

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES,
MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION

MARINE INFORMATION CALENDAR 2025



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The mission of the **Marine Resources Division** is to manage the state's marine fishery resources through research, enforcement and education for the maximum benefit of the resources and the citizens of Alabama. **To accomplish the mission the Division is comprised of enforcement, fisheries and administrative sections.**

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, pregnancy, national origin, genetic information, veteran status, or disability in its hiring or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.

The **Enforcement Section** consists of 19 State Law Enforcement Officers primarily tasked with patrolling Alabama's shorelines, coastal waters and adjacent federal waters, enforcing state and federal laws and regulations relating to the conservation and protection of marine resources. Officers also enforce State laws relating to boating safety, hunting and freshwater fishing. They cooperate extensively with other federal and state agencies in the coordination of cooperative enforcement operations, investigative fisheries enforcement activities, training, public safety, search and rescue and other natural resource issues.

The **Fisheries Section** is responsible for making recommendations regarding fishery-related matters to managers. To meet this responsibility, fisheries staff conduct a variety of monitoring programs to gather data for many species of fish and invertebrates. These programs are divided into fishery-dependent and fishery-independent programs. Fisheries staff also work with other Gulf of Mexico state and federal agencies, as well as the public, to collect data through various projects to describe Alabama's marine resources and supply information and recommendations for managing these resources at regional and national levels. Staff also oversee a mariculture program located at the Claude Petet Mariculture Center (CPMC). Various marine species have been spawned and/or reared at the CPMC to support stock enhancement projects, fish movement and growth studies and mariculture research.

The **Administrative Section** handles accounting, billing, payroll, license sales and public inquiries. The Division has two facilities, one on Dauphin Island and the other in Gulf Shores. Combined, the two facilities support approximately 70 employees.



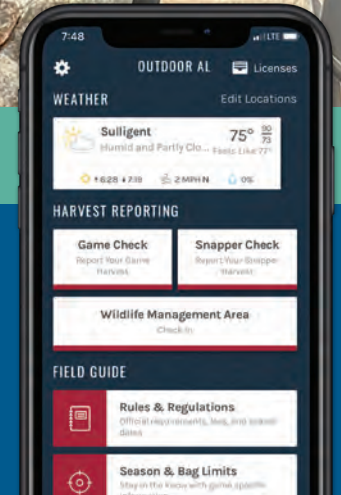
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WHAT IS THE SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM?



The Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) Program provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas fish and wildlife agencies for finfish research, boating access and aquatic education projects. The program is authorized by the Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson) of 1950.

The SFR Program was created to restore and better manage America's declining finfish fishery resources and was modeled after the successful Wildlife Restoration Program. Through the purchases of fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels and import duties, the SFR Program is one of the most successful user pay, user benefit programs.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

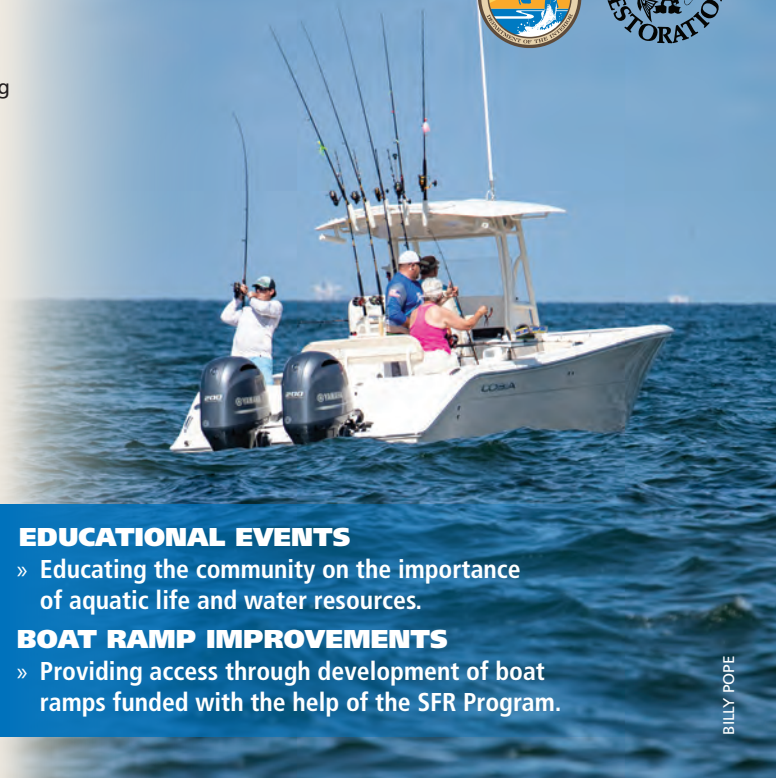
- Restoration and management of fish species of material value for sport-fishing and recreation.
- Provide facilities that create or add to public access for recreational boating.
- Provide aquatic education to the public to increase understanding of water resources and associated aquatic life.

WHAT ARE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS?

- Projects restoring, conserving, managing and enhancing sport fish having material value for sport or recreation.
- Projects enhancing the public's understanding of water resources and aquatic life and assisting them in developing attitudes toward the aquatic environment.

WHERE DO SFR FUNDS COME FROM?

Excise taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties and interest are collected and appropriated to states and territories from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. These funds are apportioned based on a formula which includes land area and number of paid recreational fishing license holders.



EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

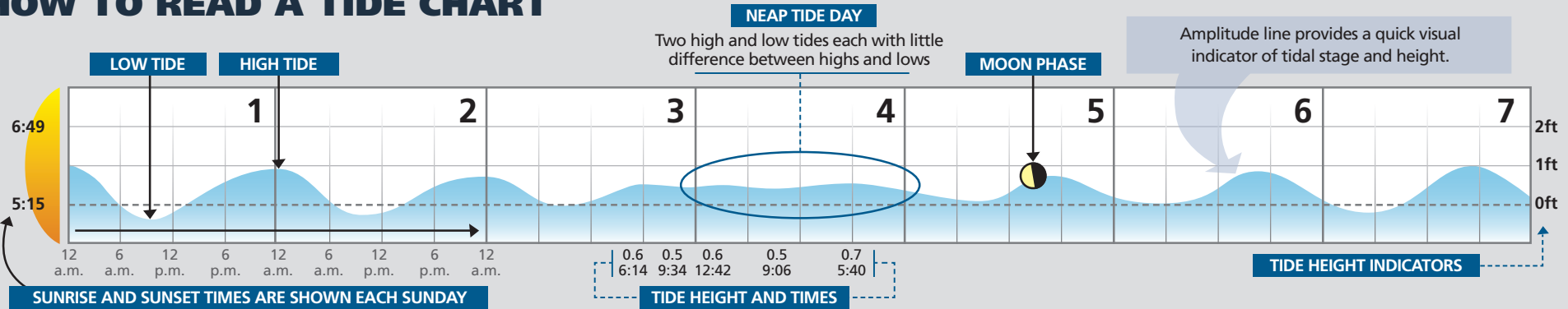
» Educating the community on the importance of aquatic life and water resources.

BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENTS

» Providing access through development of boat ramps funded with the help of the SFR Program.

BILLY POPE

HOW TO READ A TIDE CHART



For the locations listed below, make the following adjustments:

Fort Morgan:
add 00:05 - high
add 00:17 - low

Fowl River:
add 01:32 - high
add 01:40 - low

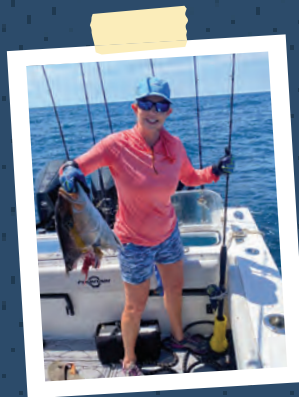
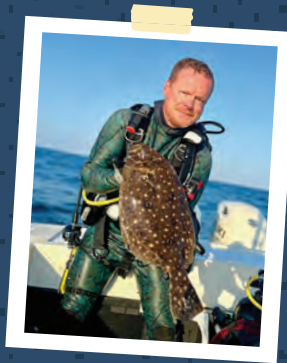
Bon Secour:
add 00:38 - high
add 00:32 - low

Point Clear:
add 00:48 - high
add 00:52 - low

Perdido Pass:
add 00:17 - high
add 00:19 - low

Mobile River:
add 01:48 - high
add 01:48 - low


The tidal predictions provided in this calendar are for reference use only. Due to varying local conditions it should not be used for navigational purposes. Calculations allow for Daylight Savings Time. High and low water predictions are provided by the National Ocean Service.



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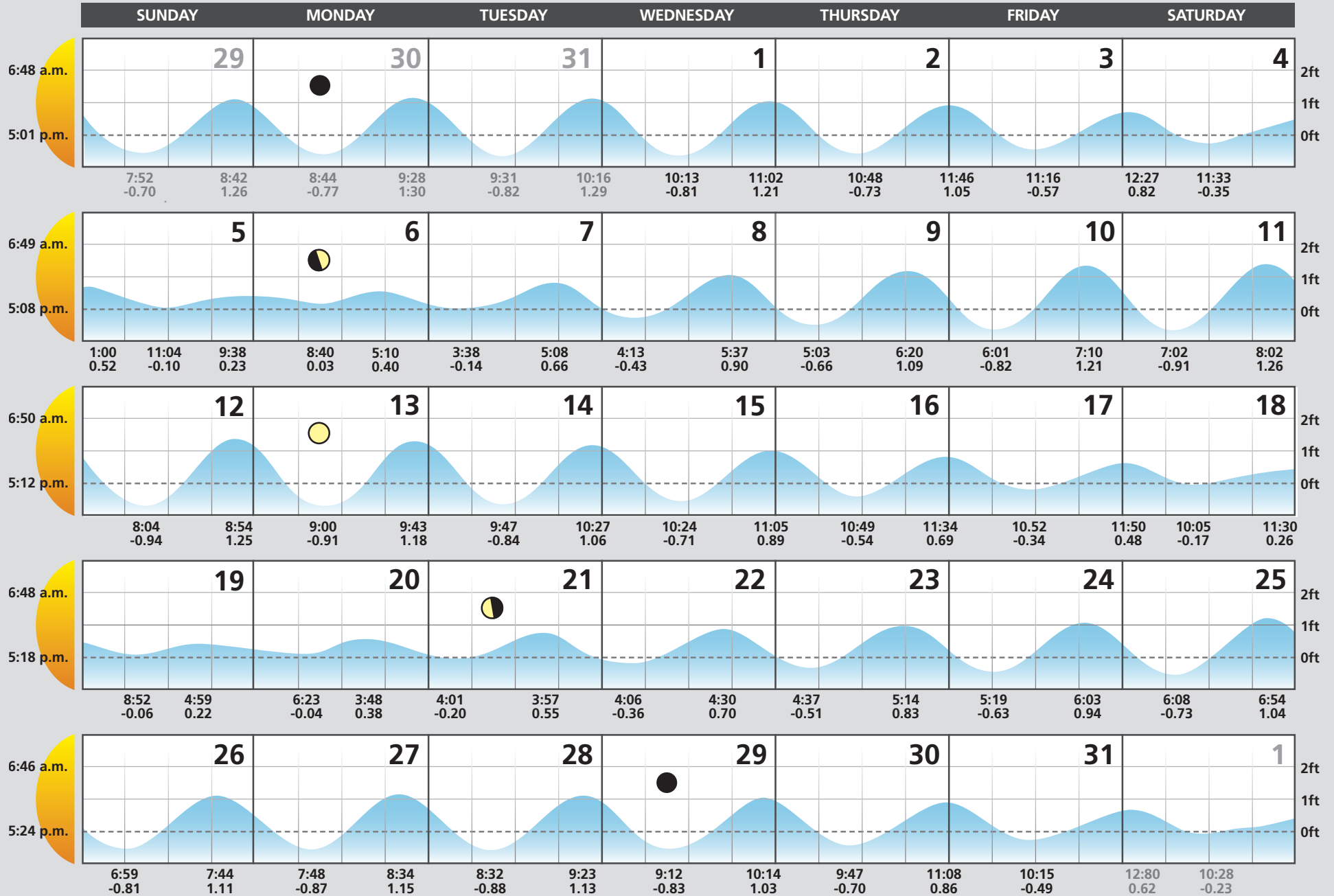
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#ALSPORTFISH

● NEW MOON ◐ FIRST QUARTER ◑ FULL MOON ◒ LAST QUARTER

JANUARY 2025

Predictions are for Dauphin Island, AL at Fort Gaines.
 Dauphin Island, AL (30°14.5'N, 88°4.5'W)
 For Perdido Pass: High Tide: add 17 minutes
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ALABAMA INSHORE REEF SYSTEM AND COASTAL BOATING ACCESS POINTS

For more information, visit outdooralabama.com/boating/coastal-alabama-boating-access

- AMRD Jurisdiction
- Circalittoral Reefs
- Gas Platform Reefs
- ▲ Inshore Reef Site
- ★ Nearshore Reef Zones
- Public Boat Launch
- Private Boat Launch
- Proposed Inshore Reefs
- Public Kayak Only



