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Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Minimum Size	Bag Limit	
Snapper															
 Red Snapper ★	Federal for-hire season: Open 12:01 AM June 1, 2026 - 12:01 AM on October 26, 2026. Private recreational season: Determined by the states.												16 inches TL	2/pp	
 Gray (Mangrove) Snapper													12 inches TL		10 Snapper combined total
 Mutton Snapper													18 inches TL	5/pp	
 Yellowtail Snapper													12 inches TL		
 Cubera Snapper ★													12 inches TL		
 Queen Snapper ★													none		

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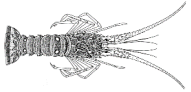

 Blackfin Snapper ★	[Green background]												none		10 Snapper combined total
 Wenchman ★	[Green background]												none		
 Silk Snapper ★	[Green background]												none		
 Vermilion Snapper ★	[Green background]												10 inches TL	10/pp	20 reef fish combined total
 Lane Snapper	[Green background]												8 inches TL		
Other Reef Fish	[Grey background]														
 Gray Triggerfish ★	Closed	[Green background]				Closed	[Green background]						15 inches FL	1/pp	20 reef fish combined total
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 Almaco Jack ★	[Green background]												none		20 reef fish combined total
 [Species Name]	[Green background]												none		

Golden Tilefish															20 reef fish combined total
 Goldface Tilefish													none		
 Blueline Tilefish													none		
 Hogfish													14 inches FL	5/pp	
 Greater Amberjack ★	Closed						Open September 1 - October 31		Closed		34 inches FL	1/pp			
 Lesser Amberjack ★													14-22 inches FL		5 fish combined total
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 Banded Rudderfish ★													14-22 inches FL		5 fish combined total
 Gag Grouper ★	Closed						Open September 1 - TBD						24 inches TL	2/pp	
 Gag Grouper ★		Closed when fishing beyond 20 fathom break												20 inches TL	

Red Gouper 																	
 Black Grouper		Closed when fishing beyond 20 fathom break	Closed when fishing beyond 20 fathom break	Framework action pending that may close the season									24 inches TL		4 grouper combined total		
 Scamp				Framework action pending that may close the season									16 inches TL				
 Yellowfin Grouper				Framework action pending that may close the season									20 inches TL				
 Yellowmouth Grouper				Framework action pending that may close the season									none				

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 Yelloweye Grouper	[Green]												none		4 grouper combined total
 Snowy Grouper	[Green]												none		
 Speckled Hind	[Green]												none	1 per vessel	
 Warsaw Grouper	[Green]												none	1 per vessel	

 Goliath Grouper	Closed												Harvest Prohibited		
 Nassau Grouper	Closed												Harvest Prohibited		
Coastal Migratory Pelagics															
 Cobia													36 inches FL*	1/pp & 2/per vessel	

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Minimum Size	Bag Limit	
 Spanish Mackerel													12 inches FL	15/pp	
 King Mackerel													24 inches FL	3/pp	
Shellfish															
 Spiny Lobster				Closed April 1 - August 5 with a 2 day mini-season the last consecutive Wednesday and Thursday in July.									3 inches minimum carapace	6/pp	
Other															
 Red Drum	Closed														





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2023 Recreational Fish

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Fishing Season Calendar							
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Minimum Size	Bag Limit

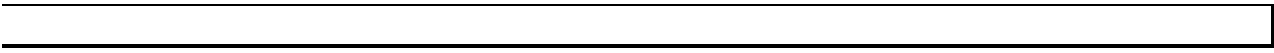
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Other							
 Red Drum	 Closed						




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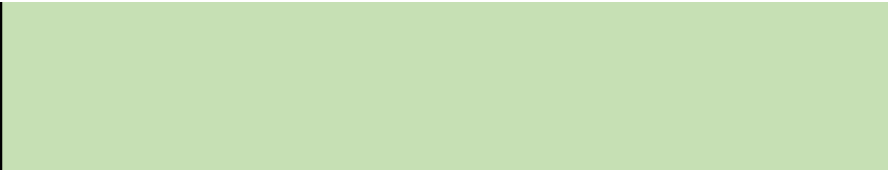
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						36 inches FL*	2/pp
						12 inches FL	15/pp
						24 inches FL	3/pp

2023 Recreational Fish

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Grouper						
 Gag Grouper ★	Closed					
 Red Gouper ★	Closed until Jan 23, 2023	Closed when fishing beyond 20 fathom break				
 Black Grouper						
 Scamp						
 Yellowfin Grouper						
 Yellowmouth Grouper						
 Yellowedge Grouper						
 Snowy Grouper						



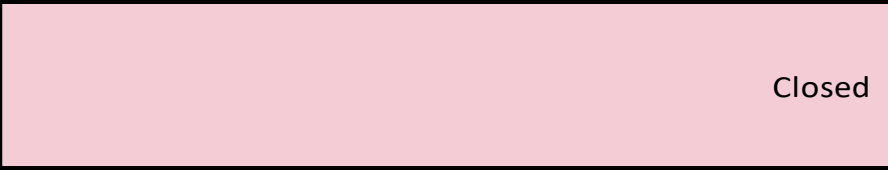
Speckled Hind



Warsaw Grouper



Goliath Grouper



Closed



Nassau Grouper



Closed


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						24 inches TL	2/pp	4 grouper combined total


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Other Reef Fish

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 Goldface Tilefish						
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 Blueline Tilefish						
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 Hogfish						
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 Greater Amberjack ★	Closed					
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*The greater amberjack recreational fishing year begins August 1.

						
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Lesser Amberjack 	
 Banded Rudderfish 	
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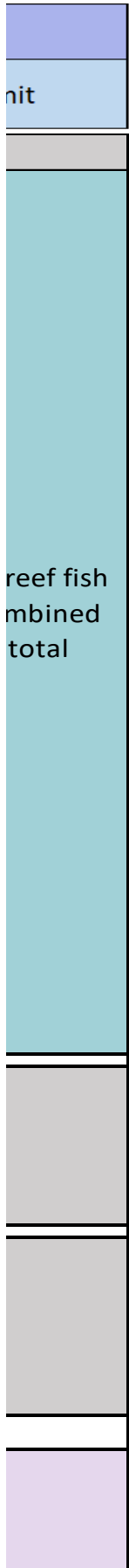
Additional Fishing Season Calendar

Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Minimum Size	Bag Limit
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						none		
						14 inches FL	5/pp	
Closed		Closed				34 inches FL	1/pp	
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