

paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (b)(1)(iv) and paragraphs (b)(1)(vi) through (b)(1)(vii) of this section--20.

(vi) Banded rudderfish and lesser amberjack, combined--5.

(vii) Hogfish--5.

(2) Possession limits. A person, or a vessel in the case of speckled hind or Warsaw grouper, on a trip that spans more than 24 hours may possess no more than two daily bag limits, provided such trip is on a vessel that is operating as a charter vessel or headboat, the vessel has two licensed operators aboard, and each passenger is issued and has in possession a receipt issued on behalf of the vessel that verifies the length of the trip.

(c) King and Spanish mackerel--(1) Bag limits. (i) Atlantic migratory group king mackerel--

(A) Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic, other than off Florida--3.

(B) Off Florida--2, which is the daily bag limit specified by Florida for its waters (Rule 46-12.004(1), Florida Administrative Code). If Florida changes its limit, the bag limit specified in this paragraph (c)(1)(i)(B) will be changed to conform to Florida's limit, provided such limit does not exceed 5.

(ii) Gulf migratory group king mackerel--2.

(iii) Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel--15.

(iv) Gulf migratory group Spanish mackerel--15.

(2) Possession limits. A person who is on a trip that spans more than 24 hours may possess no more than two daily bag limits, provided such trip is on a vessel that is operating as a charter vessel or headboat, the vessel has two licensed operators aboard, and each passenger is issued and has in possession a receipt issued on behalf of the vessel that verifies the length of the trip.

(d) South Atlantic snapper-grouper--(1) Bag limits. (i) Greater amberjack--1.

(ii) Grouper and tilefish, combined--3. However, no grouper or tilefish may be retained by the captain or crew of a vessel operating as a charter vessel or headboat. The bag limit for such captain and crew is zero. In addition, within the 3-fish aggregate bag limit:

(A) No more than one fish may be gag or black grouper, combined;

(B) No more than one fish per vessel may be a snowy grouper;

(C) No more than one fish may be a golden tilefish; and

(D) No goliath grouper or Nassau grouper may be retained.

(iii) Hogfish in the South Atlantic off Florida--5.

[The following paragraph (d)(1)(iv) is suspended August 28, 2012, through December 31, 2012, or until revised by subsequent rulemaking.]

(iv) Snappers, combined--10. However, excluded from this 10-fish bag limit are cubera snapper, measuring 30 inches (76.2 cm), TL, or larger, in the South Atlantic off Florida, and red snapper and vermilion snapper. (See § 622.32(b)(3)(vii) for the prohibition on harvest and possession of red snapper and § 622.32(c)(2) for limitations on cubera snapper measuring 30 inches (76.2 cm), TL, or larger, in or from the South Atlantic EEZ off Florida.)

(v) Vermilion snapper--5. However, no vermilion snapper may be retained by the captain or crew of a vessel operating as a charter vessel or headboat. The bag limit for such captain and crew is zero.

(vi) Red porgy--3.

(vii) Black sea bass--5.

[The following paragraph (d)(1)(viii) is suspended August 28, 2012, through December 31, 2012, or until revised by subsequent rulemaking.]

(viii) South Atlantic snapper-grouper, combined--20. However, excluded from this 20-fish bag limit are tomtate, blue runner, ecosystem component species (specified in Table 4 of Appendix A to part 622), and those specified in paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (vii) and paragraphs (d)(1)(ix) and (x) of this section.

[The following paragraph (d)(1)(ix) is suspended August 28, 2012, through December 31, 2012, or until revised by subsequent rulemaking.]

(ix) No red snapper may be retained.

(x) No more than one fish per vessel may be a wreckfish.

[The following paragraph (d)(1)(xi) is effective August 28, 2012, through December 31, 2012, or until revised by subsequent rulemaking.]

(xi) Snappers, combined--10, of which no more than 1 may be red snapper. The 1-fish red snapper bag limit applies during the recreational red snapper season, specified in § 622.35(l). However, excluded from this 10-fish bag limit are cubera snapper, measuring 30 inches (76.2 cm), TL, or larger, in the South Atlantic off Florida, and vermilion snapper. (See § 622.32(c)(2) for limitations on cubera snapper measuring 30