

Summary of regulations regarding bringing fillets into the U.S. from The Bahamas
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Dolphin, wahoo, and snapper grouper species may be brought into the U.S. EEZ from The Bahamas as fillets as long as all of the following conditions are met:

- Dolphin, wahoo, and snapper grouper species brought into the U.S. EEZ from The Bahamas must have skin intact on the entire fillet.
- Two fillets regardless of the size of the fillet will count as one fish towards the bag limit for snapper grouper, dolphin, or wahoo.
- While in The Bahamas, fishermen must abide by Bahamian regulations. When in the U.S. EEZ with fillets from The Bahamas onboard, fishermen will be required to abide by U.S. bag and possession limits.
- In the U.S. EEZ, bag limits for dolphin and wahoo are 10 dolphin per person (60 per vessel maximum) and 2 wahoo per person per day, regardless of country of origin (U.S. or The Bahamas).
- All persons aboard the vessel must have stamped and dated passports to prove they are returning from The Bahamas.
- The vessel must have valid current Bahamian cruising and fishing permits onboard.
- The vessel must be in continuous transit in the U.S. EEZ when fillets are onboard. Continuous transit means the vessel is on a direct and continuous course through the South Atlantic EEZ and no one aboard the vessel fishes in the EEZ.
- All fishing gear must be appropriately stowed. Fishing gear appropriately stowed means--Terminal gear (i.e., hook, leader, sinker, flasher, or bait) used with an automatic reel, bandit gear, buoy gear, handline, or rod and reel must be disconnected and stowed separately from such fishing gear. Sinkers must be disconnected from the down rigger and stowed separately.
- Recreationally caught dolphin, wahoo, or snapper grouper species from The Bahamas may not be sold or purchased in the U.S.
- Recreational fishermen coming from The Bahamas with fillets onboard are not exempt from any other U.S. Federal fishing regulations such as fishing seasons, recreational bag limits, size limits, and prohibited species such as Nassau grouper.