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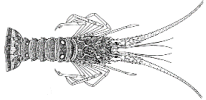
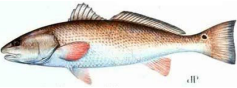
Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Minimum Size	Bag Limit	
Snapper															
 Red Snapper ★	Closed					Federally permitted for-hire season: <b>Open 12:01 AM June 1 to 12:01 AM August 25, 2023.</b> Private recreational season: <b>Determined by each Gulf state.</b>			Closed			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 ★													none		10 Snapper combined total
 Wenchman ★													none		
 Silk Snapper ★													none		
 Vermilion Snapper ★													10 inches TL	10/pp	20 reef fish combined total
 Lane Snapper													8 inches TL		
Other Reef Fish															
 Gray Triggerfish ★	Closed				Closed							15 inches FL	1/pp	20 reef fish combined total	

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 Almaco Jack ★	Green												none		20 reef fish combined total
 Golden Tilefish	Green												none		
 Goldface Tilefish	Green												none		
 Blueline Tilefish	Green												none		
 Hogfish	Green												14 inches FL	5/pp	
 Greater Amberjack ★	Closed							Open Aug 1 to Aug 25	Closed				34 inches FL	1/pp	
*The greater amberjack recreational fishing year begins August 1.															
 Lesser Amberjack ★	Green												14-22 inches FL		5 fish combined total

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 Banded Rudderfish ★													14-22 inches FL		5 fish combined total	
Grouper																
 Gag Grouper ★	Closed							Open September 1 - October 18		Closed		24 inches TL	2/pp	4 grouper combined total		
 Red Gouper ★													Closed when fishing beyond 20 fathom break			
 Black Grouper		24 inches TL														
 Scamp		16 inches TL														
 Yellowfin Grouper		20 inches TL														
 Yellowmouth Grouper		none														

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 Yellowedge Grouper													none		4 grouper combined total
 Snowy Grouper													none		
 Speckled Hind													none	1 per vessel	
 Warsaw Grouper													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	

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 Spanish Mackerel													12 inches FL	15/pp	
 King Mackerel															
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														
★ Subject to in-season closure if annual catch limit is projected to be met.															