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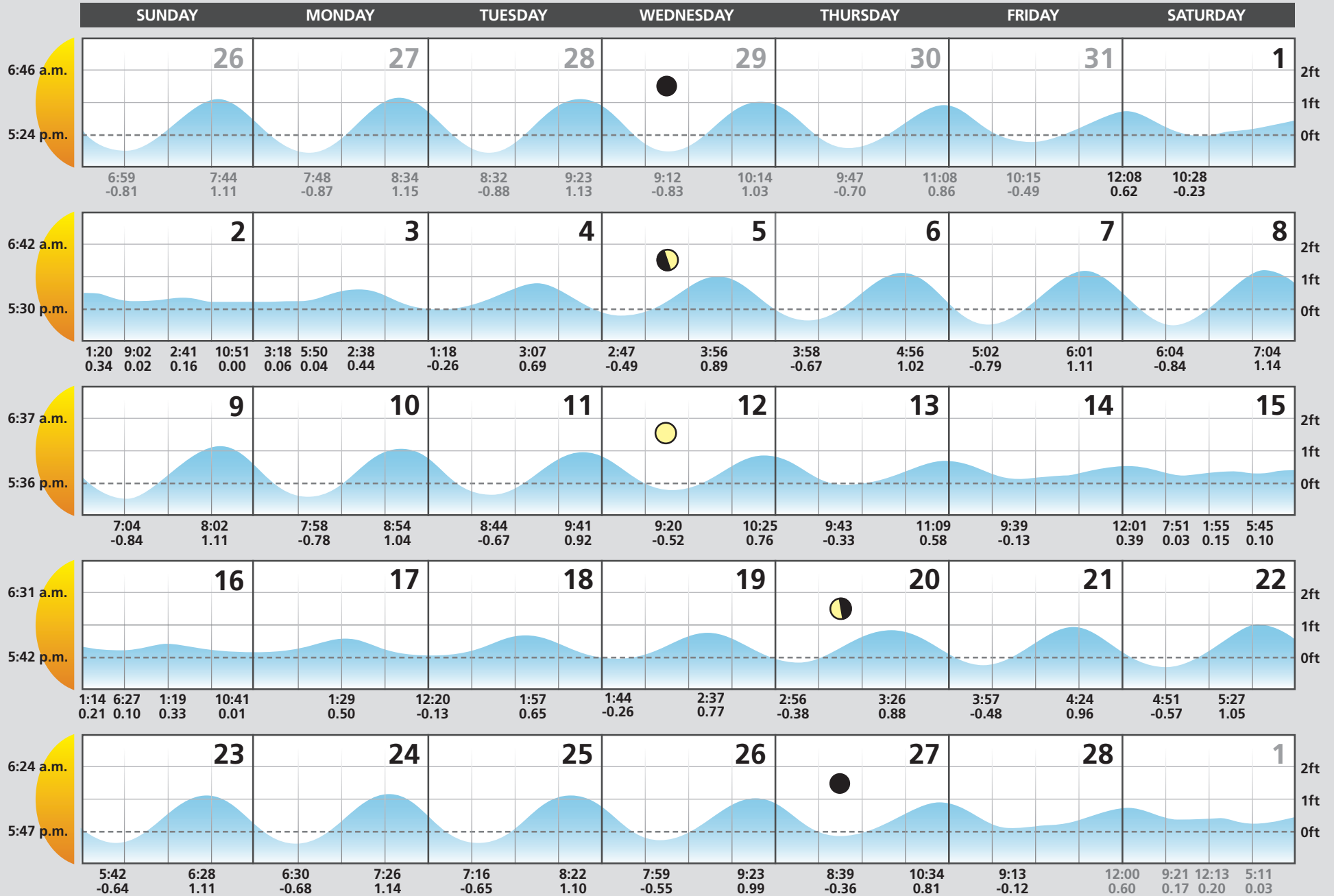
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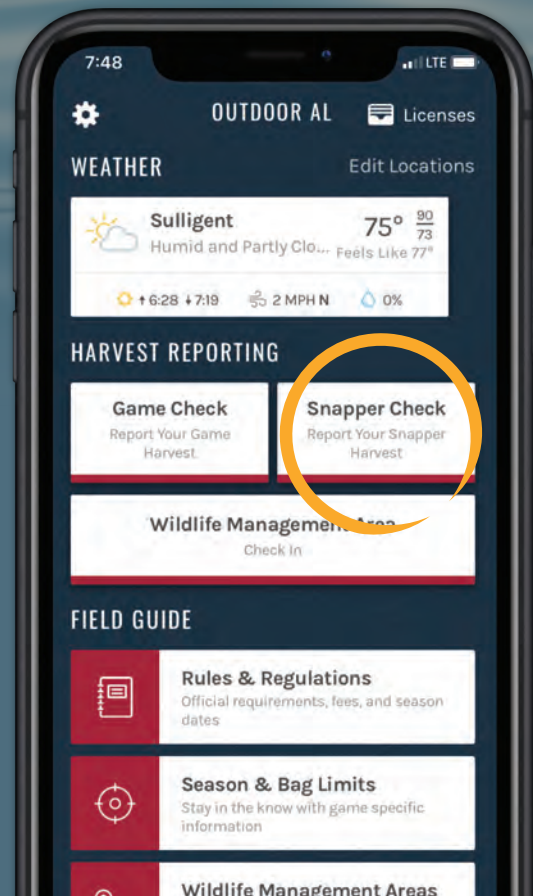
MANDATORY REPORTING

Reporting is **REQUIRED** for Gray Triggerfish, Greater Amberjack, and Red Snapper landed in Alabama.

Information can be reported easily through any of the following methods:

- By smartphone using the **Outdoor AL** app
- Online at research.dcnr.alabama.gov/snapper/

HOW TO GET THE APP



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Search **Outdoor AL** in your app store to download the official app.

Reporting in the app takes less than a minute and works even without cellular service.

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Greater Amberjack



Red Snapper



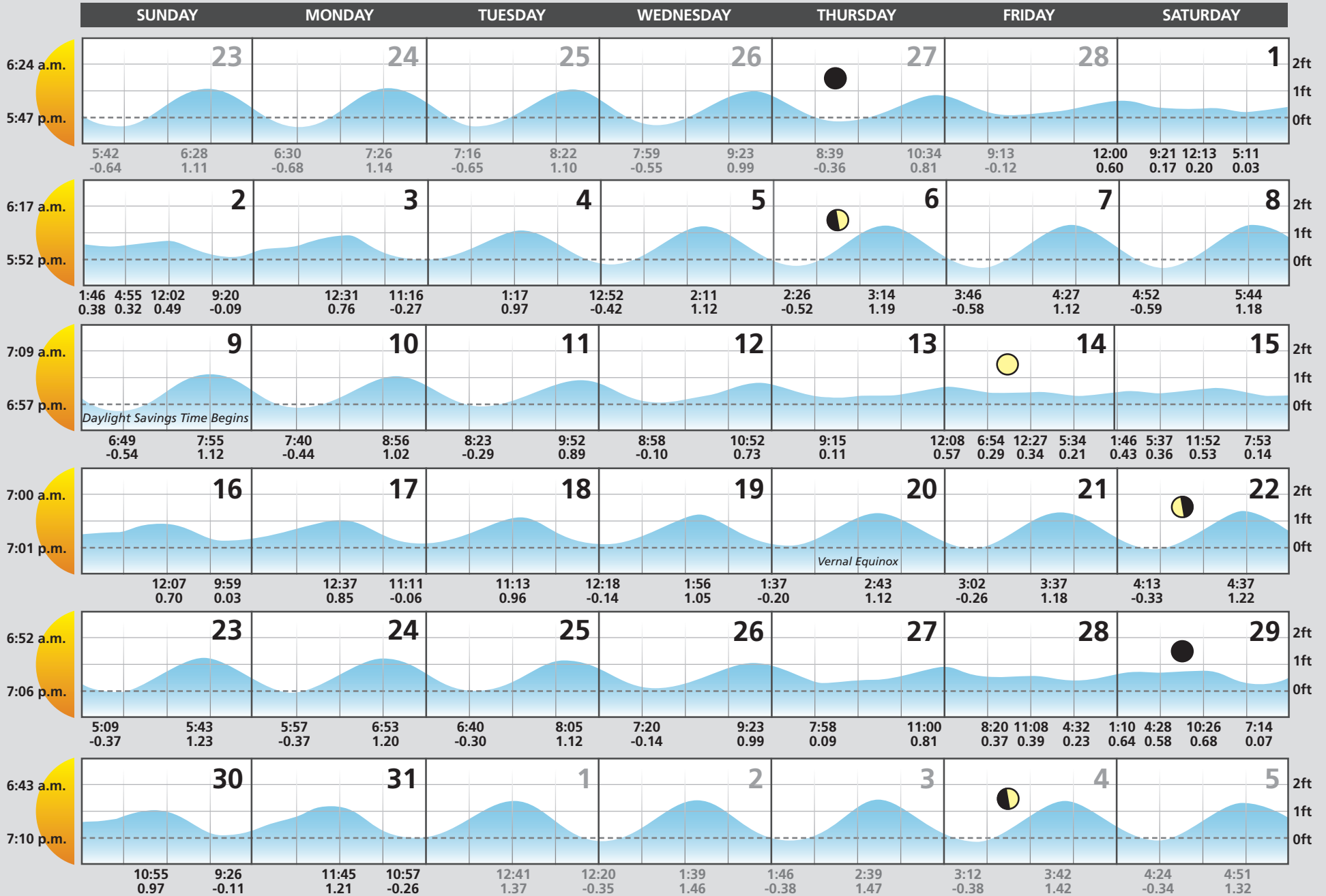
Gray Triggerfish

VISIT OUTDOORALABAMA.COM FOR SEASON DATES OF THESE SPECIES AS THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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 ◐ FIRST QUARTER
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MARCH 2025

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CLAUDE PETEET MARICULTURE CENTER

HISTORY AT A GLANCE

The Alabama Marine Resources Division maintains the Claude Peteet Mariculture Center (CPMC) located in Gulf Shores, Alabama. CPMC was created in 1970 when 40 acres of land were donated to the State by Ms. Mildred Casey. An additional 5 acres was purchased by the State which provided access to the Intracoastal Waterway and a brackish water source needed to fill ponds. By 1973, thirty-five (35) 0.2-acre ponds and a small pump station located on the Intracoastal Waterway were installed on the property. A small hatchery building used for broodstock holding and egg fertilization and hatching was completed in 1975. From 1970 through the early 1980s the infrastructure and operational costs of CPMC were primarily funded with federal grants related to the culture and stocking of Gulf of Mexico strain **Striped Bass** (*Morone saxatilis*) in Alabama waters.

During the mid-1980s through the mid-2000s, a variety of species were cultured at CPMC including **Spotted Seatrout** (*Cynoscion nebulosus*), **Red Drum** (*Sciaenops ocellatus*), **Eastern Oyster** (*Crassostrea virginica*) and **Red Snapper** (*Lutjanus campechanus*).

CURRENT PROJECTS

Currently, three species of fish popular among Alabama saltwater anglers are cultured at CPMC including **Spotted Seatrout** (*Cynoscion nebulosus*) **Florida Pompano** (*Trachinotus carolinus*), and **Southern Flounder** (*Paralichthys lethostigma*). Although most fish reared at CPMC are primarily for stock enhancement purposes, some fish may be used in various studies to further conservation, fisheries, and aquaculture research.

DOES CPMC OFFER TOURS?

Yes! Tours at CPMC are offered on Wednesdays between 9-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. Larger groups can be accommodated based on availability. **All tours must be scheduled a week in advance with a CPMC representative by calling (251) 968-7576.**

Beginning in the mid-2000s, **Pacific White Shrimp** (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) and **Florida Pompano** (*Trachinotus carolinus*) were the primary species cultured at CPMC.

As the hatchery continued to grow, a saltwater supply line was installed in 2004. The supply line originates at the halfway point of the Gulf State Park Pier and travels roughly 3.5 miles underground to deliver seawater to the CPMC facility. Unfortunately, the supply line was destroyed by Hurricane Ivan. The supply line was later repaired in 2009 and has been in full operation ever since.

