

# FLORIDA RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING REGULATIONS

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## New Regulation Changes: Red Grouper, Dolphin, and Wahoo

### Red Grouper

Effective January 3, 2005, red grouper regulations changed in Florida's Gulf of Mexico state waters. The new recreational bag limit is now two red grouper and is included within the aggregate bag limit of five grouper per day. Florida state waters extend out to nine miles in the Gulf of Mexico.

The new state regulation came about due to a recent change in federal regulations. Federal fisheries management agencies declared the red grouper stock in the Gulf of Mexico to be overfished in October 2000. This resulted in a 10-year rebuilding plan for red grouper where stock status and harvest rates will be assessed every three years. Since that time, the most recent assessment found spawning stocks to be too low. As a result, recreational and commercial regulatory changes were implemented in federal waters to decrease the rate of harvest in an effort to increase these spawning stocks. Therefore, to remain consistent with federal regulations, FWC adopted the recreational two-fish bag limit for red grouper in Florida's Gulf of Mexico state waters. The minimum size limit of 20-inches remains unchanged.

### Dolphin and Wahoo

Effective January 2, 2005, recreational dolphin regulations changed. The recreational bag limit for dolphin will remain 10 per person per day, not to exceed 60 fish per vessel per day statewide. However, vessels licensed for more than 6-paying passengers (e.g. headboat/partyboat) will be allowed 10-dolphin per paying passenger statewide. A minimum size limit of 20-inches fork length for dolphin will also be applied in Florida's Atlantic Ocean state waters. Florida state waters extend out to three miles in the Atlantic Ocean. There is no minimum or maximum size limit for dolphin caught in Florida's Gulf of Mexico state waters.

Also effective January 2, 2005, wahoo was added as a regulated species for recreational fishing in Florida's state waters. The bag limit has been set at two fish per person per day statewide. There is no minimum or maximum size limit for this species.

The new dolphin and wahoo regulations are in place due to recent changes in federal regulations. As a proactive effort, federal fisheries management agencies enacted these regulatory changes to

prevent overfishing of these two species. Along with these new regulations, the FWC rule will also require commercial vessels to have a federal commercial vessel permit, and require for-hire vessels wishing to sell dolphin and wahoo to obtain this federal commercial vessel permit. These rules also designate dolphin and wahoo as restricted species, meaning a restricted species endorsement is required to harvest this species commercially.

*For more information about the new federal commercial vessel permit for dolphin and wahoo contact the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) at 727-570-5333.*

*For more information about a restricted species endorsement for dolphin and wahoo contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 850-487-3122.*



Photo/Jeff Nielson

### New Regulations at a Glance:

Red Grouper	Dolphin	Wahoo
Minimum size of 20", 2 per person per day, included within 5 aggregate Grouper limit.	Minimum size of 20" fork in Atlantic, 10 per person per day not exceeding 60 per vessel.	No minimum size, 2 per person per day.



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## BOATING AND ANGLING GUIDES TO FLORIDA'S WATERWAYS

Since 1992, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) has been producing a statewide series of educational boating and angling guides. Each guide describes a different bay or estuary and contains information for boaters and anglers about Florida's coastal and marine ecosystems. The guides also feature marina locations,

public boat ramp information, artificial reef coordinates, fishing tips, and information on the most commonly caught species in that area. Currently, there are 15 guides available, which include: Chotawhatchee Bay, Tampa Bay, Biscayne Bay (available in Spanish and English), and Lake Worth. As part of the Sport Fish Restoration Program, FWRI develops these guides through

cooperative efforts with other agencies and organizations. With over two million already in print, the guides are available for free at many marinas, tackle shops, boating supply stores, and other marine businesses. They can also be obtained directly from FWRI at (727) 896-8626. For a complete list of all available boater's guides log on to: <http://research.MyFWC.com>.



