

2023



# ALABAMA MARINE INFORMATION CALENDAR

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES: MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION





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The mission of the **Marine Resources Division (MRD)** 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 **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. The section also works 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 state, regional and national levels. It also oversees a mariculture program located at the Claude Peteet 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.

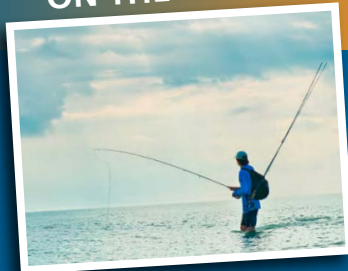
The **Administrative Section** handles accounting, billing, payroll, license sales and public inquiries. The Division staff is housed at two facilities, one on Dauphin Island and the other in Gulf Shores. Combined, the two facilities support approximately 70 employees.



**Swordfish**  
Dylan Wier



ON THE COVER



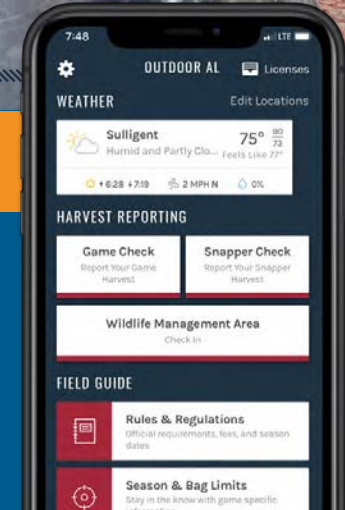
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# What is the Sport Fish Restoration Program?



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?

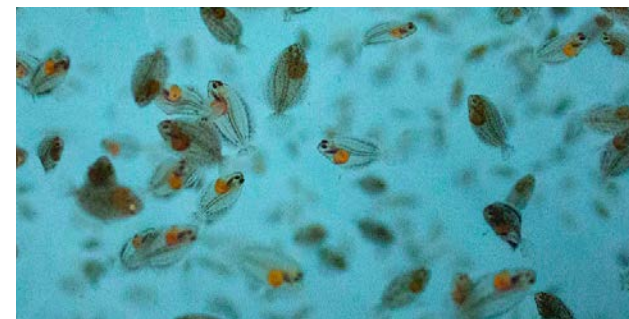
- Restoration and management of fish species of material value for sport-fishing and recreation.
- Provide facilities that create or add to public access for recreational boating.
- Provide aquatic education to the public to increase understanding of water resources and associated aquatic life.

## 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.



» Three week old southern flounder reared at Claude Peteet Mariculture.

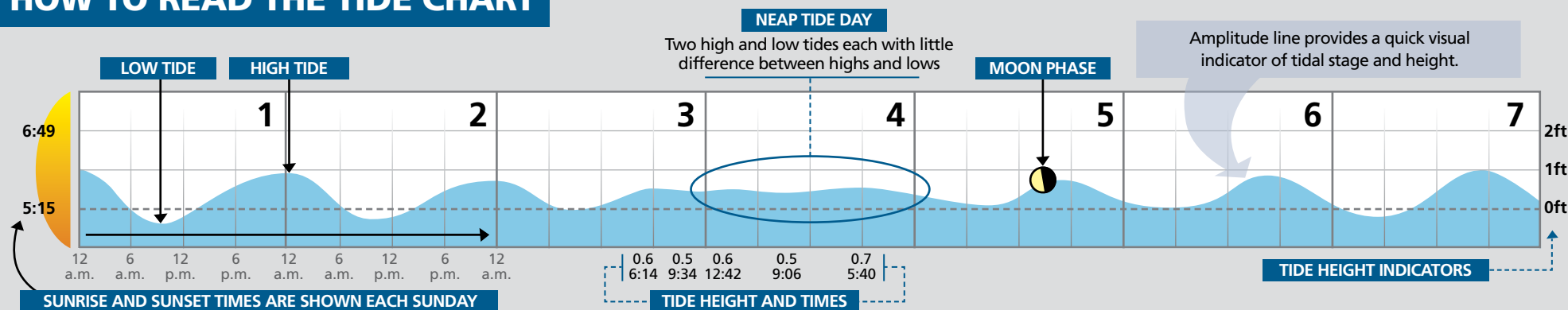


» Juvenile Florida Pompano reared at Claude Peteet Mariculture Center.



» Newly improved access at Little Billy Goat Hole funded with the help of SFR Program.

