

	SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE	POSSESSION LIMIT	AGGREGATE TOTAL
INSHORE/ NEARSHORE FISH	Spotted Seatrout	15" TL	15	
	Red Drum <sup>1</sup>	18"–30" TL	3	
	Flounder	12" TL	10	
	Sheepshead	14" TL	15	
	Tarpon <sup>2</sup>	75" FL	1 Per Vessel	
	Tripletail	18" TL	3	
	Cobia	36" FL	2	
	Spanish Mackerel <sup>3</sup>	12" FL	15	
	King Mackerel <sup>3</sup>	24" FL	3	
	Black Drum	No Limit	No Limit	
	Sand Seatrout (White Trout)	No Limit	No Limit	
	Kingfish (Ground Mullet)	No Limit	No Limit	
	Florida Pompano	No Limit	No Limit	
	Striped Mullet	No Limit	No Limit	
REEF FISH <sup>3</sup>	Red Snapper <sup>4</sup>	16" TL	2	20 Reef Fish Aggregate
	Greater Amberjack	34" FL	1	
	Gray Triggerfish	15" FL	1	
	Vermilion Snapper	10" TL	10	
	Lane Snapper	8" TL	20	
	Almaco Jack	No Limit		
	Goldface Tilefish	No Limit		
	Anchor Tilefish	No Limit		
	Tilefish	No Limit		
	Blackline Tilefish	No Limit		
	Blueline Tilefish	No Limit	5	
	Mutton Snapper	18" TL		
	Gray, Schoolmaster, Cubera, Dog, Mahogany and Yellowtail Snappers	12" TL		
	Queen, Blackfin, Silk and Wenchman Snappers	No Limit	10	10 Snapper Aggregate
	Warsaw Grouper	No Limit	1 Per Vessel	4 Grouper Aggregate
	Red and Yellowfin Groupers	20" TL	4	
	Black Grouper	24" TL		
	Scamp	16" TL		
	Yellowmouth, Yellowedge, Misty and Snowy Groupers	No Limit		
	Rock and Red Hind Groupers	No Limit	2	
Gag Grouper	24" TL			
Speckled Hind	No Limit			
Lesser Amberjack and Banded Rudderfish	14"–22" FL	5	5 Fish Aggregate	
Hogfish	14" FL	5		
SHARKS	Large Coastics and Pelagics <sup>5</sup>	37" TL	1 Per Person Up To 3 Per Vessel	
	Small Coastics <sup>5</sup>	25" TL	4	
CRUSTACEANS	Blue Crab (Hard Shell) <sup>6</sup>	5"	No Limit	
	Blue Crab (Soft Shell)	No Limit	No Limit	

<sup>1</sup> Recreational fishermen may retain only one Red Drum over 30 inches.

<sup>2</sup> May not remove fish from water if over 40" in length unless harvesting within specified limits.

<sup>3</sup> For openings and closings of federally regulated fish and updated size limits, visit FishRulesApp.com.

<sup>4</sup> Reporting is required for Red Snapper trips and landings through the Tails n' Scales program.

<sup>5</sup> For openings and closings of federally regulated fish and updated size limits, visit the Highly Migratory Species Compliance Guide, fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-fishery-compliance-guides.

Current shark species prohibited from harvest: Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Whale, Basking, White, Dusky, Bignose, Galapagos, Night, Caribbean Reef, Narrowtooth, Caribbean Sharpnose, Smalltail, Atlantic Angel, Longfin Mako, Bigeye Thresher, Sevengill, Sixgill, Bigeye Sixgill, Sandbar and Silky.

<sup>6</sup> As measured from the tip of one lateral spine across the back of the shell to the tip of the opposite lateral spine.

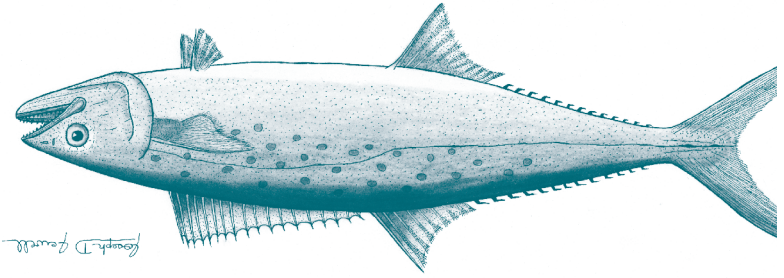
**TL= Total Length      FL= Fork Length**

Fishing seasons for some species may be closed by order of the MDMR. Advance notice of such closures will be given. Size and possession limits are subject to change. **Not all fish species are listed on this card.**

**For a comprehensive species list and the most current limits, contact the MDMR at 228-374-5000 or visit [dmr.ms.gov/recreational-catch-limits](http://dmr.ms.gov/recreational-catch-limits).**



# Mississippi Saltwater Recreational Fishing 2023 - 2024 SIZE & POSSESSION LIMITS



These limits are for Mississippi salt water fishing. Please refer to the regulations applicable, if in other jurisdictions.

Recreational fishermen not fishing in Mississippi waters may transport and land fish that meet the minimum size and creel limits of the water in which they were legally caught. They must possess a valid saltwater sportfishing license as may be required in the waters where the fish were caught.

It shall be unlawful for recreational fishermen to sell or offer for sale any seafood caught in or landed in the state of Mississippi.

It shall be unlawful for recreational fishermen to possess fish with heads, tails or flesh removed until delivered to the final destination; however, fish may be eviscerated, scaled or have gills removed. Charter and recreational boats fishing in the Gulf of Mexico over 24 continuous hours may possess fillet fish in Mississippi waters, if they have filed a float plan with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in advance.

Federal regulations may differ from state regulations. For federal regulations, contact the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council at 888-833-1844 or visit [FishRulesApp.com](http://FishRulesApp.com).

The information in this card is an abstract of the rules and regulations in effect at the time of printing. Fishermen are responsible for obeying fishing rules in full. Complete laws are available at the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530.

Size and possession limits are subject to change. For the most current size and possession limits, visit [dmr.ms.gov/recreational-catch-limits](http://dmr.ms.gov/recreational-catch-limits). For a full overview of the Mississippi's saltwater fishing rules and regulations, visit [eregulations.com/mississippi/saltwater](http://eregulations.com/mississippi/saltwater).

For more information, call the MDMR at 228-374-5000 or visit our website at [dmr.ms.gov](http://dmr.ms.gov).

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