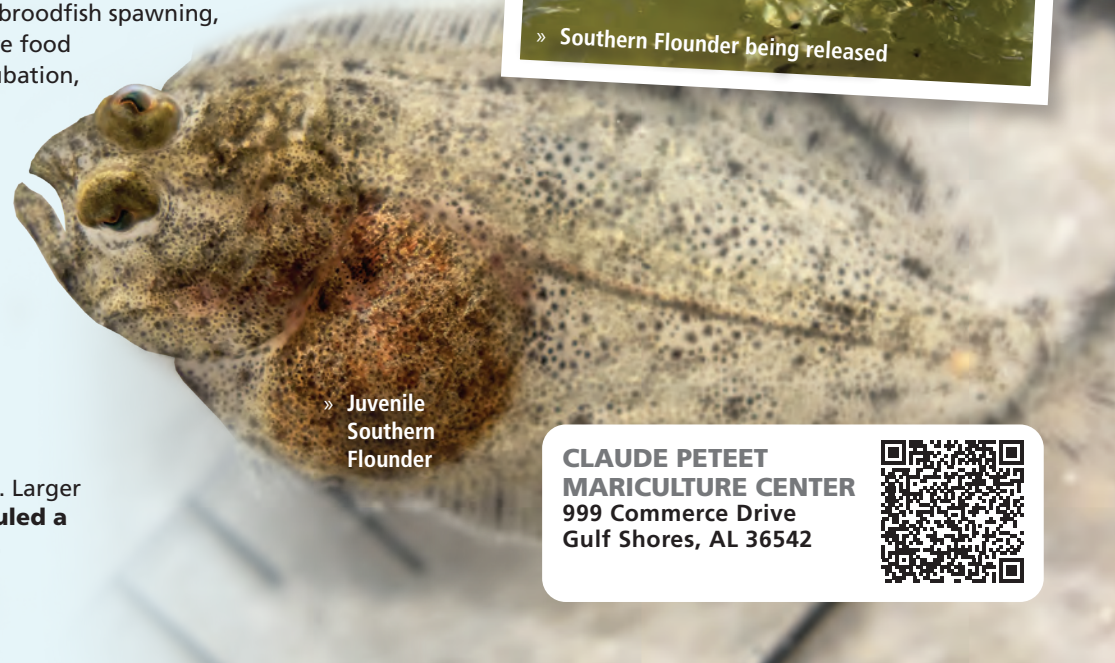
In July 2013, a new 23,000 square foot hatchery building was completed which replaced the old hatchery building. The new building provides a significant upgrade in fish production capability. It contains areas for broodfish spawning, algae production, live food production, egg incubation, larval rearing, and juvenile holding.



» Southern Flounder Processing



» Southern Flounder being released



» Juvenile Southern Flounder

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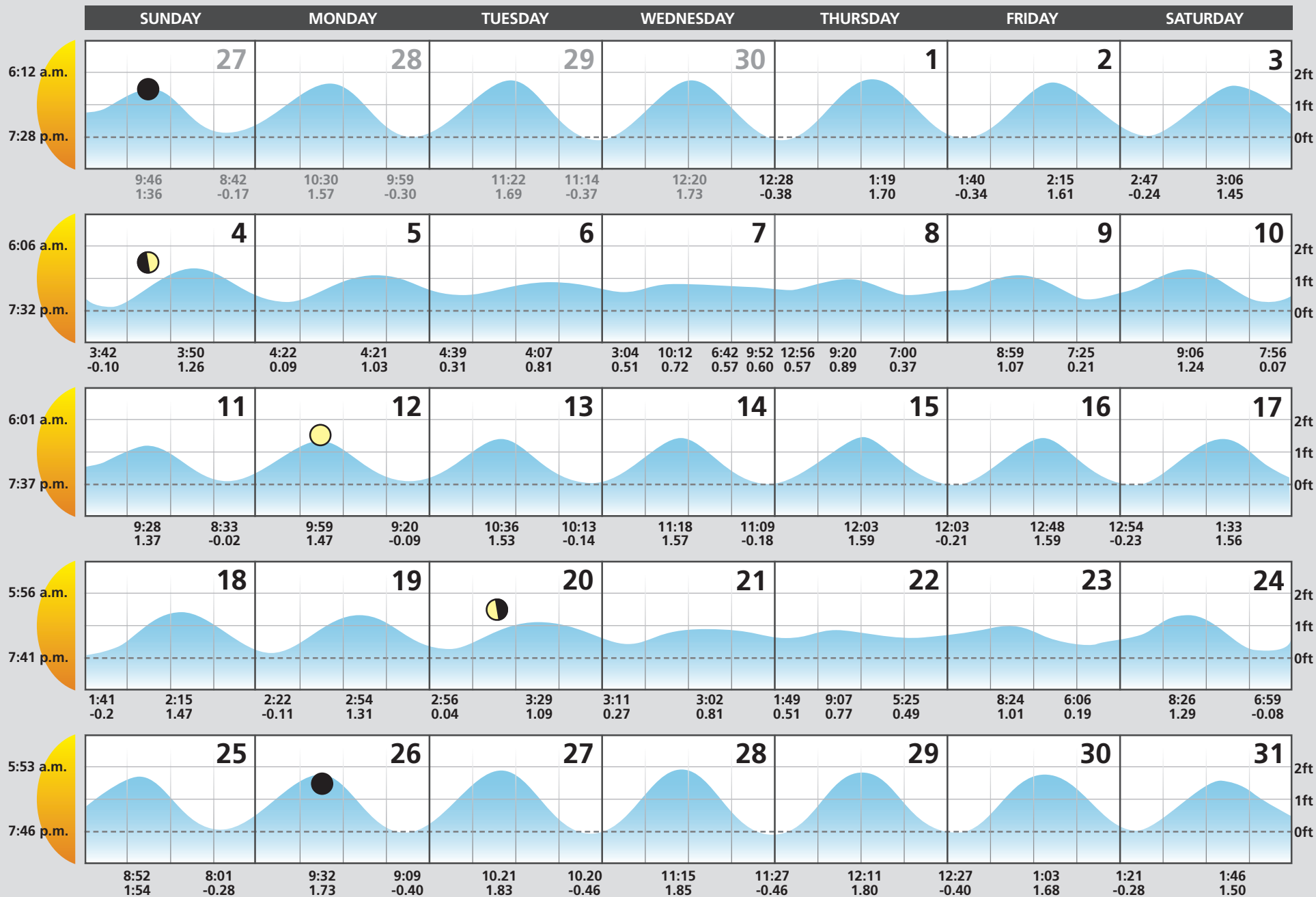
Sailfish
Don Pearce



NEW MOON
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MAY 2025

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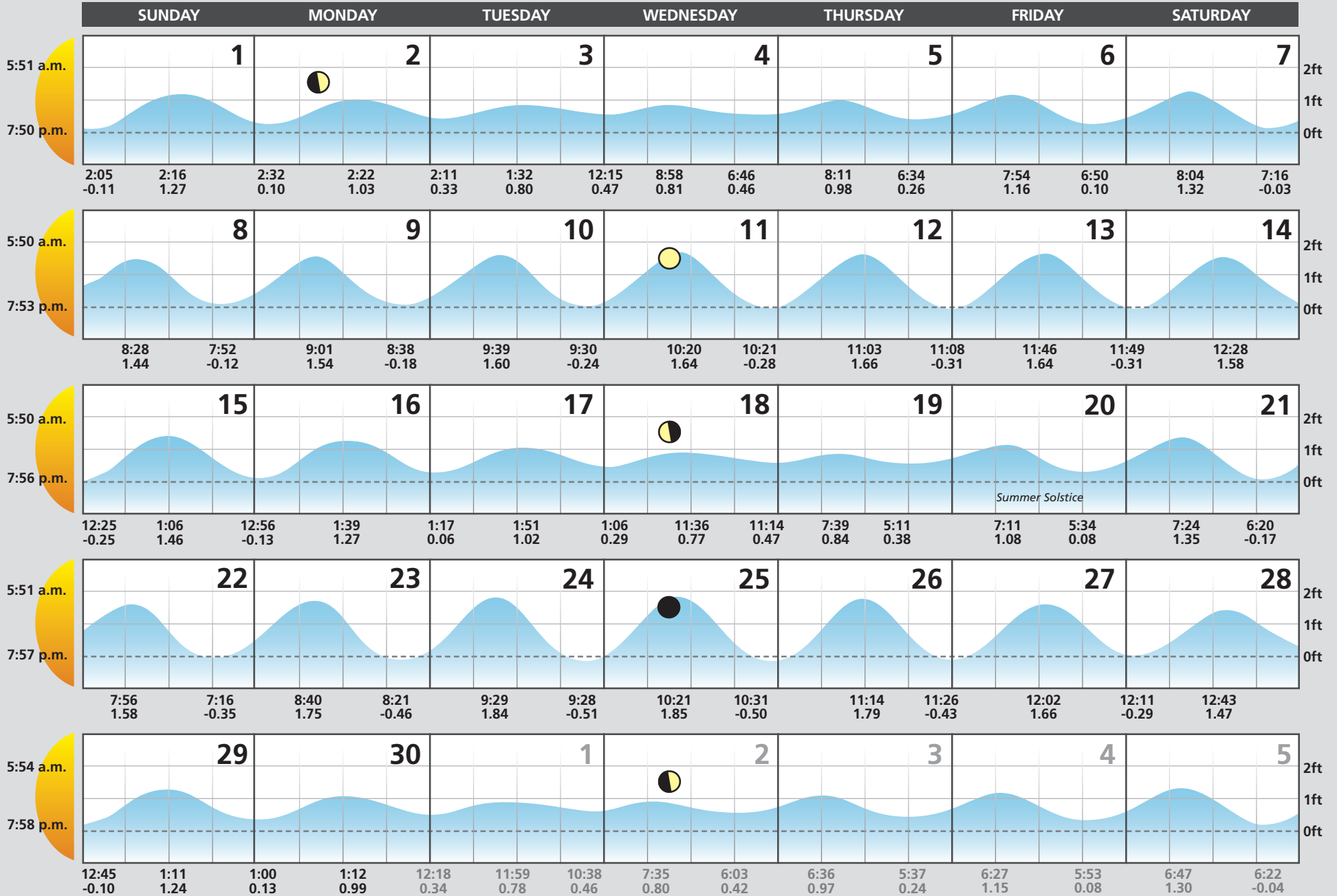


Red Snapper
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● NEW MOON ● FIRST QUARTER ● FULL MOON ● LAST QUARTER

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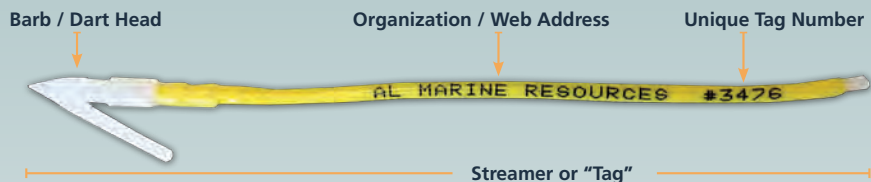
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SALTWATER TAGGING PROGRAM

The Alabama Marine Resources Division is conducting studies of reef fish. Fisheries staff from the Division will be tagging a variety of reef fish species including snappers, groupers, triggerfish, jacks, grunts and porgies. The Division's tags are a yellow streamer applied just below the fish's dorsal fin, in the left "shoulder." Text printed on the tag says "AL MARINE RESOURCES" with a 4-digit tag number and the Division's fish tag website: www.outdooralabama.com/swtags

Example of an AMRD Fish Tag



CAUGHT A TAGGED FISH?
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Return 'Em Right, Earn another fight!

Our mission is to improve reef fish survival by equipping anglers with the knowledge and gear to confidently and successfully release reef fish.

This angler-driven program provides training and free release gear to Gulf of Mexico reef fish anglers that are committed to using best

release practices and helping the future of the fishery. Join the community and take the training today!

NOTE: The DESCEND Act requires anglers to possess either a venting tool or a descending device rigged and ready to use when fishing for reef fish in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico.



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ALABAMA SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSES

A saltwater fishing license is required for all persons fishing or possessing fish in saltwater areas of Alabama. Residents and nonresidents under the age of 16 are exempt. Residents age 65 and over are exempt. Residents may fish from a licensed public fishing pier in the inside waters without purchasing a fishing license.

- Annual and seven-day trip licenses are available for residents and non-residents.
- **Note:** Annual licenses expire August 31 of each year.
- Seven-day trip licenses are effective for 168 consecutive hours from the date and time of purchase.
- The saltwater fishing license is required for angling with rod and reel, artificial bait, lure, gig, cast net, bow, recreational crab traps and spearfishing.
- Alabama residents 65 and older, lifetime saltwater license holders, and those fishing from licensed public fishing piers must be registered with the Alabama Saltwater Angler Registry (www.outdooralabama.com/saltwater-registry). **This registry is FREE.**
- **Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement** will be required for any person possessing, taking or attempting to take any gulf reef fish species listed in Rule 220-3-.46. This endorsement is required for all resident and non-resident anglers 16 years of age and older, and includes: disabled, veterans appreciation, 65 and older, lifetime license holders, pier licenses, annual saltwater licenses, trip licenses, commercial fisherman, and charter boats.

2024 SALTWATER LICENSE FEES

Licenses & Endorsements	ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	FLORIDA	ALL OTHERS
Annual	\$29.35	\$129.20	\$48.20	\$63.30
Trip	\$12.10	\$34.80	\$30.20	\$34.80
Pier	\$7.50	\$14.15	\$14.15	\$14.15
Spearfishing	\$6.00	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50
Disabled	\$3.45	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled Veterans (20%)	\$3.55	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
LIFETIME GULF REEF FISH ENDORSEMENT	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00

All fees include the issuance fee

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To help take the guesswork out of planning your next hunting or fishing adventure, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) now offers packages that cover all of the necessary license requirements needed when pursuing white-tailed deer, wild turkey or fishing the state's abundant opportunities for freshwater and saltwater species.

