













2023 Recreational Seasons - AT-A-GLANCE

Gulf of Mexico State Waters

Click on the species for up-to-date closures and regulations.

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
 Amberjack, Greater								Closes Aug. 25				
 Bay Scallops	2023 bay scallops at-a-glance at MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational/Bay-scallops											
 Crab, Stone					Closes May 2					Opens Oct. 15		
 Flounder										Closes Oct. 15		
 Grouper, Gag All counties excluding Monroe										Closes Oct. 19		
 Grouper, Red All counties excluding Monroe							Closes July 21					
 Permit			Special Permit Zone (SPZ) only									
 Snapper, Red State and federal waters						Opens June 16	Closes July 31		Open Fridays - Sundays, Labor Day and Thanksgiving			
 Snook												
 Spiny Lobster							Sport season open July 26-27	Opens Aug. 6				
 Spotted Seatrout Western Panhandle Management Region												
 Triggerfish, Gray												
Key	Open				Closed				Open for portion of month (see open/close dates)			

2023 Recreational Species With No Closed Seasons - AT-A-GLANCE

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Click on the species for up-to-date size and bag limits.



Bonefish
Catch and Release Only



King Mackerel



Sheepshead



Black Drum



Spanish Mackerel



Snappers
(Excluding Red Snapper)



Blue Crab
(regional trap closures apply)



Mullet



Lionfish



Bluefish



African Pompano



Other Groupers
(Includes Black, Yellowfin, Yellowmouth, Rock Hind, Red Hind & Scamp **Excluding** Monroe County)



Cobia



Florida Pompano



Tripletail



Dolphin, Mahi



Redfish (Red Drum)



White Grunt



Hogfish
Except south of the 25°03 North
Latitude line or Cape Sable



Black Sea Bass



Whiting



Shark
(Non-prohibited species)



Spotted Seatrout
(except Western Panhandle)

Prohibited Species: Goliath Grouper (without permit), Nassau Grouper, Queen Conch, Prohibited Sharks, Sturgeon, Spotted Eagle Ray. (Does not include all prohibited species)

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