

**SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING STATE CREEL AND SIZE LIMITS**

Species	Size Limit	Bag & Possession Limit
<b>BILLFISH:</b> All persons conducting a tournament involving score keeping or 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	none
Marlin, White	66" min LJFL	none
Sailfish	63" min LJFL	none
Swordfish	29" carcass length or 33 lbs. dressed weight	5/vessel/trip
<b>Cobia</b> (ling or lemonfish)	33" min FL	2/person/day
<b>Drum, Black</b>	16" min TL	5/person bag & possession with only one over 27 inches
<b>Drum, Red</b> (redfish)	16" min TL	5/person bag* with only one over 27 inches-take/possession in federal waters prohibited
<b>Flounder, Southern</b>	none	10/person/day for each consecutive day on the water
<b>Mackerel King **</b>	24" min FL	2/person/day
<b>Mackerel, Spanish**</b>	12" min FL	15/person/day
<b>Mullet, Striped</b>	none	100 pounds/person/day
<b>REEF FISH - (misc)**</b>		
Seabass, Black	8" min TL	none
Amberjack, Greater	28" min FL	1/person/day**
Amberjack, Lesser & Banded Rudderfish	14" min FL & 22" max FL	5/person/day in aggregate
Hogfish	12" min FL	5/person/day
<b>REEF FISH - Groupers**</b> 5/person/day in aggregate (all groupers, excluding Goliath and Nassau, with not more than one speckled hind and one warsaw grouper per vessel and one red grouper per person)		
Red & Yellowfin	20" min TL	see above groupers
Gag & Black	22" min TL	
Scamp	16" min TL	
Goliath & Nassau	take prohibited	take/possession prohibited
<b>REEF FISH - Snappers &amp; misc.**</b>		
Red	16" min TL	2/person/day* (See notes on pages 17 and following under "Reef Fish").
Queen, Blackfin, Silk, Wenchman	none	10/person/day** in aggregate (all snapper except Red, Vermillion & Lane).
Mutton	16" min TL	
Schoolmaster, Cubera, Gray, Mahogany, Yellowtail, Dog	12" min TL	
Vermilion Snapper	11" min TL	
Lane Snapper,	8" min TL	
Gray Triggerfish,	12" min TL	20/person/day** in aggregate of all listed not more than 10 Vermillion snapper per person
Almaco Jack, Tilefish, Goldface Tilefish, Blackline Tilefish, Anchor Tilefish, Blueline Tilefish	none	
<b>SHARK***</b> Prohibited Species -Atlantic angel, basking, bigeye sand tiger, bigeye sixgill, bigeye thresher, bignose, Caribbean reef, Caribbean sharpnose, dusky, Galapagos, largetooth, longfin mako, narrowtooth, night, sand tiger, sevengill, sixgill, smalltail, smalltooth, whale and white		
Atlantic Sharpnose	none	1/person/day possession
Bonnethead	none	
Others: all except prohibited	54" min FL	aggregate 1/vessel/trip possession
<b>Seatrout, Spotted</b> (speckled trout)	12" min TL	25/person bag* two over 25 inches in specified areas (see above)
Tuna, Yellowfin	27" min CFL	3/person
Tuna, Bigeye	27" min CFL	none
Tuna, Bluefin	27" min CFL	none

**LJFL** = Straight line length from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail, **TL** = Total Length, **FL** = Fork Length, **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.

\* 2 days' bag limit allowed in possession off of the water, not while fishing or in a boat.

\*\* Persons on qualified charter vessels or headboat trips in excess of 24 hours may possess two days' bag limit if the vessel has two licensed operators as required by the U.S. Coast Guard and if each angler has in possession a receipt issued on behalf of the vessel verifying length of trip.

\*\*\* 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.