

Species Covered by Vessel Permits Issued by the NMFS Southeast Regional Office

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State permits or federal permits not issued by the Southeast Regional Office may pertain to species listed in this document. This is not a listing of all permits for these species; this is a listing of all commercial and for-hire vessel permits issued by the Southeast Regional Office, and the species for which they apply.

The following definitions apply within this document:

Gulf of Mexico means Federal waters off the west coast of Florida through Texas

Atlantic means Federal waters off Maine through east coast of Florida

South Atlantic means Federal waters off North Carolina through east coast of Florida

U.S. Caribbean means U.S. Territorial waters around Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands

Limited Access permits are permits for which no new permits will be issued by NMFS. Persons interested in obtaining a limited access permit must obtain one from an existing permit holder, and submit an application to have the permit transferred to their vessel.

Open Access permits are permits that are not limited access. NMFS will issue new open access permits, however, certain eligibility requirements may apply.

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Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo (ADW)

Atlantic (Open Access)

Dolphin	<i>Coryphaena equiselis</i>
Wahoo	<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>

Crab permits

Golden Crab (GC)

South Atlantic (within applicable subzones) (Limited Access)

Golden Crab	<i>Chaceon fenneri</i>
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Coastal Migratory Pelagics permits

King Mackerel (KM)

Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic (Texas through New York only) (Limited Access)

King Mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i>	Requires an endorsement to use gillnet gear.
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Spanish Mackerel (SM)

Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic (Texas through New York only) (Open Access)

Spanish Mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>
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Lobster Permits

Spiny Lobster (LC)

Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (Open Access)

Spiny Lobster	<i>Panulirus argus</i>
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Spiny Lobster Tailing (LT)

Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (Open Access)

Spiny Lobster	<i>Panulirus argus</i>	Requires spiny lobster (LC) or appropriate Florida permits
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Shrimp Permits, Gulf of Mexico

Gulf of Mexico Shrimp (SPGM)

Gulf of Mexico (Limited Access)

Brown Shrimp	<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	
Pink Shrimp	<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	
White Shrimp	<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	
Royal Red Shrimp	<i>Hymenopenaeus robustus</i>	Also requires a Gulf Royal Red Shrimp endorsement (GRRS)

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Royal Red Shrimp Endorsement (GRRS)

Gulf of Mexico (Open Access)

Shrimp	Royal Red Shrimp	<i>Hymenopenaeus robustus</i>	Requires a Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Moratorium permit (SPGM)
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Shrimp Permits, South Atlantic

Rock Shrimp (Carolinas Zone) (RSCZ)

South Atlantic (North and South Carolina only) (Open Access)

Rock Shrimp	<i>Sicyonia brevirostris</i>
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Rock Shrimp (South Atlantic) (RSLA)

South Atlantic (North Carolina through east coast Florida only) (Limited Access)

Rock Shrimp	<i>Sicyonia brevirostris</i>
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South Atlantic Penaeid Shrimp (SPA)

South Atlantic (Open Access)

Brown Shrimp	<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>
Pink Shrimp	<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>
White Shrimp	<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>

Snapper and Grouper permits

South Atlantic Snapper Grouper -- trip limited (SG2) or unlimited (SG1)

South Atlantic (Limited Access)

Groupers			
	Black grouper	<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	
	Coney	<i>Epinephelus fulvus</i>	
	Gag	<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	
	Graysby	<i>Epinephelus cruentatus</i>	
	Misty grouper	<i>Epinephelus mystacinus</i>	
	Red grouper	<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	
	Red hind	<i>Epinephelus guttatus</i>	
	Rock hind	<i>Epinephelus adscensionis</i>	
	Scamp	<i>Mycteroperca phenax</i>	
	Snowy grouper	<i>Epinephelus niveatus</i>	
	Yellowedge grouper	<i>Epinephelus flavolimbatus</i>	
	Yellowfin grouper	<i>Mycteroperca venenosa</i>	
	Yellowmouth grouper	<i>Mycteroperca interstitialis</i>	
Grunts			
	Cottonwick	<i>Haemulon melanurum</i>	
	Margate	<i>Haemulon album</i>	
	Sailor's choice	<i>Haemulon parrai</i>	