Each of the license packages are also available as a collectible hard card for an additional \$5 added to the purchase price. The hard cards feature a series of wildlife and nature scenes that are updated annually. Purchase your license package today and start planning your next outdoor adventure!



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Add a collectible hard card to your license purchase!



Commonly Caught Alabama Offshore Fish



RED SNAPPER

The Gulf of Mexico is the center of abundance for northern red snapper. This is one of the Gulf's most important fish species; about 13 million pounds are taken in United States waters annually. Its esteemed reputation as one of the finest food fishes in the world is well deserved.



VERMILION SNAPPER (BEELINER)

This snapper favors rocky reefs in moderate to deep shelf areas. Groups amass on flatter tops of reefs or along gentler sloping reefs, avoiding steep drop-offs and ledges.



LANE SNAPPER

The color of the lane snapper is the quick way to distinguish it from other snappers. It is a rich red color with 8-10 yellow-gold parallel horizontal stripes along the side, and a large black diffuse spot under the dorsal fin.



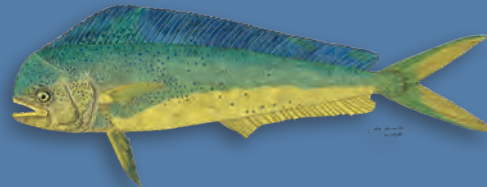
GRAY SNAPPER (BLACK/MANGROVE)

This is one of the few snappers found in shallow estuarine waters. Individuals may mingle with aggregates of pinfish or pigfish around wharfs.



GAG GROUPER

Most "black grouper" from the Gulf are really gags. The placement of artificial reefs in shallow shelf waters of the Gulf in recent years has greatly enhanced the gag grouper fishery.



DOLPHINFISH (MAHI MAHI)

Dolphinfish are usually found offshore near sargassum weeds looking for squid, flying fish, and other small fish to eat. They are extremely fast swimmers and one of the fastest growing fish in the ocean. Their bright colors of purples, blues and yellow make them an attractive fish to catch and eat!



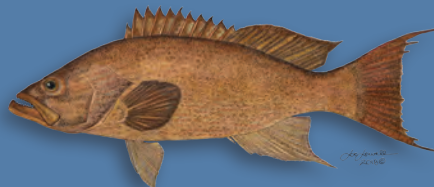
GRAY TRIGGERFISH

The gray triggerfish is a wide-ranging fish in the western Atlantic. It is a very fine food fish, and is also a valuable commercial species.



ATLANTIC SPADEFISH

Spadefish are superb eating, and when the right spot is found along with a school in the right mood, a nice catch of pound-weight spadefish is a real possibility.



SCAMP

There is no doubt that scamp is one of the most highly esteemed food fishes in the Gulf. When served at the finest seafood restaurants, it commands a price comparable to red snapper or pompano.



WAHOO

Wahoo are slender bodied with a dark-bluish green back and silvery sides. They are found offshore cruising the blue water looking for squid or other fish to eat and can quickly switch directions if need be.



GREATER AMBERJACK

There are four varieties of amberjack: greater amberjack, lesser amberjack, Almaco jack, and banded rudderfish. Federal and state minimum sizes on amberjacks make it imperative that you release any little jacks of whose identification you're not absolutely certain.

Commonly Caught Inshore and Coastal Fish



KING MACKEREL

The largest of the mackerels in our region, reaching 6 feet in length and up to 80 pounds. Throughout most of the Gulf, the king is a favorite offshore game fish.



FLORIDA POMPANO

The Florida pompano typically commands the highest price per pound of any marine food fish in the continental U.S. Favorite foods are small shelled animals living in the upper layers of sandy bottoms.



COBIA (LING)

Cobia are attracted to large objects, including buoys, ships, sharks, turtles, and giant rays. This fish has many common names including cobia, cabio, ling, lemon fish and crab eater.



SHEEPSHEAD

One of the largest members of the porgy family, sometimes exceeding 2 feet and 10 pounds. Though difficult to clean, its mild flavor rates high on the list of Gulf fishes. The gray-black vertical bars on its side make it easy to identify.



SAND & SILVER SEATROUT (WHITE TROUT)

Small for sportfish, usually topping out at about 14 to 16 inches, and a couple of pounds, they are highly regarded for their sporting nature and flesh quality. Lumped together, they are known locally as "white trout."



TRIPLETAIL (BLACKFISH)

One way to catch is by using long cane poles and live bait, lowering the bait within a perimeter of pilings, buoys or other obstructions. If nothing strikes in a few minutes, it's on the next spot.



PERMIT

These fish can be found offshore near structures, inshore over seagrass beds or over sandy bottom near inlets in search of small crabs or shrimp to eat.



SPANISH MACKEREL

Spanish mackerel are fast-moving, voracious predators favoring shallow shelf waters. Sardines, especially anchovies, are their main staple, and their presence and abundance is often reflected by that of the anchovy schools.



RED DRUM (REDFISH)

One of the largest drums, often exceeding a yard in length and 30-40 pounds. Big "bull" reds prefer offshore waters or deeper waters of estuaries, but younger "rat" reds frequent the shallows near piers and jetties. They prefer shellfish, but will not pass up a good chunk of fish if offered.



FLOUNDER

Flounder are bottom-dwelling fish that thrive in sandy or muddy bottoms near rocky reefs waiting to ambush any small fish or crustaceans that pass by their mouths. They are also very good to eat especially grilled whole and stuffed with crab meat.



SPOTTED SEATROUT (SPECKLED TROUT)

Spotted seatrout feed primarily on fishes and larger shellfish. Because they rely on vicious rapid first strikes to dismember their prey, they are noted as heavy hitters on artificial lures.

RECREATIONAL SIZE & CREEL LIMITS FOR ALABAMA STATE WATERS

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
SHEEPSHEAD	12" min (FL)	10 per person
SPOTTED SEATROUT	15" min (TL)	6 per person
	22" min (TL)	1 oversized fish allowed
RED DRUM (REDFISH)	16" min (TL)	3 per person
	26" max (TL)	1 oversized fish allowed
COBIA (LING)	36" min (FL)	1 per person <i>(not to exceed 2 per vessel)</i>
KING MACKEREL	24" min (FL)	3 per person
SPANISH MACKEREL	none	15 per person
FLORIDA POMPAÑO	12" min (TL)	3 per person
TRIPLETAIL (BLACKFISH)	18" min (TL)	3 per person
FLOUNDER ¹	14" min (TL)	5 per person
STRIPED BASS ²	16" min (TL)	2 per person ²
GREATER AMBERJACK ³	34" min (FL)	1 per person
LESSER AMBERJACK	14" - 22" (FL)	⁴
BANDED RUDDERFISH	14" - 22" (FL)	⁴
YELLOWFIN TUNA	27" min (CFL)	3 per person
BIGEYE TUNA	27" min (CFL)	no creel limit
GAG GROUPER ^{3,5}	24" min (TL)	2 per person ⁵
RED GROUPER ^{3,5}	20" min (TL)	2 per person ⁵

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
BLACK GROUPER ^{3,5}	24" min (TL)	4 per person ⁵
YELLOWFIN GROUPER ^{3,5}	20" min (TL)	4 per person ⁵
SCAMP ^{3,5}	16" min (TL)	4 per person ⁵
SNAPPERS ³		
RED	16" min (TL)	2 per person
GRAY (MANGROVE, BLACK)	12" min (TL)	10 per person
VERMILION (BEELINER)	10" min (TL)	10 per person
LANE	8" min (TL)	⁴
GRAY TRIGGERFISH ³	15" min (FL)	1 per person ⁴
TARPON	60" min (TL)	\$61 tag required
MULLET	none	⁶
SHARKS		
SHARPNOSE, BONNETHEAD	none	1 per person per day
HAMMERHEAD, GREAT	78" min (FL)	1 per person per day
HAMMERHEAD, SMOOTH	78" min (FL)	1 per person per day
HAMMERHEAD, SCALLOPED	78" min (FL)	1 per person per day
MAKO, SHORTFIN	71" min (FL) (M)	1 per person per day
	83" min (FL) (F)	
ALL OTHER SHARK SPECIES	54" (FL)	1 per person per day

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ALL FISH Must Be Landed with The Head and Fins Intact

- ¹ The taking or possession of flounder from Nov. 1 - 30 is prohibited.
- ² Only two Striped Bass are allowed within Marine Resources Division jurisdiction.
- ³ Alabama state waters open and close along with federal regulations.
- ⁴ There is a twenty (20) fish aggregate creel limit for reef fish species for which there is no other creel limit.
- ⁵ Mixed species grouper aggregate creel limit: 4 per person (No more than 2 red grouper and no more than 2 gag grouper included in aggregate).
- ⁶ 25 mullet per person from the shoreline or 25 per boat, Oct. 24 - Dec. 31. No mullet by cast net or snagging in Theodore Industrial Canal, Dog River, Fowl River and their tributaries.

PROHIBITED SPECIES: Prohibited Species: Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Nassau Grouper, Atlantic Angel Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Thresher Shark, Bignose Shark, Caribbean Reef Shark, Caribbean Sharpnose Shark, Galapagos Shark, Narrowtooth Shark, Night Shark, Sevengill Shark, Bigeye Sixgill Shark, Dusky Shark, Longfin Mako Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Basking Shark, Whale Shark, White Shark, Smalltail Shark, Smalltooth Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, Spotted Eagle Ray, Atlantic Manta, Sixgill Shark, Sandbar Shark (unless the fisherman possesses a NOAA Fisheries sandbar shark research permit).

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FISH MEASUREMENT

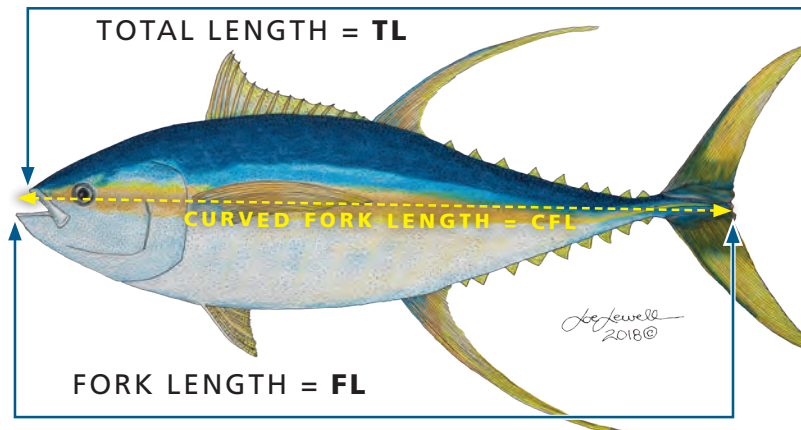
TL = TOTAL LENGTH

FL = FORK LENGTH

CFL = CURVED FORK LENGTH

USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF A FISH:

- For total length (TL) place the fish on a flat surface with jaw closed. Squeeze tail together and turn it in such a way to obtain maximum total length.
- For fork length (FL) measure in a straight line from the tip of snout to deepest notch in tail.
- For curved fork length (CFL - tunas only) measure using flexible ruler from tip of upper jaw to deepest notch in tail.



REGULATIONS

All fishing regulations are subject to change so before going fishing check with the Marine Resources Division for any changes:

