

Mississippi Saltwater Recreational Fishing Size & Possession Limits

Species	Minimum Size	Possession Limit
Cobia	33" FL	2
Flounder	12" TL	10
Red Drum*	18" TL to 30" TL	3
Spotted Seatrout	15" TL	15
King Mackerel	24" FL	3
Spanish Mackerel	No Limit	15
Tripetail	18" TL	3
Greater Amberjack	34" FL	1
Sheepshead	14" TL	15
Red & Yellowfin Groupers	20" TL	4 (in aggregate)**
Yellowmouth, Yellowedge, Misty & Snowy Groupers	No Limit	4 (in aggregate)**
Rock and Red Hind Groupers	No Limit	4 (in aggregate)**
Scamp	16" TL	4 (in aggregate)**
Black Grouper	24" TL	4 (in aggregate)**
Gap Grouper	24" TL	2/person (in aggregate)**
Warsaw & Speckled Hind Groupers	No Limit	1/Vessel (in aggregate)**
Goliath & Nassau Groupers	No Take	No Take
Vermillion Snapper	10" TL	
Lane Snapper	8" TL	
Gray Triggerfish	15" FL	1 (in aggregate)**
Almaco Jack Tilefish	No Limit	
Goldface Tilefish		20 (in aggregate)**
Anchor Tilefish		
Blacklined Tilefish		
Blueline Tilefish		
Red Snapper	16" TL	2
Gray & Yellowtail Snapper	12" FL	10 (in aggregate)**
Mutton Snapper	16" TL	
Sharks (Small Coastals)	25" TL	4 (in aggregate)**
Sharks (Large Coastals & Pelagics)	1/person (max. of 3/ vessel)	
Crabs (Hard Shells)	5" ***	No Limit
Crabs (Soft Shells)	No Limit	No Limit
Lesser Amberjack	14" -22" TL	5 (in aggregate)**
Banded Rudderfish		

*Recreational fishermen may retain only one Red Drum over 30 inches TL.

**i.e., any combination in this group

***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

NOTE: Fishing seasons for some species may be closed by order of the Commission on Marine Resources. Advance notice of such closures will be given. **Please be aware that size and possession limits are subject to change.** Please contact the MDMR at 228-374-5000 for the most current limits. Not all fish species are listed on this card.



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These limits are for Mississippi waters. 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.

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.

For more information, call the MDMR at 228-374-5000 or visit our website at dmr.ms.gov.

Federal regulations may differ from state regulations. For federal regulations, contact the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council at 888-833-1844 or gulfcouncil.org.

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