

FL: fork length.

CFL: curved fork length

LJFL: lower jaw fork length. Measured from tip of lower jaw to tail fork.

¹ Aggregate limit for Lane and Vermilion snappers, Gray triggerfish, Almaco jack, and Tilefishes is 20/day.

² Offshore landing permit: Tuna, Billfish, Swordfish, Amberjacks, Grouper, Hinds and Snapper (non-grey).

³ Must report Yellowfin Tuna landings.

⁴ Aggregate limit for all groupers (except Nassau, Goliath Warsaw, and Speckled hind) is 4/day. Check for seasons.

All saltwater fish except tuna, garfish, and swordfish in possession must have the head and tailfin intact when set or put on shore from a vessel. The skin must be left on these fish. Federal regulations require that tails are to be on tunas. For all saltwater fish, the bag limit is also the possession limit, except for redfish and speckled trout. A two-day limit of these two species is allowed in possession on land but not on the water.



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SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISH SIZE AND BAG LIMITS

Species	Minimum size	Bag limit
Black Drum	16 in.; only 1 over 27 in.	5/day
Redfish	16 in.; only 1 over 27 in.	5/day
Cobia	33 in.FL	2/day
King Mackerel	24 in.FL	2/day
Spanish Mackerel	12 in.FL	15/day
Speckled Trout/Spotted Sea Trout	12 in.	25/day
Southern Flounder	None	10/day
Striped Mullet	None	100 lbs/day
Almaco Jack	None	20/agg ¹
Greater Amberjack	30 in.FL	1/day ²
Lesser Amberjack and Banded Rudderfish	14 in. min. and 22 in. max.FL	5/day in agg ²
Gray, Cubera, Schoolmaster, Dog, Mahogany, and Yellowtail Snappers	12 in.	10/agg ²
Mutton Snapper	16 in.	10/agg ²
Queen, Blackfin, Sik, Wenchman	none	10/agg ²
Lane Snapper	8 in.	20/agg ^{1, 2}
Red Snapper	16 in.	2/day ²
Vermilion Snapper	10 in.	20/agg ^{1, 2}
Gray Triggerfish	14 in.FL	20/agg ¹
Hogfish	12 in.	5/day
Tilefish	None	20/agg ¹
Black Sea Bass	8 in.	None
Gag and Black Grouper	22 in.	4/day ^{4, 2}
Other Groupers	None	4/day ^{4, 2}
Red and Yellowfin Grouper	20 in.	4/day ^{4, 2}
Scamp	16 in.	4/day ^{4, 2}
Speckled Hind	None	1/vessel ²
Warsaw Grouper	None	1/vessel ²
Nassau and Goliath Groupers	Closed	Closed ²
Blue Marlin	99 in. LJFL	None ²
White Marlin	66 in.LJFL	None ²
Sailfish	63 in.LJFL	None ²
Swordfish	29 in.33 lbs. dressed	1/person 5/vessel ²
Sawfish	Closed	Closed
Bigeye Tuna (Fed. Permit Req.)	27 in.CFL	None ²
Bluefin Tuna (Fed. Permit Req.)	73 in.CFL	1/vessel/year ²
Yellowfin Tuna (Fed. Permit Req.)	27 in.CFL	3/day ^{2, 3}
Atlantic Sharpnose Shark	None	1/day
Bonnethead Shark	None	1/day
Sandbar, Silky Sharks	Closed	Closed
Other Sharks*	54 in.FL	

(* See current regulations for prohibited and permitted species of sharks)