Gulf Shores (251) 968-7576

Dauphin Island (251) 861-2882

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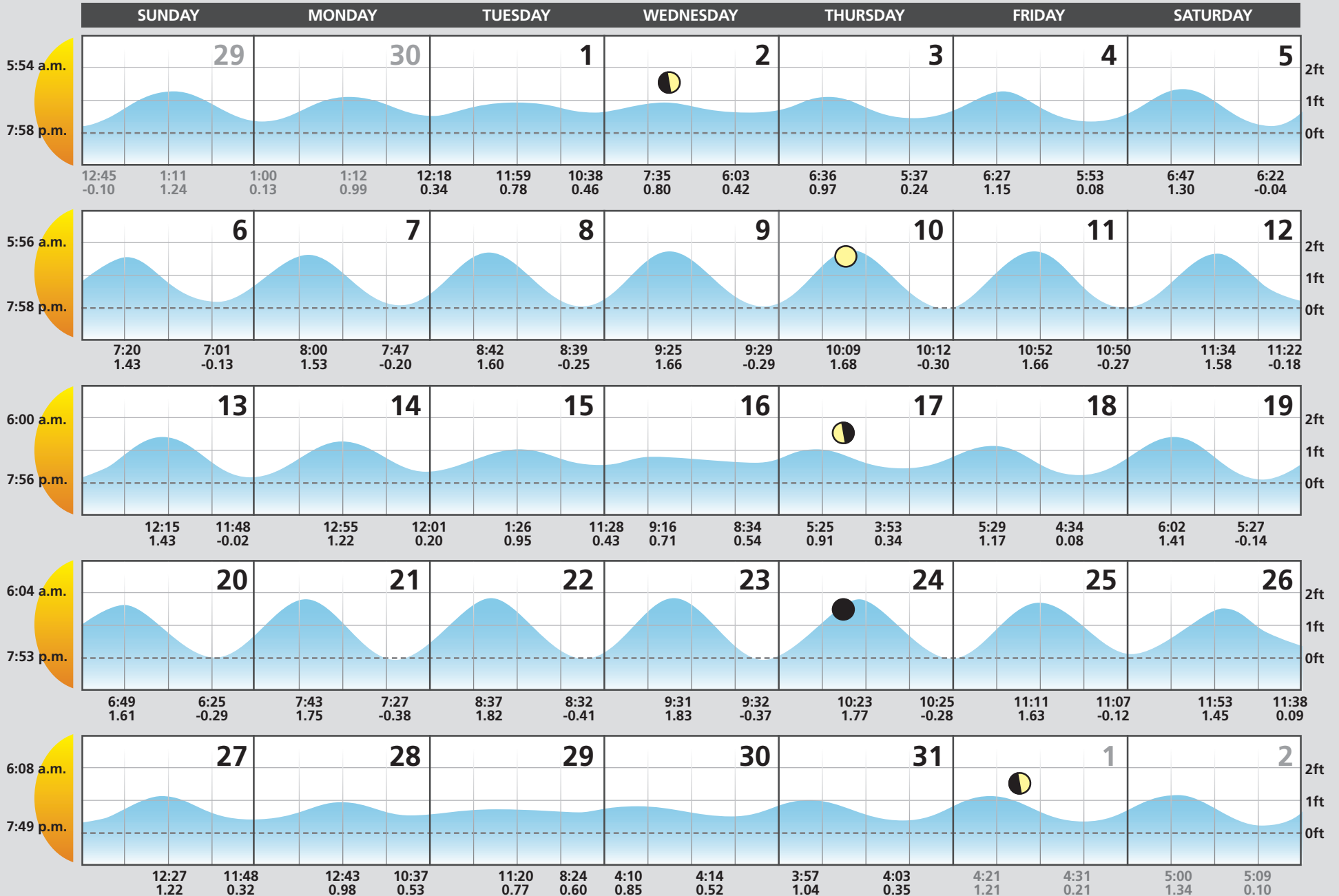
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MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION (251) 476-1256

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JULY 2025

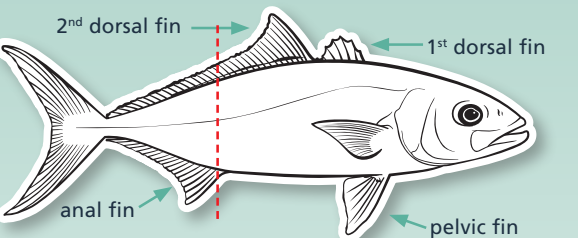
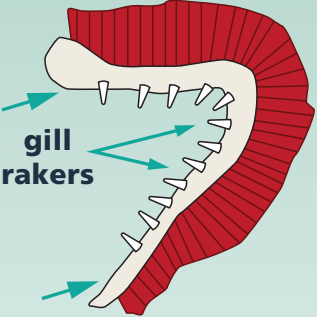
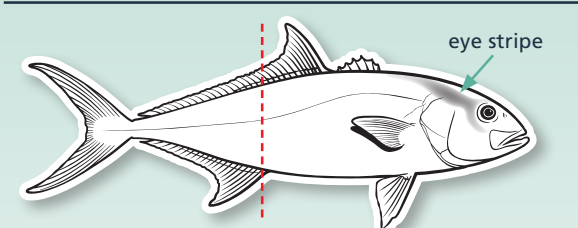
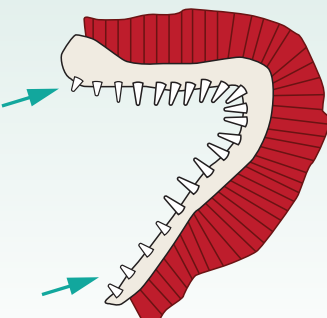
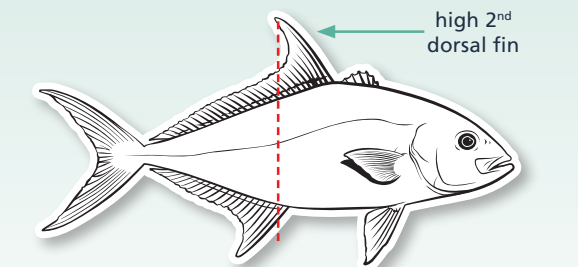
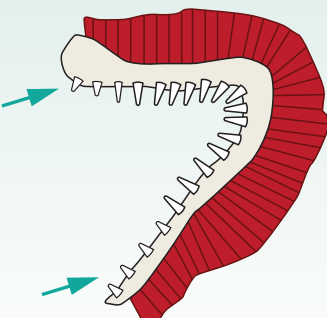
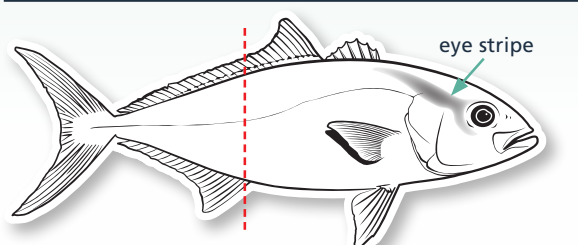
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HOW TO IDENTIFY JACKS

Always check regulations for current size and bag limits

Fish Species	Anal Fin Length	2 nd Dorsal Fin Lobe Length	Gill Raker Count*	Most Reliable Characteristics
 <p>BANDED RUDDERFISH</p>	<p>SHORT 1/2 as long as 2nd dorsal fin</p>	<p>SHORT Shorter than pelvic fin</p>	<p>12-16</p>  <p>Gill rakers DO NOT extend to point of attachment</p> <p>11-19</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Short anal fin 2. Barred pattern on body in fishes up to 14 in. 3. Slender body - not as deep as other jacks 4. Low number of gill rakers 5. Size: To 24 in. total length
 <p>GREATER AMBERJACK</p>	<p>LONG 2/3 as long as 2nd dorsal fin</p>	<p>LONG Longer than pelvic fin</p>	<p>21-26</p>  <p>Gill rakers extend to point of attachment</p> <p>21-24</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Most common species 2. Grows much larger than others 3. Often has a dark band from snout through eye into 1st dorsal fin 4. Low number of gill rakers 5. Size: To 5 ft. total length
 <p>ALMACO JACK</p>	<p>LONG 2/3 as long as 2nd dorsal fin</p>	<p>SHORT Shorter than pelvic fin</p>	<p>21-26</p>  <p>Gill rakers extend to point of attachment</p> <p>21-24</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very high 2nd dorsal fin 2. Darker in color - more olive or grey in color 3. High number of gill rakers 4. Deep body 5. Size: To 32 in. total length
 <p>LESSER AMBERJACK</p>	<p>LONG 2/3 as long as 2nd dorsal fin</p>	<p>SHORT Shorter than pelvic fin</p>	<p>21-24</p> <p>Gill rakers extend to point of attachment</p> <p>21-24</p> <p>*Gill Raker Count refers to the total number of gill rakers on the first gill arch.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Large eye - diameter more than half the snout length 2. Often with dark band from eye to first dorsal fin 3. High number of gill rakers 4. Rare in northern Gulf of Mexico 5. Size: To 22 in. total length

NEW Alabama State Record FISH

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ERIC CRIGLER
Bigscale Pomfret
20 lbs. 5.44 oz.



SAMUEL J. GREEN
Rock Hind
2 lbs. 10.4 oz.



JONATHAN WALLER
Squirrelfish
1 lbs. 4.00 oz.



RUSTIN J. MUSGROVE
BlueFish
17 lbs. 8.00 oz.



SHANE TOOLE
Atlantic Fanfish
3 lbs. 5.44 oz.



DEREK ROGERS
Black Jack
17 lbs. 13.00 oz.



CHRIS THERRELL
White Margate
11 lbs. 13.40 oz.



SCOTT L. ANDERSON, JR.
Blue Marlin
1,145 lbs. 9.00 oz.



TOMMY J. BOWYER
Bull Shark
495 lbs. 8.00 oz.



CONNER A. LANCASTER
Silvery John Dory
5 lbs. 6.24 oz.



GARDNER LOVE
Common Snook
7 lbs. 0.40 oz.

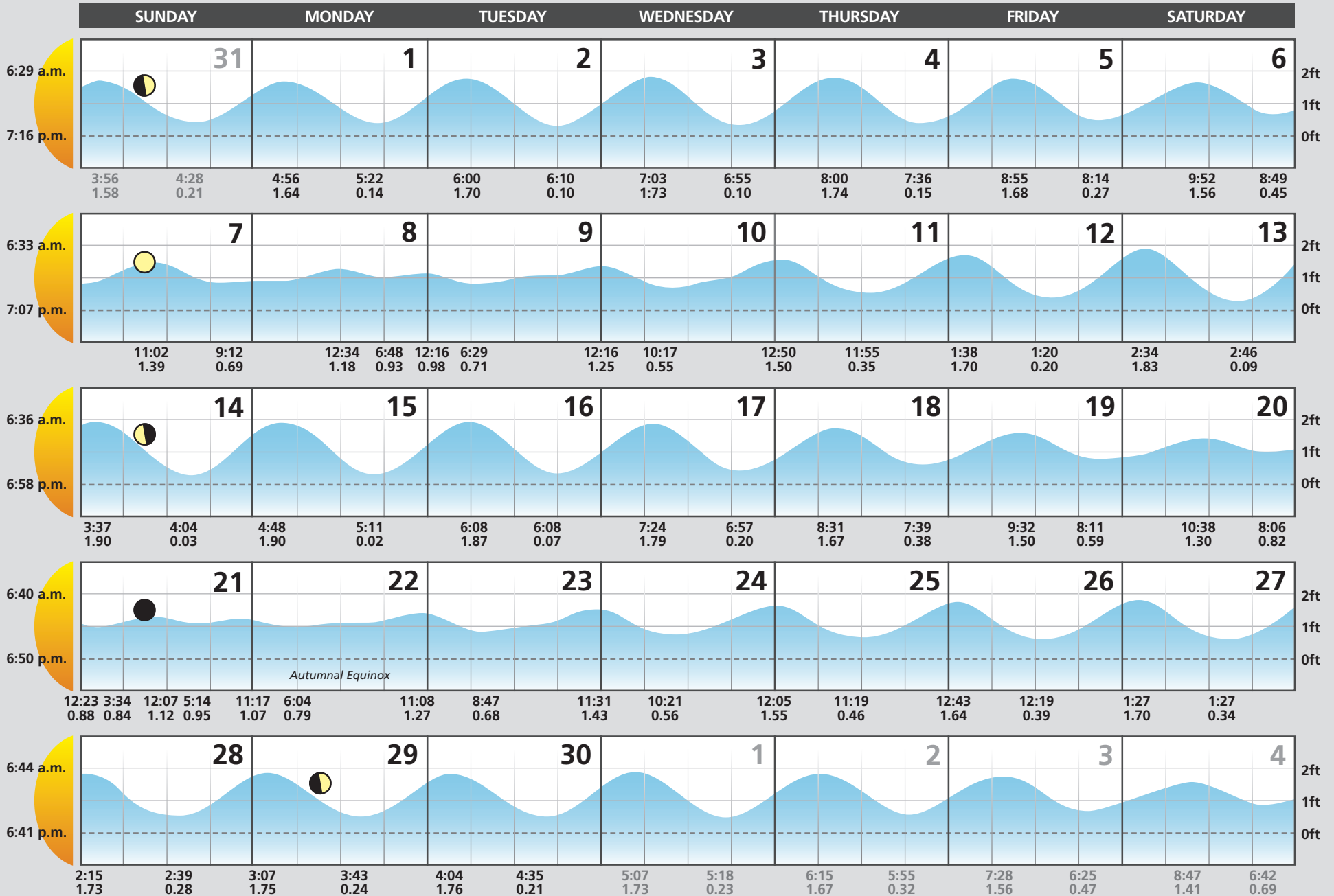


DAVID GASTON
Bluefin Tuna
831 lbs. 6.00 oz. (TIE)

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SEPTEMBER 2025

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HOW TO IDENTIFY MACKEREL

Both young King Mackerel and Spanish Mackerel have a similar shape and coloration. Because these fish often school together and feed on similar prey, anglers should know how to identify each species because size and creel limits vary.