Visit the FWC booth at these upcoming events to pick up your copy of the *Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations* and *Fishing Lines: Angler's Guide to Florida Marine Resources*

**Daytona Beach Boat Show Kids' Fishing Clinic**  
January 15-16  
Daytona Beach (850) 488-6058

**Florida Sportsman Show**  
January 29-30  
Ft. Myers (813) 839-7696

**Florida Fishing College**  
February TBA  
Manatee County (941) 748-0411

**Florida State Fair**  
February 10-21  
Tampa 1-800-345-FAIR

**Riverfest**  
February 26  
Gemini Springs (850) 488-6058

**Florida Sportsman Show**  
February 26-27  
Ft. Walton Beach (813) 839-7696

**Frank Sargeant Hunting and Fishing Expo**  
March 4-6  
Tampa (813) 854-1180

**"Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!!"**  
March 4-6  
Ft. Lauderdale (954) 475-9068

**Florida Sportsman Show**  
March 12-13  
Jacksonville (813) 839-7696

**Shallow Water Expo**  
April TBA  
Tampa (813) 839-7696

**FWRI Marine Quest**  
April 7-9  
St. Petersburg (727) 896-8626

**Kid's Fishing Clinic**  
April 23  
Crystal River (850) 488-6058

**"Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!!"**  
April 22-24  
Stuart (954) 475-9068

**Kid's Fishing Clinic**  
April 30  
Pensacola (850) 488-6058

**Kid's Fishing Clinic**  
May 14  
Summerland Key (850) 488-6058

**Kid's Fishing Clinic**  
May 21  
Panacea (850) 488-6058

**Kid's Fishing Clinic**  
June 4  
Panama City Beach (850) 488-6058

**Kid's Fishing Clinic**  
June 18  
Fernandina Beach (850) 488-6058

**Kid's Fishing Clinic**  
June 25  
Cape Canaveral (850) 488-6058

## The Division of Law Enforcement (DLE)

The Division of Law Enforcement patrols Florida's coastal waters to provide assistance to boaters and anglers as well as to enforce Florida's saltwater fishing and boating laws. FWC officers assist boaters who are in distress, provide advice and direction to those who are traveling Florida's coastline and waterways, and may issue citations for violations of state and federal fishing, wildlife, and boating laws.

**Tallahassee Headquarters**  
Bureau of Field Operations..... 850-488-9924

*For Saltwater Fishing and Boating Questions, Contact the Nearest Regional Field Office Below*

<b>Northeast Region</b>	
Ocala.....	352-732-1225
Titusville.....	321-383-2740
<b>South Region</b>	
Miami.....	305-956-2500
West Palm Beach.....	561-625-5122
Jupiter.....	561-624-6935
<b>Special Enforcement Area</b>	
Marathon.....	305-289-2320
<b>Southwest Region</b>	
Tampa.....	813-272-2516
Lakeland.....	863-648-3203
Fort Myers.....	239-332-6971
<b>North Central Region</b>	
Jacksonville.....	904-270-2500
Lake City.....	386-758-0529
Crystal River.....	352-447-1633
<b>Northwest Region</b>	
Panama City.....	850-265-3676
Carrabelle.....	850-697-3741
Pensacola.....	850-595-8978

In emergencies or if state fisheries, wildlife, or boating laws are being violated, call **1-888-404-FWCC (3922)** or for cellular phone users throughout the state, dial **#FWC** or **\*FWC** depending on your location, or hailed on **VHF Channel 16**.

## Recreational Gear

Additional regional gear restrictions may apply in your county. For further clarification, contact the local DLE offices listed on this page.

### Hook-and-Line Gear

Hook-and-line anglers must tend their gear at all times to prevent people, marine life, and shore life from becoming entangled in the line or injured by the hook. Also, it is against the law to intentionally discard any monofilament netting or line into or onto state waters. Monofilament line can entangle birds, marine mammals, marine turtles and fish often injuring or killing them.

### Nets

**The following type of nets may be used for recreational purposes in Florida waters:**

- » Bully nets (for lobster only) no greater than 3 feet in diameter.
- » Frame nets and push nets (for shrimp only) no greater than 16 feet in perimeter.
- » Hand held landing or dip nets no greater than 96 inches in perimeter.
- » Cast nets measuring 14 feet or less stretched length (stretched length is defined as the distance from the horn at the center of the net with the net gathered and pulled taut, to the lead line). Cast nets may be used as harvesting gear for the following species only: black drum, bluefish, cobia, flounder, mullet, Florida pompano, red drum, sheepshead, shrimp, Spanish mackerel, spotted seatrout, weakfish, and unregulated species.
- » Beach or haul seines measuring no larger than 500 square feet of mesh area, no larger than 2 inches stretched mesh size, not constructed of monofilament, and legibly marked at both ends with the harvester's name and address if a Florida resident. Non-residents using beach or haul seines for recreational purposes are required to have a commercial saltwater products license and legibly mark the seine at both ends with the harvester's saltwater products license number. Beach or haul seines may be used as harvesting gear for the following species only: black drum, bluefish, cobia, flounder, mullet, Florida pompano, red drum, sheepshead, shrimp, Spanish mackerel, weakfish, and unregulated species.