## HOW TO READ THE 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

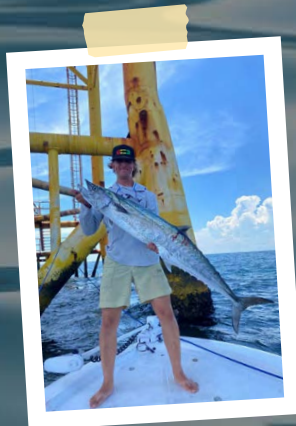
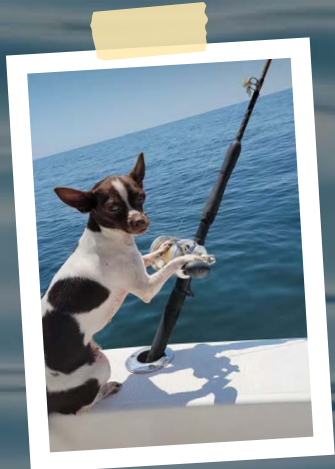
**Point Clear:**  
add 00:48 - high  
add 00:52 - low

**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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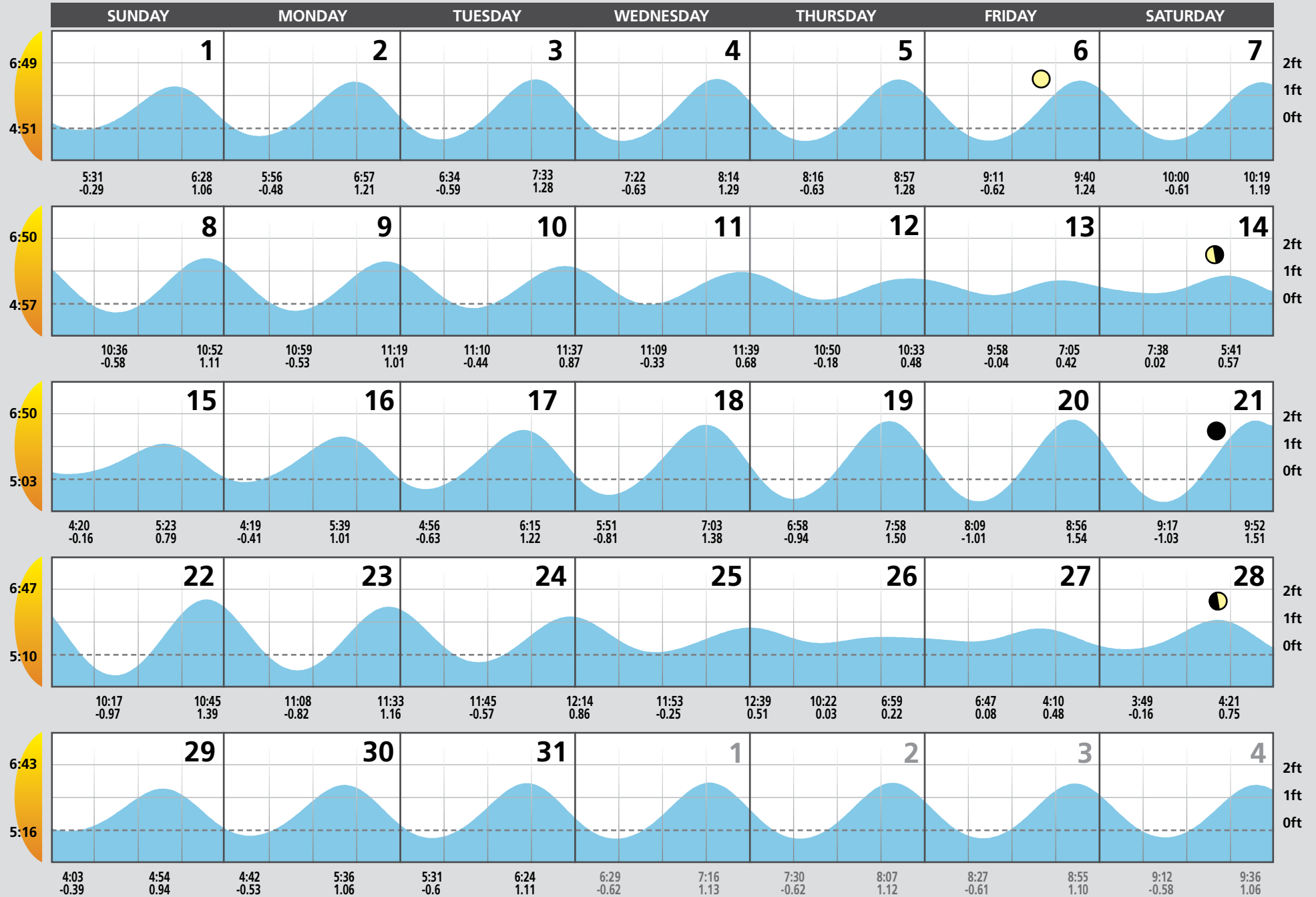
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# #ALSPORTFISH