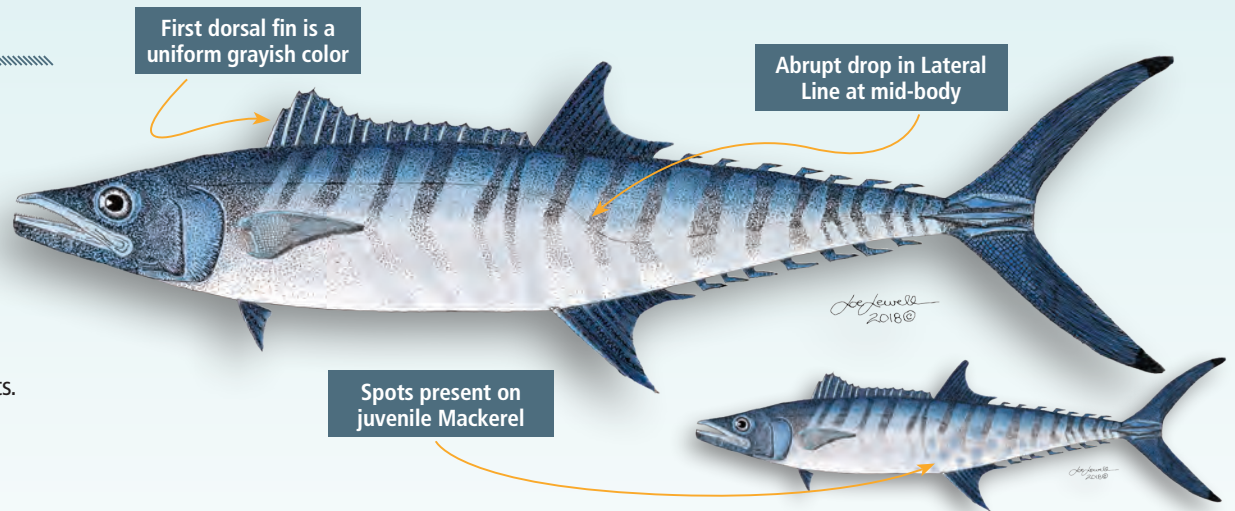
Anglers usually rely too much on the presence of spots to identify Spanish and King Mackerels. Because of this mistake, the following are common violations:

- Possession of undersized King Mackerel
- Possession of more than three kings per angler

KING MACKEREL

Size Limit: Minimum 24-inch fork length
Creel Limit: 3 per person

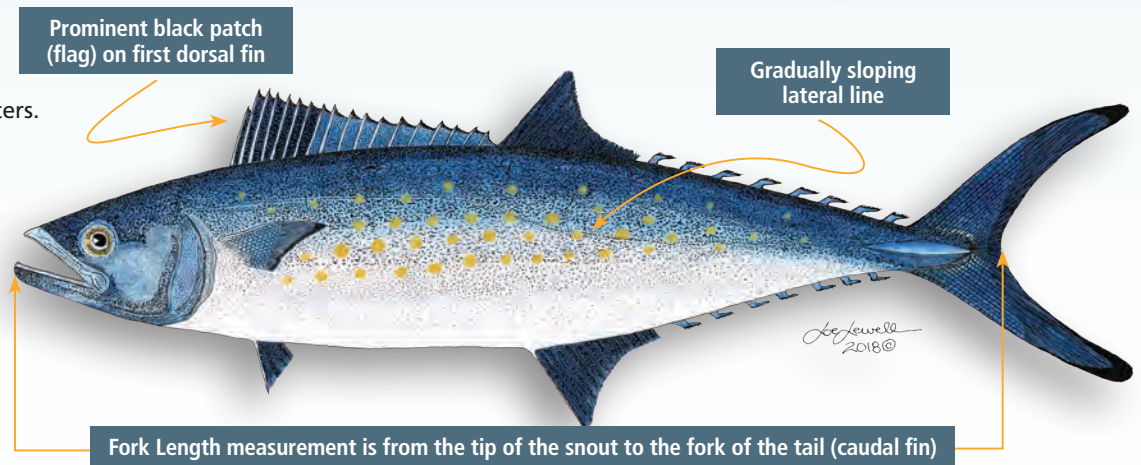
- Lateral line takes an abrupt drop at mid-body.
- First (spiny) dorsal fin is a uniform grayish color. As both species usually keep this fin folded back in a groove, this difference is not always apparent.
- Fish up to 30 inches have brassy or greenish colored spots.



SPANISH MACKEREL

Size Limit: None in Alabama waters; 12-inch fork length in federal waters.
Creel Limit: 15 fish per person; same for Alabama and federal waters.

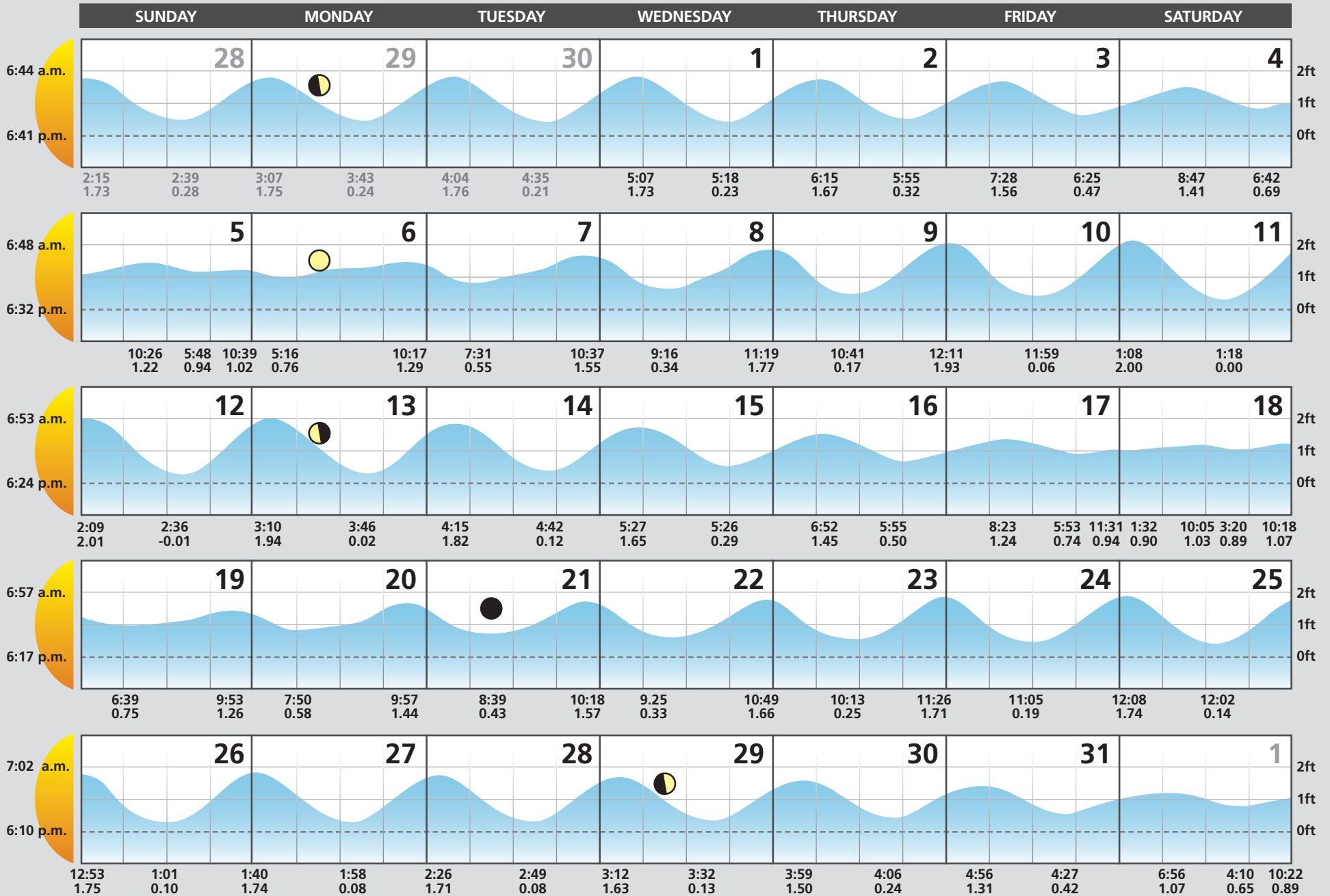
- Lateral line gradually slopes from the top edge of gill to the tail.
- First (spiny) dorsal fin has a prominent black patch.
- All sizes have distinct yellow spots along the body.
- Fork length measurement is from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail (caudal fin).



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OCTOBER 2025

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MARINE RESOURCES CONSERVATION CONTACTS



FISH KILLS

Alabama Marine Resources Division
Dauphin Island..... (251) 861-2882
Gulf Shores..... (251) 968-7576
Email: Marine.Resources@dcnr.alabama.gov

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Date and time fish kill was observed
- Location of fish kill
- Contact information of reporting party
- Species of fish involved
- Approximate number of fish



DOLPHIN AND WHALE STRANDINGS

Alabama Marine Mammal Stranding Network
Call (877) 942-5343

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Contact information of reporting party
- Date and time of stranding
- Exact location of stranding
- Estimated size of the animal
- General description of the animal



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TURTLE STRANDINGS

Alabama Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network
Call (866) 732-8878

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Contact information of reporting party
- Date and time of stranding
- Exact location of stranding
- Health of the animal (alive or dead)
- General description of the animal



MANATEE SIGHTINGS

Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Manatee Sighting Network
Call: (866) 493-5803
Email: manatee@disl.edu
Online: manatee.disl.edu

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Date and time of sighting
- Location of sighting
- Contact information of reporting party
- Number of animals and approximate size
- Any distinguishing marks or scars
- What they were doing
- How they were spotted
- Volunteer photos (if taken)



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DID YOU KNOW?

Manatees are protected under the **Endangered Species Act**. Manatees are also protected under the **Marine Mammal Protection Act**. Both of these laws make it illegal to "take" (e.g., harass, touch, feed, water, chase, etc.) manatees.



ALABAMA COASTAL SHORE FISHING ACCESS POINTS

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Facility Operated By:

- Municipal
- State
- County
- Private
- Boat Launch

* Kayak Launch Only

** Fishing allowed greater than 100 ft from boat ramp

1. Arlington Park*
2. Battleship Park
3. Helen Wood Park
4. McNally Park**
5. Navco Park (Luscher Park)
6. Theo F. Middleton Landing
7. Bayfront Park
8. Cedar Point Pier
9. Delta Port**
10. Pass Drury Park
11. Dauphin Island Public Beach
12. Blue Heron Park*
13. East End Dauphin Island
14. Lightning Point
15. Little Billy Goat Hole**
16. Billy Goat Hole**
17. West End Of Dauphin Island
18. Daphne Bayfront Park
19. D'Olive Bay Boat Launch Access**
20. May Day Park Pier*
21. Fairhope Pier
22. Pier Street Public Access
23. Mullet Point
24. View Point Boat Launch**
25. Mary Ann Nelson Park
26. Fish River**
27. Ft. Morgan Fishing Pier
28. Gulf State Park Pier
29. The Pines Ramp**
30. Perdido Pass Bridge (Florida Point)
31. Chocolatta Bay Boat Ramp
32. Tensaw Delta Public Boat Access Area
33. Josephine Park Public Access
34. Barbs Landing**
35. State Street Park**
36. Canal Park
37. Lagoon Pass Park
38. Boggy Point
39. Lillian Boat Launch**
40. Launch at Bon Secour*/**
41. Cotton Bayou



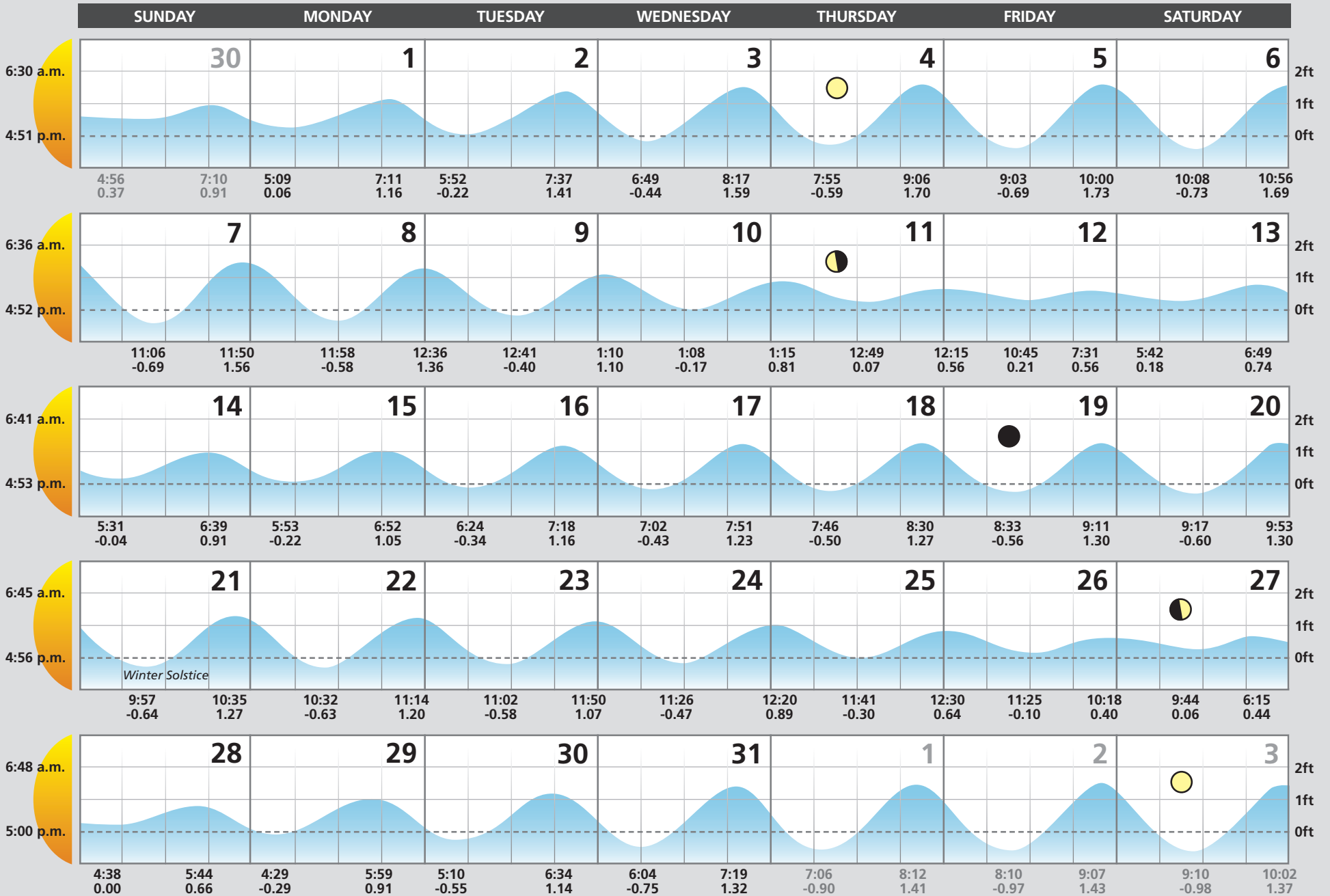
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ALABAMA RECORD SALTWATER FISH