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	Tomtate	<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	
	White grunt	<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	
Jacks	Almaco jack	<i>Seriola rivoliana</i>	
	Banded rudderfish	<i>Seriola zonata</i>	
	Bar jack	<i>Caranx ruber</i>	
	Greater amberjack	<i>Seriola dumerili</i>	
	Lesser amberjack	<i>Seriola fasciata</i>	
Porgies	Jolthead porgy	<i>Calamus bajonado</i>	
	Knobbed porgy	<i>Calamus nodosus</i>	
	Longspine porgy	<i>Stenotomus caprinus</i>	
	Red porgy	<i>Pagrus pagrus</i>	
	Saucereye porgy	<i>Calamus calamus</i>	
	Scup	<i>Stenotomus chrysops</i>	
	Whitebone porgy	<i>Calamus leucosteus</i>	
Sea Basses	Bank sea bass	<i>Centropristis ocyurus</i>	
			Sea Bass Pot Endorsement required to use a Black Sea Bass Pot
	Black sea bass	<i>Centropristis striata</i>	
	Rock sea bass	<i>Centropristis philadelphica</i>	
Snappers	Blackfin snapper	<i>Lutjanus buccanella</i>	
	Cubera snapper	<i>Lutjanus cyanopterus</i>	
	Gray snapper	<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	
	Lane snapper	<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	
	Mutton snapper	<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	
	Queen snapper	<i>Etelis oculatus</i>	
	Silk snapper	<i>Lutjanus vivanus</i>	
	Vermilion snapper	<i>Rhomboplites aurorubens</i>	
	Red snapper	<i>Lutjanus campechanus</i>	
	Yellowtail snapper	<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	
Spadefishes	Atlantic Spadefish	<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	
			Also requires Wreckfish permit (WRK) and Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) shares.
Temperate basses	Wreckfish	<i>Polyprion americanus</i>	
Tilefishes	Blueline tilefish	<i>Caulolatilus microps</i>	
			Also requires Golden Tilefish Longline Endorsement to take Golden Tilefish with longline gear
	Golden tilefish	<i>Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps</i>	
	Sand tilefish	<i>Malacanthus plumieri</i>	
Triggerfishes	Gray triggerfish	<i>Balistes capriscus</i>	
	Ocean triggerfish	<i>Canthidermis sufflamen</i>	
Wrasses	Hogfish	<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	

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Wreckfish (WRK)

South Atlantic (Open Access)

Temperate basses	Wreckfish	<i>Polyprion americanus</i>	Also requires South Atlantic snapper grouper SG1 or SG2 and Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) shares
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Commercial Reef Fish (RR)

Gulf of Mexico (Limited Access)

A Longline Endorsement is required to use longline gear in the eastern Gulf.

Groupers	Black grouper	<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	Requires Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) account and allocation
	Gag	<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation
	Red grouper	<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation
	Scamp	<i>Mycteroperca phenax</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation
	Snowy grouper	<i>Epinephelus niveatus</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation
	Speckled hind	<i>Epinephelus drummondhayi</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation
	Warsaw grouper	<i>Epinephelus nigritus</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation
	Yellowedge grouper	<i>Epinephelus flavolimbatus</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation
	Yellowfin grouper	<i>Mycteroperca venenosa</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation
	Yellowmouth grouper	<i>Mycteroperca interstitialis</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation
Jacks	Almaco jack	<i>Seriola rivoliana</i>	
	Banded rudderfish	<i>Seriola zonata</i>	
	Greater amberjack	<i>Seriola dumerili</i>	
	Lesser amberjack	<i>Seriola fasciata</i>	
Snappers	Blackfin snapper	<i>Lutjanus buccanella</i>	
	Cubera snapper	<i>Lutjanus cyanopterus</i>	

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	Gray (mangrove) snapper	<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>		
	Lane snapper	<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>		
	Mutton snapper	<i>Lutjanus analis</i>		
	Queen snapper	<i>Etelis oculatus</i>		
	Red snapper	<i>Lutjanus campechanus</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation	
	Silk snapper	<i>Lutjanus vivanus</i>		
	Vermilion snapper	<i>Rhomboplites aurorubens</i>		
	Wenchman	<i>Pristipomoides aquilonaris</i>		
	Yellowtail snapper	<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>		
Tilefishes	Blueline tilefish	<i>Caulolatilus microps</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation	
	Goldface tilefish	<i>Caulolatilus chrysops</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation	
	Tilefish	<i>Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps</i>	Requires IFQ account and allocation	
Trigger-fishes	Gray triggerfish	<i>Balistes capriscus</i>		
Wrasses	Hogfish	<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>		

Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permits

Atlantic Tuna Longline (ATL)

Requires a Swordfish Directed (SFD) or Incidental permit (SFI) and a Shark Directed (SKD) or Incidental (SKI) Permit. Also requires Individual Bluefin Tuna Bycatch quota (IBQ) account and allocation, electronic monitoring (onboard camera system), when using pelagic longline gear.

Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and U.S. Caribbean (Limited Access)

Tunas	Albacore tuna	<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	
	Bigeye tuna	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>	
	Skipjack tuna	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	
	Yellowfin tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	
	Bluefin tuna	<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>	

Commercial Caribbean Small Boat (CCSB)

U.S. Caribbean (Open Access)

Swordfish	Swordfish	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>	
Tunas	Albacore tuna	<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	
	Bigeye tuna	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>	
	Skipjack tuna	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	
	Yellowfin Tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	

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Shark Directed and Shark Incidental (SKD and SKI)

Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and U.S. Caribbean (Limited Access)

Shark	Blue	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	
	Common thresher	<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>	
	Oceanic whitetip	<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	Cannot possess Oceanic whitetips if pelagic longline gear is onboard or if the vessel possesses tunas or swordfish.
	Porbeagle	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	Required to release if alive at haulback with Pelagic Longline
	Shortfin mako	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	
	Atlantic blacknose	<i>Carcharhinus acronotus</i>	Harvest prohibited in Gulf of Mexico
	Blacktip	<i>Carcharhinus limbatus</i>	
	Bonnethead	<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	
	Bull	<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>	
	Finetooth	<i>Carcharhinus isodon</i>	
	Hammerhead, Great	<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	Cannot possess hammerhead or silky sharks if pelagic longline gear is onboard or if the vessel possesses tunas or swordfish.
	Hammerhead, Scalloped	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	
	Hammerhead, Smooth	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	
	Silky	<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i>	
	Spinner	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	
	Tiger	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	
	Lemon	<i>Negaprion brevirostris</i>	
	Nurse	<i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i>	
	Sandbar	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	Selection in Shark Research Fishery required
	Atlantic sharpnose	<i>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</i>	

Swordfish Directed, Swordfish Incidental, Swordfish Handgear (SFD, SFI, and SFH)

Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and U.S. Caribbean (Limited Access)

			Swordfish Directed (SFD) and Swordfish Incidental (SFI) permits also require valid Atlantic Tuna longline (ATL) permit <u>and</u> a Shark Directed (SKD) or Incidental (SKI) permit to be considered valid. Swordfish Handgear (SFH) does not require other permits.
	Swordfish	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>	

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Smoothhound Shark (SHS)

Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico (Open Access,)

	Smooth dogfish	<i>Mustelus canis</i>	Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, US Caribbean
	Florida smoothhound	<i>Mustelus norrisi</i>	Gulf of Mexico, US Caribbean
	Gulf smoothhound	<i>Mustelus sinuamexicanus</i>	Gulf of Mexico, US Caribbean

For-Hire Permits

Dolphin and Wahoo permit

Atlantic Charter/Headboat for Dolphin/Wahoo (CDW)

Atlantic (Open Access)

Dolphin	<i>Coryphaena equiselis</i>
Wahoo	<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>

Coastal Migratory Pelagic permits

South Atlantic Charter / Headboat for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Fish (CHS)

Atlantic (New York through east coast of Florida only) (Open Access)

Coastal Migratory Pelagic	Cobia	<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>
	King Mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i>
	Spanish Mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>

Gulf of Mexico Charter Vessel/Headboat for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Fish (CHG and HCHG)

Gulf of Mexico (Limited Access)

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	King Mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i>
	Spanish Mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>

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Snapper and Grouper permits

Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit for South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper (SC)

South Atlantic (Open Access)

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Gulf Charter Vessel/ Headboat for Reef Fish (RCG and HRCG)

Gulf of Mexico (Limited Access)

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	Red grouper	<i>Epinephelus morio</i>
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Wrasses	Hogfish	<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>