### Explosives, etc.

The use of powerheads, explosives, chemicals or the discharge of firearms into the water to kill or harvest marine life is prohibited in state waters.

## State Records & Slams

Congratulations to the following individuals who have qualified for new state fishing records and grand slam certificates! **State records** are administered by the "world record keepers", the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) in Dania, Florida. All-tackle records apply to fish caught on both conventional and fly tackle, and catches must be made in accordance with IGFA rules. The **Grand Slam Club** celebrates the variety of Florida game fishes and the achievement of anglers catching a particular set of three species in one day. There is a different slam for each of the state's four geographic regions and you do not need to keep the fish to qualify.

**North Florida:** redfish, spotted seatrout, cobia

**West Coast:** redfish, snook, tarpon

**South Florida:** bonefish, tarpon, permit

**East Coast:** redfish, tarpon, spotted seatrout

For more information or to apply for a state record or grand slam, contact the FWC Division of Marine Fisheries by calling 850-488-6058, or visit our website at [www.MyFWC.com/Marine](http://www.MyFWC.com/Marine). Entries are free!

### Florida State Records

**Conventional Tackle:** Carl R. Jackson- Striped Bass- 43 lb 9 oz.

### Grand Slam Certificates

#### North Florida Grand Slam:

- Joey Landreneau
- Sharon B. Buchbinder
- Jim Edgeworth

#### West Coast Grand Slam:

- Paul Dana
- Joseph B. Hathaway
- Ron Patella
- Tom Reynolds
- Clinton Kostuk
- Guy L. Thompson

#### South Florida Grand Slam

- Harvey Karen
- Chris A. Wisekal
- Elizabeth Wheatley

#### East Coast Grand Slam:

- Bud Spicer

# Saltwater Fishing in Florida... What You Must Know Before You Go

Saltwater fishing licenses are sold at all county tax collectors' offices and at many bait-and-tackle shops. Licenses may also be obtained over the telephone by dialing Toll Free, **1-888-347-4356**. For those with Internet access, licenses are now available on-line at **MyFWC.com/Marine**. An additional fee is charged for these services. For any recreational licensing information not contained in this publication, please call your local county tax collector office.

### Florida Residents

When applying for a saltwater recreational fishing license, you are considered to be a Florida resident if you are:

- Any person who has resided in Florida for six continuous months prior to applying for a resident license and who claims Florida as their primary residence.
- Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is stationed in this state.

• Gold Sportsman's License (One-Year License includes Hunting, Saltwater Fishing and Freshwater Fishing licenses; and Type I Wildlife Management Area, Archery, Muzzleloading Gun, Turkey and Florida Waterfowl, Snook and Crawfish Permits)... \$83.50. Florida residents may buy a lifetime saltwater fishing license or a lifetime sportsman license. Holders of lifetime saltwater fishing licenses may fish in saltwater for life and will pay no additional fees. The lifetime license fee includes the taking of snook or crawfish — which would otherwise require a separate fee. A lifetime sportsman license allows holders to fish in freshwater or saltwater and to hunt in Florida. Both of these licenses require holders to obey fishing or hunting laws in effect at any given time.

\*Costs for the types of licenses:

### Florida Resident Licenses

One-Year License.....	\$13.50
Gold Sportsman's License.....	\$83.50
(One-Year License includes Hunting, Saltwater Fishing and Freshwater Fishing licenses; and Type I Wildlife Management Area, Archery, Muzzleloading Gun, Turkey and Florida Waterfowl, Snook and Crawfish Permits)	
Five-Year License.....	\$61.50

### Combination Licenses (Florida Residents Only)

Fishing-Saltwater/Freshwater .....	\$25.50
Fishing-Saltwater/Freshwater & Hunting.....	\$35.50

### Lifetime Saltwater Fishing License (Florida Residents Only)

Age: 0-4.....	\$126.50
Age: 5-12.....	\$226.50
Age: 13 or older.....	\$301.50

### Lifetime Sportsman License (Florida Residents Only)

Age: 0-4.....	\$401.50
Age: 5-12.....	\$701.50
Age: 13 or older.....	\$1,001.50

### Non-Resident Licenses

Three-Day License.....	\$6.50
Seven-Day License.....	\$16.50
One-Year License.....	\$31.50

### Additional Privilege Permit

Snook Permit.....	\$2.00
Five-Year Snook Permit.....	\$10.00
Crawfish Permit.....	\$2.00
Five-Year Crawfish Permit.....	\$10.00

If you are not required to buy a license, you are not required to buy permits.