SPECIES	LOCAL NAME	ANGLER	HOMETOWN	DATE CAUGHT	WEIGHT
ALFONSINO	SAME	ERIC B. CRIGLER	DAPHNE, AL	7/23/22	10 lbs. 12.32 oz.
AMBERJACK, GREATER	AMBERJACK	BRIAN S. ANDREWS	CITRONELLE, AL	8/2/19	132 lbs. 12.8 oz.
AMBERJACK, LESSER	SAME	RYAN M. KRAMER	JEFFERSON, GA	5/10/23	2 lbs. 3.2 oz.
ANGELFISH, BLUE	SAME	LILLI COOPER	WAVERLY, IA	7/28/18	3 lbs. 9.28 oz.
BARRACUDA, GREAT	BARRACUDA	STEVEN HAWKINS	MOBILE, AL	7/15/05	52 lbs. 4 oz.
BARRELFISH	SAME	RICKIE DAVID POSEY	DEATSVILLE, AL	7/12/09	25 lbs. 6 oz.
BASS, LONGTAIL	SAME	DAYNA BOWLES	DUNCAN, OK	3/19/10	5 lbs. 14 oz.
BASS, STRIPED	STRIPER	BILLY HENDERSON	FAIRFIELD, AL	6/22/76	55 lbs. 0 oz.
BIGEYE	BIGEYE SNAPPER	YANO FRANCIS SERRA	CODEN, AL	6/28/06	3 lbs. 2 oz.
BLUEFISH	SAME	RUSTIN J. MUSGROVE	ORANGE BEACH, AL	1/26/24	17 lbs. 8 oz.
BONITO, ATLANTIC	SAME	JOE ZOLCZYNSKI	FAIRHOPE, AL	12/31/94	5 lbs. 5 oz.
BROTULA, BEARDED	SAME	MICHAEL T. DOWDY	MOBILE, AL	8/9/97	19 lbs. 8 oz.
CATFISH, GAFFTOPSAIL	GAFFTOP	CHRISTIAN E. BUTTS	PACE, FL	10/30/15	12 lbs. 7.4 oz.
CATFISH, HARDHEAD	SEACAT	COLE REED KLEFFMAN	SEYMOUR, IN	10/9/18	3 lbs. 3 oz.
CHUB, BERMUDA	SAME	SHERMAN SMITH	SILVERHILL, AL	6/17/06	10 lbs. 5 oz.
CHUB, YELLOW	SAME	THOMAS D. JONES	DAPHNE, AL	10/22/03	7 lbs. 4 oz.
COBIA	LING	BENJAMIN ELBERRY FAIREY	PENSACOLA, FL	4/18/95	117 lbs. 7 oz.
CORNETFISH, RED	SAME	WAYNE AKINS	JASPER, AL	6/7/22	2 lbs. 5.4 oz.
CREOLEFISH, ATLANTIC	CREOLEFISH	ROBERT JORDAN BARNHILL	ROBERTSDALE, AL	7/7/18	3 lbs. 5 oz.
CROAKER, ATLANTIC	CROAKER	CARL N. BILLINGS	MOBILE, AL	8/26/00	5 lbs. 8 oz.
CUTLASSFISH, ATLANTIC	RIBBONFISH	JOHN ROBERT FRAIN	CUMMING, GA	6/5/15	3 lbs. 5 oz.
CUBBYU	SAME	CAROLINE ANN ENNIS	GULF BREEZE, FL	7/13/13	2 lbs. 3.7 oz.
DOCTORFISH	SAME	PAVEL MALANCEA	ROBERTSDALE, AL	9/13/07	1 lb. 4 oz.
DOG FISH, SMOOTH	SAME	DICK PAUL	GULF SHORES, AL	5/24/16	17 lbs. 11.20 oz.
DOLPHINFISH	DOLPHIN/MAHI MAHI	ASHTON TROY MABIRE	PENSACOLA, FL	5/26/07	65 lbs. 8 oz.
DOLPHINFISH, POMPARO	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	6/30/12	4 lbs. 2 oz.
DORY, SILVERY JOHN	SAME	CONNER ALAN LANCASTER	ELBERTA, AL	3/30/24	5 lbs. 6.24 oz.
DRUM, BLACK	BLACK DRUM	ROBERT DEAN DISNEY	IRVINGTON, AL	4/20/02	61 lbs. 0 oz.
DRUM, RED	REDFISH	AL MEAD	THEODORE, AL	7/19/13	45 lbs. 9 oz.
EEL, SPOTTED SPOON-NOSE	SAME	BRAD ANDRE'	SPANISH FORT, AL	7/12/08	1 lb. 4 oz.
ESCOLAR	SAME	SCOTT W. PAGE	ORLANDO, FL	9/11/23	102 lbs. 10 oz.
FANFISH, ATLANTIC	SAME	SHANE R. TOOLE	PENSACOLA, FL	5/31/24	3 lbs. 5.44 oz.
FILEFISH, UNICORN	SAME	WILLIE LEE BROWN SR.	BIRMINGHAM, AL	10/12/91	8 lbs. 8 oz.
FLOUNDER, GULF	SAME	THOMAS C. JOHNSON, JR.	DAWSONVILLE, GA	9/23/21	5 lbs. 1.28 oz.
FLOUNDER, SOUTHERN	SAME	PETE C. MELECH	MOBILE, AL	10/15/75	13 lbs. 3 oz.
GROUPEL, BLACK	SAME	DAVID MARK POSSIEN	NORTHPORT, AL	8/11/12	106 lbs. 3.2 oz.
GROUPEL, GAG	GAG	JERE AUSTILL, JR.	MOBILE, AL	1963	74 lbs. 8 oz.
GROUPEL, RED	SAME	MICHAEL DALE SARGENT, JR.	FULTON, MO	3/23/02	34 lbs. 9.6 oz.
GROUPEL, SCAMP	SCAMP	ROBERT ANDREW CONKLIN	MOBILE, AL	7/22/00	29 lbs. 10 oz.
GROUPEL, SNOWY	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	3/1/14	68 lbs. 7 oz.
GROUPEL, WARSAW	WARSAW	MICHAEL J. DRIVER	PENSACOLA, FL	7/18/81	226 lbs. 0 oz.
GROUPEL, YELLOWEDGE	SAME	TEDDY TINNEY	VESTIVIA HILLS, AL	4/7/20	49 lbs. 15.04 oz.
GROUPEL, YELLOWMOUTH	SAME	BRADLEY TINNEY	VESTAVIA, AL	4/27/19	12 lbs. 6.72 oz.
HAKE, GULF	SAME	DICK PAUL	GULF SHORES, AL	9/25/16	5 lbs. 13.6 oz.
HAKE, SOUTHERN	SAME	JACK L. GAINES II	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	4/23/06	3 lbs. 4.48 oz.

HIND, RED	SAME	WILLIAM HOLMES HILL	MOBILE, AL	7/17/87	2 lbs. 14 oz.
HIND, ROCK	SAME	SAMUEL JASON GREEN	DURANT, MS	7/21/24	4 lbs. 7.52 oz.
HIND, SPECKLED	SAME	BRAXTON BRION HARDIN	NORTHPORT, AL	5/28/11	39 lbs. 13 oz.
HOGFISH, SPANISH	SAME	GARRETT THOMAS AKRIDGE	MOBILE, AL	8/29/15	1 lb. 8.96 oz.
HOGFISH, SPOTFIN	SAME	BO KEOUGH	ORANGE BEACH, AL	2/16/18	1 lb. 1.2 oz.
JACK, ALMACO	SAME	TYLER LAURENS VAN'T HOFF	IRVINGTON, AL	7/9/21	52 lbs. 14 oz.
JACK, BLACK	SAME	DEREK N. ROGERS	CODEN, AL	9/24/24	17 lbs. 13 oz.
JACK, COTTONMOUTH	SAME	NOLAN L. BERREY	GULF SHORES, AL	10/1/22	1 lb. .05 oz.
JACK, CREVALLE	CAVALLA	JOSEPH CONDRY POPE IV	ALABASTER, AL	10/31/14	40 lbs. 2 oz.
JACK, HORSE-EYE	SAME	BENNIE RAY GOLDMAN, JR.	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	2/24/22	30 lbs. 4 oz.
KINGFISH, GULF/SOUTHERN	WHITING/GROUND MULLET	LAMONT RIGNEY	EIGHT MILE, AL	4/9/01	3 lbs. 0 oz.
LADYFISH	SKIPJACK	CLINTON A. COLLIER	CODEN, AL	9/26/14	4 lbs. 10.6 oz.
LIONFISH, RED	SAME	TRAVIS WAYNE PRESSOR	MULBERRY, TN	6/1/16	2 lbs. 13.76 oz.
LIZARDFISH, INSHORE	SAME	JOHN NELSON WINGO, SR.	GULF SHORES, AL	9/4/22	1 lb. 11.2 oz.
LOOKDOWN	SAME	TERRELL KEITH SMITH	MOBILE, AL	8/24/97	2 lbs. 2 oz.
MACKEREL, KING	SAME	JEREMY ALAN GOLDMAN	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	7/20/14	69 lbs. 15.84 oz.
MACKEREL, SPANISH	SAME	LINTON LARRY MATTHEWS	MOBILE, AL	10/19/93	8 lbs. 12 oz.
MARGATE, WHITE	SAME	CHRIS C. THERRELL	GULF SHORES, AL	7/5/24	11 lbs. 13.4 oz.
MARLIN, BLUE	SAME	SCOTT LEE ANDERSON, JR.	HOUSTON, TX	10/18/2023	1,145 lbs. 9 oz.
MARLIN, WHITE	SAME	JAMES ASHLEY WALTERS	SATSUMA, AL	5/24/97	98 lbs. 13 oz.
MOONFISH, ATLANTIC	MOONFISH	NATHAN GAGE SEDGEWAY	WILMER, AL	6/29/19	1 lbs. 8 oz.
MORAY, BLACKEDGE	SAME	HENRY W ARBONA IV	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	8/18/20	2 lbs. 2 oz.
MULLET, STRIPED	MULLET	MARLIN F. TILLMAN	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	11/10/21	2 lbs. 15.2 oz.
OILFISH	SAME	JAMES ALLEN COKER, JR.	MOBILE, AL	7/24/16	55 lbs. 2 oz.
PERMIT	SAME	GRIFFIN R. HAAS	FERDINAND, IN	10/17/22	8 lbs. 8.8 oz.
PIGFISH	SAME	JEFFREY EISEMANN	O'FALLOW, IL	7/5/16	2 lbs. 4.6 oz.
PINFISH	SAME	ROY "TOJO" WHITE	CODEN, AL	5/15/01	3 lbs. 2 oz.
POMFRET, BIGSCALE	SAME	ERIC CRIGLER	DAPHNE, AL	5/31/24	20 lbs. 5.44 oz.
POMFRET, KEELTAIL	SAME	WILLIAM TYLER CRUITT	GULF SHORES, AL	8/13/21	29 lbs. 7.04 oz.
POMPANO, AFRICAN	SAME	RODNEY MICHAEL DUTTON	MOBILE, AL	9/9/89	39 lbs. 7 oz.
POMPANO, FLORIDA	POMPANO	PATRICIA LYNN CLUCK	FOLEY, AL	4/28/10	6 lbs. 13 oz.
PORGY, JOLTHEAD	SAME	TREY TAYLOR	DAPHNE, AL	6/30/23	9 lbs. 5.2 oz.
PORGY, KNOBBED	SAME	JOHN K. NEISSER	SOUTHBURY, CT	8/19/20	3 lbs. 4 oz.
PORGY, RED	WHITE SNAPPER	JEREMY COLLINGS	THEODORE, AL	4/2/11	7 lbs. 10.6 oz.
PORGY, WHITEBONE	PORGY	TURNER RUTLEDGE	NASHVILLE, TN	11/29/19	8 lbs. .05 oz.
PUFFER, SMOOTH	SAME	BRETT L. RUSSELL, SR.	GULF SHORES, AL	4/2/13	10 lbs. 3 oz.
ROSEFISH, BLACKBELLY	SAME	NEAL FOSTER	MOBILE, AL	7/13/12	4 lbs. 1 oz.
ROUGHY, BIG	SAME	LANCE SMITH	LITHIA SPRINGS, GA	6/6/14	5 lbs. 0 oz.
RUNNER, BLUE	HARDTAIL	STACEY MICHELE MOIREN	MOBILE, AL	6/28/97	11 lbs. 2.4 oz.
RUNNER, RAINBOW	SAME	LAKEN NICOLE SULLIVAN	LYNN HAVEN, FL	9/10/06	19 lbs. 9 oz.
SAILFISH	SAME	R. L. MEADOR, JR.	BIRMINGHAM, AL	1974	81 lbs. 0 oz.
SCORPIONFISH, SPINY CHEEK	SAME	HARRY MAC BARNES	MONTGOMERY, AL	11/26/19	5 lbs. 13.12 oz.
SCORPIONFISH, SPOTTED	SAME	CURTIS NEAL FOSTER	MOBILE, AL	7/19/15	3 lbs. 14 oz.
SEA BASS, BLACK	SAME	STEVE W. EDWARDS	MARIANNA, AR	7/31/00	3 lbs. 2 oz.
SEAROBIN, BLACKWING	SEA ROBIN	CECILIA DANIELLE MUSSELWHITE	IRVINGTON, AL	4/24/05	1 lb. 13 oz.
SEATROUT, SAND/SILVER	WHITE TROUT	ANTHONY "RYAN" CONKLIN	CODEN, AL	7/12/97	6 lbs. 10.56 oz.
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SPECK	WILLFORD DUCHERME	ORANGE BEACH, AL	5/6/80	12 lbs. 4 oz.

