



# Tampa Bay Ethical Angler

## Wallet Card

Keep only those fish you'll eat. Catch and release properly. Tips: <http://tbep.org/help/angler.html>

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".

## Mackerel, Spanish



**Minimum Size:** 12" fork.

**Daily Bag Limit:** 15 per person.

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

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

**Guidelines on mercury and fish consumption:** [www.myfloridaeh.com/medicine/fishconsumptionadvisories/index.html](http://www.myfloridaeh.com/medicine/fishconsumptionadvisories/index.html)

## Cobia (Ling)



**Minimum Size:** 33" fork.

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

## 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.

## Flounder



**Minimum Size:** 12".

**Daily Bag Limit:** 10 per person.

May be harvested by spearing.

## Permit and Pompano



**Size Limits:** Permit: not less than 11" or more than 22" fork; may possess one over 22". Pompano: 11" fork.

**Daily Bag Limit:** per harvester: 2 Permit, 6 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:** 54" fork for all non-prohibited sharks except Atlantic sharpnose, blacknose, blacktip, bonnethead, finetooth, and smooth dogfish.

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

Hook and line gear only. Finning and filleting at sea prohibited. See protected species list below.

## 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 & May 1 – Aug. 31 on 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:** 4 per person per day in Southwest region of Florida, including Tampa Bay and all Gulf of Mexico waters south of Fred Howard Park in Pinellas County.

**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 current information on fishing regulations and licenses, visit [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com) or call the local FWC Division of Law Enforcement office at (813) 272-2516.

Regulations current as of June 2013. 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, disabled residents, low-income residents who meet certain criteria, and other exemptions as noted at [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com).

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**Protected Species:** It is unlawful to harvest, possess, land, purchase, sell or exchange the following species: Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Nassau Grouper, Sawfish, Atlantic Angel Shark, Basking Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger Shark, Bigeye Sixgill Shark, Bigeye Thresher Shark, Bignose Shark, Caribbean Reef Shark, Caribbean Sharpnose Shark, Dusky Shark, Lemon Shark, Longfin Mako Shark, Narrowtooth Shark, Night Shark, Sandbar Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Sevengill Shark, Silky Shark, Sixgill Shark, Smalltail Shark, Whale Shark, White Shark, Manta Ray, Spotted Eagle Ray, Sturgeon, Spiny Dogfish, Longspine Urchin, Stony, Hard and Fire Corals, Sea Fans, Florida Queen Conch and Bahama Starfish. Harvest of live rock in state waters is prohibited.