**An additional \$.50 subagents fee will be charged for any license or permit not purchased directly from the county tax collector.**

## You Do Not Need A License If You Are:

- Any child under 16 years of age.
- A Florida resident saltwater fishing for recreational purposes from land or a structure fixed to the land — a pier, bridge, dock, floating dock, jetty or similar structure.
- Fishing from a for-hire vessel — guide, charter, party boat — that has a valid vessel license.
- A holder of a valid saltwater products license
- A Florida resident — 65 years old or older and you possess either a Resident Senior Citizen Hunting and Fishing Certificate or proof of age and residency.
- A Florida resident who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, who is not stationed in this state, while on leave for 30 days or less, upon submission of orders. This does not include family members.
- Any person who has been accepted as a client for developmental services by the Department of Children and Family Services, provided the department furnishes proof thereof.
- A nonresident fishing for recreational purposes from a pier that has a valid pier saltwater fishing license.
- Fishing from a boat that has a valid recreational vessel fishing license.
- A Florida resident who is fishing for mullet in freshwater — with a valid Florida freshwater fishing license.
- A Florida resident fishing for saltwater fish in freshwater from land or a structure fixed to land.
- A Florida resident certified as totally and permanently disabled, who possesses a Florida Resident Disabled Person Hunting and Fishing Certificate. Applicants need to provide a certification of total and permanent disability from the United States Armed Forces, Railroad Retirement Board, Florida Worker's Compensation or the United States Veterans Administration. Alternatively, current documentation for the Social Security Administration for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Supplemental Security Disability Income (SSDI) benefits also will be accepted.

## Other Saltwater Fishing Fees

Vessel licenses are required for all vessels that charge a fee (for-hire vessels) to take passengers out to catch marine fish.

Eleven or more customers ...	\$ 801.50
Ten or less customers .....	\$ 401.50
Four or fewer customers .....	\$ 201.50

Optional fees include the annual Recreational Vessel fee (\$2,001.50) for not-for-hire pleasure craft and the annual Pier license (\$501.50). For charter licensing information, contact your local county tax collector's office or visit our website at [MyFWC.com/Marine](http://MyFWC.com/Marine).

The money collected from saltwater fishing licenses is used to improve and restore fish habitat and for marine fisheries research, law enforcement, and public education on marine resources.

## Spearing

Spearing is defined as “the catching or taking of a fish by bowhunting, gigging, spearfishing, or any device used to capture a fish by piercing its body. Spearing does not include the catching or taking of a fish by a hook with hook and line gear or by snagging (snatch hooking)”. The use of powerheads, bangsticks, and rebreathers remains prohibited. The following is a list of species which are **prohibited** for harvest by spearing. Any other species not listed which are managed by the Commission, and those not managed by the Commission are allowed to be harvested by spearing.

- » Billfish (all species)
- » Bonefish
- » Nassau grouper
- » Pompano
- » Families of ornamental reef fish (surgeonfish, trumpetfish, angelfish, butterflyfish, porcupinefish, cornetfish, squirrelfish, trunkfish, damsselfish, parrotfish, pipefish, seahorse, puffers, triggerfish except gray and ocean)
- » Spotted eagle ray
- » Tarpon
- » Spotted seatrout
- » African pompano
- » Sturgeon
- » Goliath Grouper
- » Red drum
- » Permit
- » Manta ray
- » Snook
- » Weakfish
- » Tripletail
- » Sharks
- » Blue Crab
- » Stone Crab
- » Lobster




### You May NOT Spearfish (Excluding bowhunting and gigging):

- » Effective July 1, 2001, spearfishing of marine and freshwater species in freshwater is prohibited. Possession of a spear gun in or on freshwater is also prohibited.
- » Within 100 yards of a public swimming beach, any commercial or public fishing pier, or any part of a bridge from which public fishing is allowed.
- » Within 100 feet of any part of a jetty that is above the surface of the sea – except for the last 500 yards of a jetty that extends more than 1,500 yards from the shoreline.
- » In Collier County and in Monroe County from Long Key north to the Dade County line.
- » For any fish for which spearing is expressly prohibited by law.
- » In any body of water under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks. (Possession of spearfishing equipment is prohibited in these areas, unless it is unloaded and properly stored.) Fishermen who catch and/or sell fish harvested by spearing are subject to the same rules and limitations that other anglers in the state are required to follow.