ALABAMA RECORD SALTWATER FISH *CONTINUED* ➤

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SHARK, ATLANTIC SHARPNOSE	SAME	CRAIG MIRONCHUCK	BAUXITE, AR	5/12/06	16 lbs. 3 oz.
SHARK, BULL	SAME	TOMMY J. BOWYER	FOLEY, AL	7/21/24	494 lbs. 8 oz.
SHARK, LEMON	SAME	TERRY L. SMITH	MOBILE, AL	7/21/95	278 lbs. 8 oz.
SHARK, SHORTFIN MAKO	SAME	LARRY A. JOHNSON	ORANGE BEACH, AL	8/20/78	737 lbs. 0 oz.
SHARK, TIGER	SAME	ROBERT BRETT RUTLEDGE	MOBILE, AL	7/21/23	1019 lbs. 0 oz.
SHARKSUCKER	SAME	RICHARD L. HAMLIN	CABOT, AR	9/21/18	9 lbs. 4.4 oz.
SHEEPSHEAD	SAME	KENDALE M. JEANS	ELBERTA, AL	3/18/22	16 lbs. 6.6 oz.
SNAPPER, CUBERA	SAME	LADON SWANN	CODEN, AL	8/14/15	94 lbs. 3 oz.
SNAPPER, DOG	SAME	MIKE E. NELSON	ORANGE BEACH, AL	7/22/18	16 lbs. 4 oz.
SNAPPER, GRAY	MANGROVE/BLACK	PAM WARD	FAIRHOPE, AL	5/16/07	18 lbs. 0 oz.
SNAPPER, LANE	SAME	SCOTT E. JORDAN	SARALAND, AL	7/15/11	8 lbs. 1 oz.
SNAPPER, MUTTON	SAME	MARCUS BRYANT	SEMMES, AL	6/25/06	20 lbs. 12 oz.
SNAPPER, QUEEN	SAME	CRAWFORD GRANT MANN	ORANGE BEACH, AL	6/26/23	11 lbs. 4.6 oz.
SNAPPER, RED	SAME	MELVIN E. DUNN, JR.	THEODORE, AL	6/1/02	44 lbs. 12 oz.
SNAPPER, SILK	SAME	ROBERT BRETT RUTLEDGE	MOBILE, AL	9/10/16	9 lbs. 0 oz.
SNAPPER, VERMILION	BEELINER	JOHN W. DOSS	THEODORE, AL	5/31/87	7 lbs. 3 oz.
SNAPPER, YELLOWTAIL	SAME	JOSHUA BOYD	FAIRHOPE, AL	11/11/19	9 lbs. 9.6 oz.
SNOOK, COMMON	SAME	GARDNER LOVE	PERDIDO BEACH, AL	5/14/24	7 lbs. 0.4 oz.
SPADEFISH, ATLANTIC	SPADEFISH	ASHLEY NICHOLE OSBURN	WILMER, AL	7/14/07	8 lbs. 8 oz.
SPEARFISH, LONGBILL	SPEARFISH	VALERIE P. JOHNSON	FAIRHOPE, AL	1976	53 lbs. 0 oz.
SQUIRRELFISH	SAME	JONATHAN WALLER	MCDONOUGH, GA	9/18/24	1 lbs. 5.4 oz.
STARGAZER, SOUTHERN	SAME	MICHAEL BRYANT	MOBILE, AL	4/13/06	6 lbs. 4.5 oz.
STINGRAY, ROUGHTAIL	SAME	DAN R. MIDGETTE	SEMMES, AL	8/6/00	160 lbs. 0 oz.
STINGRAY, SOUTHERN	SAME	GORDON GRADY MCGLAWN	ALICEVILLE, AL	7/26/07	151 lbs. 3.2 oz.
SWORDFISH	BROADBILL	WENDELL L. SAWYER, JR.	MOBILE, AL	9/16/06	448 lbs. 0 oz.
TARPON	SAME	BILLY WILDBERGER	MOBILE, AL	8/15/92	203 lbs. 0 oz.
TILEFISH	NORTHERN	DICK PAUL	PENSACOLA, FL	4/23/14	35 lbs. 5.6 oz.
TILEFISH, BLACKLINE	SAME	GAVIN LUKE DUNNAM	CHUNCHULA, AL	9/6/22	1 lb. 6.4 oz.
TILEFISH, BLUELINE	SAME	JOE FRESOLONE	MOBILE, AL	6/1/14	10 lbs. 14 oz.
TILEFISH, GOLDFACE	GOLDEN-EYED	JEFFREY M. DODD	TRENTON, TN	7/18/19	5 lbs. 7 oz.
TILEFISH, SAND	TILEFISH	TYLOR L. FINLEY	BREMEN, AL	5/25/23	2 lbs. 10.4 oz.
TOADFISH, GULF	OYSTER FISH	ANDREW MONTGOMERY	MOBILE, AL	8/13/05	2 lbs. 8 oz.
TOADFISH, LEOPARD	SAME	JAMES MYRICK	SAND ROCK, AL	10/1/06	4 lbs. 3 oz.
TOMTATE	RUBY RED LIPS	LAUREN OGLE	MUNCIE, IN	8/1/14	1 lb. 4.8 oz.
TRIGGERFISH, GRAY	TRIGGERFISH	ROBBY MYERS	AXIS, AL	5/31/93	13 lbs. 8 oz.
TRIGGERFISH, OCEAN	SAME	CHAD R. HILTON	GULFPORT, MS	8/10/13	7 lbs. 10 oz.
TRIGGERFISH, QUEEN	SAME	JAKE TAFFARO, JR.	ELBERTA, AL	7/6/99	7 lbs. 8 oz.
TRIPLETAIL	BLACKFISH	BOB BARNES	BAYOU LA BATRE, AL	1976	37 lbs. 5 oz.
TUNA, BIGEYE	SAME	BOBBY ABERNATHY	MERRYVILLE, LA	10/26/14	236 lbs. 0 oz.
TUNA, BLACKFIN	SAME	DAVID DENICOLA	COLTS NECK, NJ	4/11/14	43 lbs. 5.12 oz.
TUNA, BLUEFIN (TIE)	SAME	JOHN ENGQUIST	BATON ROUGE, LA	6/3/06	829 lbs. 6 oz.
TUNA, BLUEFIN (TIE)	SAME	DAVID GASTON	SYLACAUGA, AL	5/29/24	831 lbs. 6 oz.
TUNA, SKIPJACK	SAME	STROM SMITH	OCEAN SPRINGS, MS	8/31/13	32 lbs. 6.4 oz.
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	SAME	MAURICE W. REDDELL	ORANGE BEACH, AL	3/22/20	230 lbs. 0 oz.
TUNNY, LITTLE	BONITA	KYLE EUGENE DAVIS	IRVINGTON, AL	7/17/21	22 lbs. 4 oz.
WAHOO	SAME	DAVID MATTHEW SUMRALL	MOBILE, AL	5/6/06	123 lbs. 6 oz.
WRECKFISH	SAME	DOUG MALLONEE	SEMMES, AL	5/30/06	68 lbs. 6 oz.

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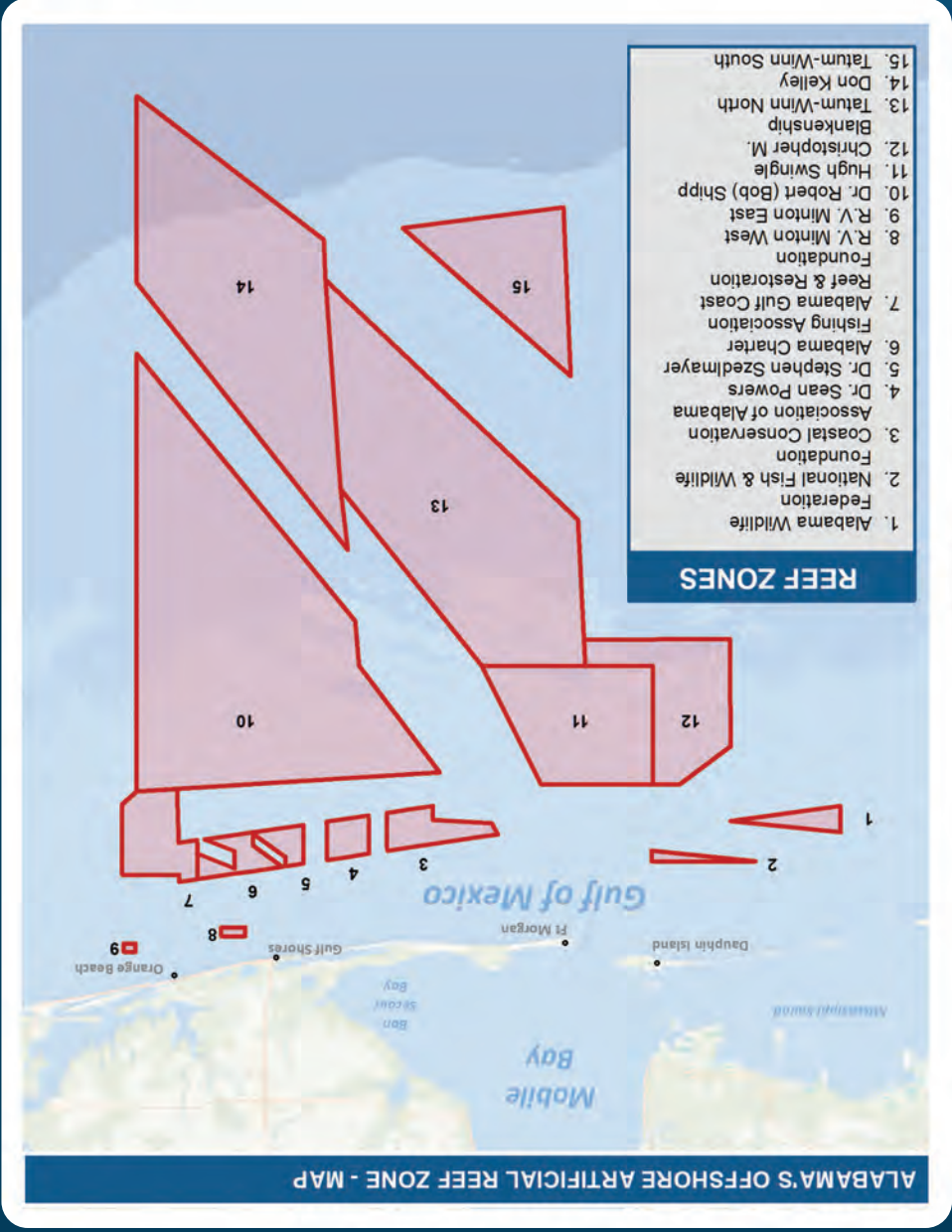
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Alabama's Offshore Artificial Reef Zones



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In 2024, Alabama Power scuttled the 45' tug boat William Lee in the C.M. Blankenship Offshore Reef Zone to build additional reef fish habitat in the 63 square mile reef zone created in 2021. The William Lee reef is the first privately funded artificial reef constructed in the recently established reef zone. Coordinates of the new reef are 88°9.968'W, 29°54.400'N and the reef will be added to the artificial reef database.

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