KNOW THE CODE!
The Texas Parks and Wildlife Coastal Code of Ethics

• Respect others
• Respect our natural resources
• Know the regulations
• Protect bird-nesting islands
• Lift, Drift, Pole or Troll when boating over seagrasses
• Keep coastal waters clean
• Know all boating regulations
• Know your boat’s limits
• Share your knowledge and traditions
• Get involved in the regulatory process
• Continue educating yourself about coastal waters

Report game or fishing violations.
Call 1 + (800) 792-GAME

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

Pocket Guide to Bag and Size Limits of Saltwater Fishes and Crabs
Effective September 1, 2018 Expires August 31, 2019

For further information on fishing rules refer to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual or call (800) 792-1112.

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**NOTE:** Possession limit is twice the daily bag. **EXCEPT** as listed below. There are no bag, possession or size limits on fish or crabs. **EXCEPT** as listed below; limits may change due to Legislative or Commission action. All sizes except as noted are total length. 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.

- **a** One black drum over 52” allowed as part of the daily bag.
- **b** One red drum over 28” allowed per license year with a properly filled out red drum tag. A red drum tag may be taken in addition to the daily bag limit.
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- **d** May not take from public waters or possess on board a boat mullet over 12” during Oct., Nov., Dec., and Jan.
- **e** The spotted seatrout daily bag limit is 5 for public waters south of 45°N. Possession limit is 10 fish.
- **f** From Nov. 1-30, trout may be taken using pole and line only. After Nov. 30, these may be used.
- **g** Prohibited shark species are as follows: Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bigeye, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Thresher, Blacknose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrownose, Night, Sandbar, Sand Tiger, Seven Gill, Silky, Smalltooth, White
- **h** May not retain or possess egg-bearing (sponge) crabs or female crabs that have had the apron removed.
- **i** Blue crabs are measured across the widest point of the body from tip of spine to tip of spine.
- **j** Only the right claw may be retained. The body must be returned immediately to the water from which it was taken.
- **k** May not possess more than 20 ghost shrimp per person at any time.
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