## Did you know....

### Three crab species are regulated in Florida?

They are the blue crab, the stone crab, and the blue land crab. Please refer to the table on pages 4-5 of this publication for the most current regulations regarding these three species.

Blue Crab	Stone Crab	Blue Land Crab
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A swimming crab able to tolerate a wide range of salinities.</li> <li>• They can grow to 5 to 7-inches and have been found up to 9-inches across the shell (carapace).</li> <li>• They prefer soft bottom habitats in bays and estuaries, but the females will migrate offshore to spawn.</li> <li>• They feed on a variety of plant and animal matter, living or dead.</li> <li>• Found throughout Florida.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A walking crab found from shallow water to about 80 feet deep in long burrows and rocky crevices.</li> <li>• They can grow up to 6-inches across the shell (carapace).</li> <li>• One claw is specifically for crushing and the other is for slicing and tearing.</li> <li>• Only claws are harvested; both claws can be taken if they are of legal size.</li> <li>• They feed on clam- and snail-like mollusks.</li> <li>• There are two species of stone crab; both species and their hybrids are found throughout Florida waters. All are regulated under one “stone crab” rule.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A large land burrowing crab typically found near the shoreline; adults are rarely found farther than 5-miles from the shoreline.</li> <li>• They can grow to over 4- inches across the shell (carapace).</li> <li>• One claw is commonly larger than the other.</li> <li>• They return to the sea only to drink and breed.</li> <li>• They are mainly vegetarians, but will occasionally eat large insects.</li> <li>• Primarily found in south Florida.</li> </ul>
		



**For Additional Information Please Contact:**  
 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
 Division of Marine Fisheries Management  
 2590 Executive Center Circle East  
 Berkley Building  
 Tallahassee, Florida 32301  
 MyFWC.com/Marine

