



Tampa Bay Ethical Angler

Wallet Card

Keep only those fish you'll eat. Use proper catch and release techniques. For tips, visit <http://marinefisheries.org>

Dispose of trash properly. Carelessly discarded tackle kills birds, fish, turtles & manatees.

Help prevent the spread of non-native plants and animals. Wash your boat and equipment thoroughly after each use. Dispose of live bait on shore.

Treat other anglers with courtesy and respect.

Key to symbols below:

Must remain in whole condition until landed ashore (heads and tails intact)

Measured as total length, from the mouth of the fish to the tip of the tail with the tail squeezed together.

Harvest prohibited by or with use of any multiple hook in conjunction with live or dead natural bait

Black Drum



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

Daily Bag Limit: 5 per person. May possess one over 24".

People who break the law are stealing from all of us. Report them to **1-888-404-3922**.

Mackerel, Spanish



Minimum Size: 12" fork.

Daily Bag Limit: 15 per person.

Transfer of Spanish Mackerel to other vessels at sea is prohibited.

For guidelines concerning mercury and fish consumption visit <http://marinefisheries.org> or call the State Mercury Coordinator at 1-850-245-8305.

Cobia (Ling)



Minimum Size: 33" fork.

Daily Bag Limit: 1 per person or 6 per vessel, whichever is less.

A saltwater products license and a restricted species endorsement are needed to sell cobia or exceed the one-fish daily bag limit.

Mullet, Striped or Black



Size Limits: None.

Daily Bag Limit: Feb. 1–Aug. 31, 50 per person, maximum of

100 per vessel. Sept. 1–Jan. 31, 50 per person or per vessel, whichever is less.

Contact FWC for additional restrictions in Pinellas and Pasco counties.

Flounder



Minimum Size: 12".

Daily Bag Limit: 10 per person.

May be harvested by spearing.

Permit and Pompano



Size Limits: Not less than 11" or more than 20" fork.

Daily Bag Limit: 6 per person aggregate of Permit & Pompano.

May possess one over 20" of either Permit or Pompano. Gigging, spearing, snatching prohibited.

Red Drum (Redfish)



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

Daily Bag Limit: 1 per person.

Gigging, spearing, snatching prohibited.

Snapper, Gray (Mangrove)



Minimum Size: 10".

Daily Bag Limit: 5 per person, included within 10 per person aggregate limit for all snapper.

Shark



Size Limits: None.

Daily Bag Limit: 1 per person or 2 per vessel, whichever is less.

Practice of finning and filleting at sea prohibited. See protected species list below.

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Snook (All Species)



Size Limits: Not less than 28" or more than 33".

Daily Bag Limit: 1 per person on the west coast of Florida.

Snook permit required when saltwater license required. State regulations apply in federal waters. Illegal to buy or sell snook.

Closed Season: Dec. 1 –Feb. 29 and May–Aug. on the west coast.

Sheepshead



Minimum Size: 12".

Daily Bag Limit: 15 per person.

Snatching prohibited.

Spotted Sea Trout



Size Limits: Not less than 15" or more than 20" (statewide) except one fish over 20" per person.

Daily Bag Limit: South Region: 4 per person.

Closed Season: South Region: Nov. & Dec. "South Region" means state waters between the Flagler-Volusia County Line on the Atlantic Ocean and the southern boundary of the Northwest Region on the Gulf of Mexico in Pinellas County and adjacent

To report fisheries, wildlife or boating violations, call 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).



To report Marine Fish Kills, call 1-800-636-0511.

To report fish tags, call 1-800-367-4461.

For the most up-to-date information on recreational fishing regulations and saltwater fishing licenses, visit www.marinefisheries.org or call the local FWC Division of Law Enforcement office at (813) 272-2516.

Regulations current as of July 2007. Regulations are subject to change; it is **your** responsibility to know the laws.

A saltwater fishing license is required for all anglers. Exceptions include children under 16, seniors over 65, and any state resident fishing from shore, a pier or other structure attached to land.

For more copies of this wallet card, contact Nanette O'Hara, Tampa Bay Estuary Program, (727) 893-2765 or nanette@tbep.org.

Protected Species: It is unlawful to harvest, possess, land, purchase, sell or exchange the following species: Nassau Grouper, Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Sawfish, Basking Shark, Whale Shark, Spotted Eagle Ray, Sturgeon, White Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger Shark, Manta Ray, Longspine Urchin, Spiny Dogfish, Stony, Hard and Fire Corals, Sea Fans, Florida Queen Conch and Bahama Starfish. Harvest of live rock in state waters is prohibited.