



# SPORT ANGLER BAG, POSSESSION AND LENGTH LIMITS OF SALTWATER FISHES

Effective Sept. 1, 2007 through Aug. 31, 2008

• Limits may change due to legislative or commission actions.

Species	Daily Bag	Possession	Minimum Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)
Amberjack, greater	1	2	32	No Limit
Bass: striped, its hybrids and subspecies	5 (in any combination)	10	18	No Limit
Catfish: channel and blue catfish, their hybrids and subspecies	25 (in any combination)	50	12	No Limit
Catfish, flathead	5	10	18	No Limit
Catfish, gafftopsail	No Limit	No Limit	14	No Limit
Cobia	2	4	37	No Limit
Drum, black <sup>a</sup>	5	10	14	30 <sup>a</sup>
Drum, red <sup>b</sup>	3	6	20	28 <sup>b</sup>
Flounder: all species, their hybrids and subspecies	10 (in any combination)	10	14	No Limit
Grouper, goliath (formerly called Jewfish)	0	0	Catch and Release Only	
Mackerel, king	2	4	27	No Limit
Mackerel, Spanish	15	30	14	No Limit
Marlin, blue	No Limit	No Limit	131	No Limit
Marlin, white	No Limit	No Limit	86	No Limit
Mullet: all species, their hybrids and subspecies <sup>c</sup>	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	12 <sup>c</sup> (during Oct., Nov., Dec. & Jan.)
Sailfish	No Limit	No Limit	84	No Limit
Seatrout, spotted	10 <sup>d</sup> See Special Regulation "d" below for Lower Laguna Madre	20 <sup>d</sup>	15	25 <sup>e</sup>
Shark: all species, their hybrids and subspecies	1	2	24	No Limit
Sheepshead	5	10	13 <sup>f</sup> See Special Regulation "f" below	No Limit
Snapper, lane	No Limit	No Limit	8	No Limit
Snapper, red <sup>g</sup>	4	8	15	No Limit
Snapper, vermilion	No Limit	No Limit	10	No Limit
Snook	1	2	24	28
Tarpon	1	2	85	No Limit
Tripletail	3	6	17	No Limit

**a** No more than one black drum over 52 inches may be retained per person per day and counts as part of the daily bag and possession limit.

**b** Red drum special regulation: During a license year, one red drum over the stated maximum length limit may be retained when affixed with a properly completed Red Drum Tag and one red drum over the stated maximum length limit may be retained when affixed with a properly completed Bonus Red Drum Tag. Any fish retained under authority of a Red Drum Tag or a Bonus Red Drum Tag may be retained in addition to the daily bag and possession limit as stated above.

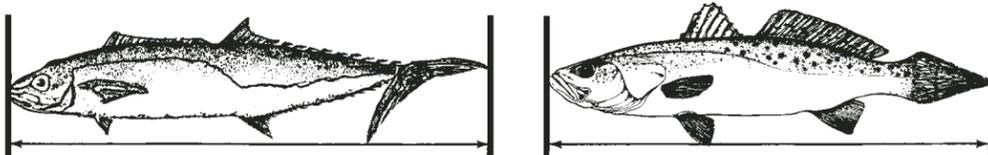
**c** May not take from public waters, or possess on board a boat, mullet over 12 inches during October, November, December, and January. No limits apply during other months.

**d** Special Regulation: For the Lower Laguna Madre, the daily bag limit and the possession limit shall be 5 fish in all inside waters south of marker 21. Inside waters are all bays, inlets, outlets, passes, rivers, streams, and other bodies of water landward from the shoreline of the state along the Gulf of Mexico and contiguous to, or connected with, but not a part of, the Gulf of Mexico and within which the tide regularly rises and falls.

**e** No more than one spotted seatrout over the stated maximum length may be retained per person per day and counts as part of the daily bag and possession limit.

**f** Special Regulation: Beginning on Sept. 1, 2008, the length limit will be 14 inches. Beginning on Sept. 1, 2009, the length limit will be 15 inches.

**g** It is unlawful to fish for red snapper using any kind of hook other than a circle hook.



Total Length: Perpendicular distance from tip of snout (mouth closed) to extreme tip of tail. The tail should be squeezed together or rotated to produce the maximum overall length.

**NOTE:**

Regulations in federal waters (>9nm from shore) may differ from state regulations. For toll-free federal information, call (888) 833-1844.