun, Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl permits.

Lifetime licenses:

- Florida residents who invest in a Lifetime Saltwater Fishing license or a Lifetime Gold Sportsman's license may fish in saltwater for life with no additional fees. These licenses

include take of snook and spiny lobster, which would otherwise require a separate fee. The Lifetime Gold Sportsman's license further allows the license holder to freshwater fish and hunt in Florida. Further details are available at MyFWC.com/License.

You do not need a license if you are:

- A child under 16 years of age, regardless of residency.
- A Florida resident age 65 or older with proof of age and residency, such as a Florida driver's license or ID, or an optional no-cost Florida Resident 65+ Hunt/Fish Certificate.
- A Florida resident fishing within his or her county of residence with live or natural bait, using poles or lines not equipped with a fishing line retrieval mechanism.
- A Florida Resident Persons with Disabilities Hunting and Fishing License holder. Further information about this license is available at MyFWC.com/ADA.
- A resident who has been accepted as a client for developmental disabilities services by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, provided the agency furnishes proof thereof.
- A resident who is saltwater fishing from land or a structure fixed to land who has been determined eligible for the food stamp, temporary cash assistance, or Medicaid Program by the Department of Children and Family Services. Proof of identification and a benefit issuance or program identification card issued by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities or the Agency for Health Care Administration must be in possession when fishing.
- A Florida resident who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and not stationed in this

state, when home on leave with orders for 30 days or less. This does not include family members.

- Fishing for recreational purposes from a pier that has a valid pier saltwater fishing license.
- Fishing from a for-hire vessel (including guide, charter, party boat) that has a valid charter boat or charter captain license.
- A valid saltwater products license holder.
- Fishing from a boat that has a valid *recreational vessel* fishing license.
- A Florida resident who is fishing for mullet in freshwater with a valid Florida freshwater fishing license.

Other saltwater fishing licenses:

Charter Boat and Charter Captain licenses are available and required to carry paying customers (where a fee is paid directly or indirectly) for the purpose of taking, attempting to take, or possessing saltwater fish or organisms. Guides must comply with U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) requirements.

- **Four or fewer customers** \$201.50
- **Five to ten customers** \$401.50
- **Eleven or more customers** \$801.50

Recreational Vessel licenses are available for not-for-hire pleasure crafts that are registered recreationally for a fee of \$2,001.50. Pier licenses are available to exempt persons fishing from a pier fixed to land from saltwater fishing requirements for a fee of \$501.50.

More information on these licenses is available at county tax collector's office or at MyFWC.com/License.

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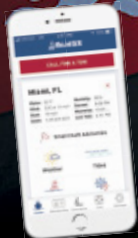
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