## New Artificial Reef Locations\*

COUNTY	DEPLOYDATE	REEFNAME	MATERIAL	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	DEPTH	RELIEF
MARTIN	6/28/04	Railroad Tie Patch Reef (yellow, black & pink)	Railroad Ties	27° 11.701' N	80° 02.140' W	93	14
DADE	5/26/04	Gimrock 504 Barge	Steel Deck Barge & Concrete Barriers	25° 42.420' N	80° 04.500' W	248	10
BROWARD	4/26/04	Eternal Reef	18 Eternal Reef Balls	28° 08.551' N	80° 04.894' W	65	6
BROWARD	4/29/04	Miss Dania Beach	126 Ft Freighter	26° 00.605' N	80° 05.502' W	71	27
DADE	3/27/04	Aluminum Vessel	34' X 11' X 10' Aluminum Vessel	25° 56.915' N	80° 07.782' W	30	10
VOLUSIA	6/29/04	Port Authority Site #4	165'x32'x32' Tall Steel Ship	29° 19.198' N	80° 44.770' W	84	32
FLAGLER	5/12/04	George Hanns Reef	Concrete Pilings, Bridge Deck, 55 Reef Balls and 1 Cube	29° 35.850' N	80° 54.530' W	70	15
COLLIER	6/14/04	Rock Reef 4	Limestone Boulders	26° 18.326' N	81° 52.286' W	24	10
CHARLOTTE	7/16/04	Novak Reef 04-buoy#3	Concrete Culverts of Various Sizes	26° 48.644' N	82° 19.539' W	30	13
LEE	6/11/04	ARC-Reef Balls	84 Reef Balls of Various Sizes	26° 24.898' N	82° 24.672' W	57	5
LEE	8/27/04	ARC-seaguard	60 Ft. Long Steel Hulled Sailboat	26° 24.963' N	82° 24.719' W	57	13
SARASOTA	6/2/04	I-1, Lynn Silvertooth, Site #39	40 Concrete Pilings, 30 Concrete Pier Caps	27° 17.155' N	82° 35.881' W	30	10
SARASOTA	3/29/04	I-1, Lynn Silvertooth Reef Balls	18 Reef Balls Floating Deployment	27° 17.155' N	82° 35.955' W	30	5
PINELLAS	5/17/04	Sand Key Nourishment Reef,#2	30 Pieces Power Poles Various Sizes	27° 53.475' N	82° 51.210' W	14	2
PINELLAS	8/25/04	Sand Key Nourishment Reef,imr#1	Power Poles Various Sizes	27° 53.418' N	82° 51.239' W	20	4
PINELLAS	6/17/04	Pinellas South Reef	Steel Barge 75x24x6', Upright, East-West	27° 43.335' N	82° 58.485' W	50	9
PINELLAS	6/18/04	Pinellas South Reef	Steel Barge 110x50x10', Upright, SW To NE	27° 43.363' N	82° 58.584' W	50	12
PINELLAS	6/17/04	Pinellas South Reef	Steel Barge 114x28x7', Upright	27° 43.388' N	82° 58.622' W	50	10
PINELLAS	4/8/04	Veterans Reef	29 Pieces Culverts Various Sizes	28° 02.916' N	83° 00.802' W	44	9
FRANKLIN	4/9/04	St George Island Bridge Reef-center	Single Concrete Bridge Span	29° 30.000' N	84° 49.068' W	75	10
BAY	6/8/04	Carbody	38 Reef Balls	29° 53.874' N	85° 32.573' W	60	6
BAY	4/22/04	Carbody	37 Goliath Reef Balls	29° 53.884' N	85° 32.600' W	60	6
BAY	8/9/04	Bobby Guilford Site	Concrete Rubble	29° 53.235' N	85° 32.620' W	65	8
OKALOOSA	6/8/04	Starfish Reef, Patch #1	15 Walters Tetrahedrons	30° 08.969' N	86° 37.670' W	100	10
OKALOOSA	4/22/04	Starfish Reef, Patch #8	15 Walters Tetrahedrons	30° 08.920' N	86° 37.807' W	103	10
ESCAMBIA	6/28/04	Pat Donnelly Reef	27 Goliath Reef Balls	30° 04.686' N	87° 11.145' W	90	5
ESCAMBIA	6/22/04	Rusty B Reef	30 Goliath Reef Balls And 40 Tons of Rock	30° 04.753' N	87° 11.384' W	89	5
ESCAMBIA	6/2/04	Brown Barge Middle School	1 Goliath Ball and 4 Pallet Balls	30° 06.512' N	87° 11.638' W	91	5
SANTA ROSA	6/30/04	Santa Rosa Marine Resort II	30 Goliath Reef Balls	30° 04.899' N	87° 11.683' W	85	5
SANTA ROSA	7/12/04	Santa Rosa Marine Resort II	30 Goliath Reef Balls	30° 04.900' N	87° 11.700' W	85	5

\*Chart represents a small sample of the over 2,000 artificial reef sites in Florida; for additional artificial reef locations go to [MyFWC.com/Marine/ar/index.asp](http://MyFWC.com/Marine/ar/index.asp)

### 2005 Commission Meetings Dates and Locations

\*Subject to change regarding availability of appropriate facilities to hold the meeting.

**February 2-4, Panama City April 13-15, Tallahassee**

**June 15-17, Daytona Beach July 14-15, Tallahassee**

For more information about Commission meeting dates, times, locations, and agendas visit our website at [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com) and click on "Commission Meetings" on the left side of the page.

## Licenses Are Now Available on the Web! MyFWC.com

**On the Internet... For current federal regulations and information:**

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council  
[www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org)

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
[www.safmc.noaa.gov](http://www.safmc.noaa.gov)

National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries)  
[www.nmfs.noaa.gov](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov)

### RESOURCE HOTLINES



- To Report Fish Kills: 800-636-0511
- Fish Tags: 800-367-4461
- Division of Law Enforcement: 888-404-3922
- To report wildlife law violations, call Wildlife Alert Network 888-404-FWCC (3922)
- Fish & Wildlife Research Institute 727-896-8626 <http://research.myfwc.com>
- To Purchase Fishing Licenses 888-347-4356

\* The Fishing Lines: Angler's Guide to Florida Marine Resources is now on the Web at: [MyFWC.com/Marine](http://MyFWC.com/Marine)