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

# JANUARY 2023

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  
 Low tide: add 19 minutes



# ALABAMA INSHORE REEF SYSTEM AND COASTAL BOATING ACCESS POINTS

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- AMRD Jurisdiction
- Circalittoral Reefs
- Gas Platform Reefs
- ▲ Existing Fishing Reef
- ★ Nearshore Reef Zones
- Public Boat Ramp
- Private Boat Ramp
- Proposed Inshore Reefs
- Public Kayak Only



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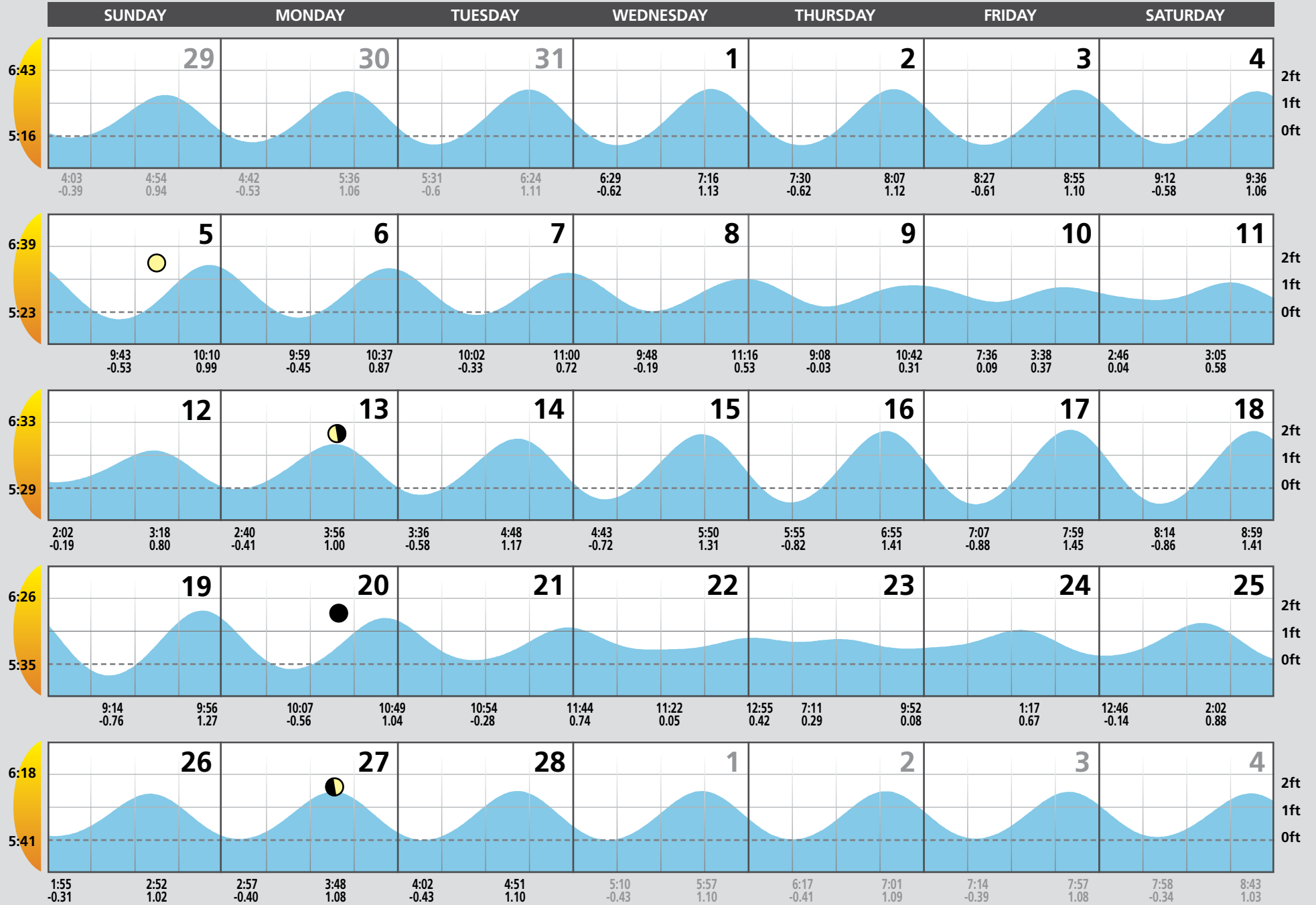




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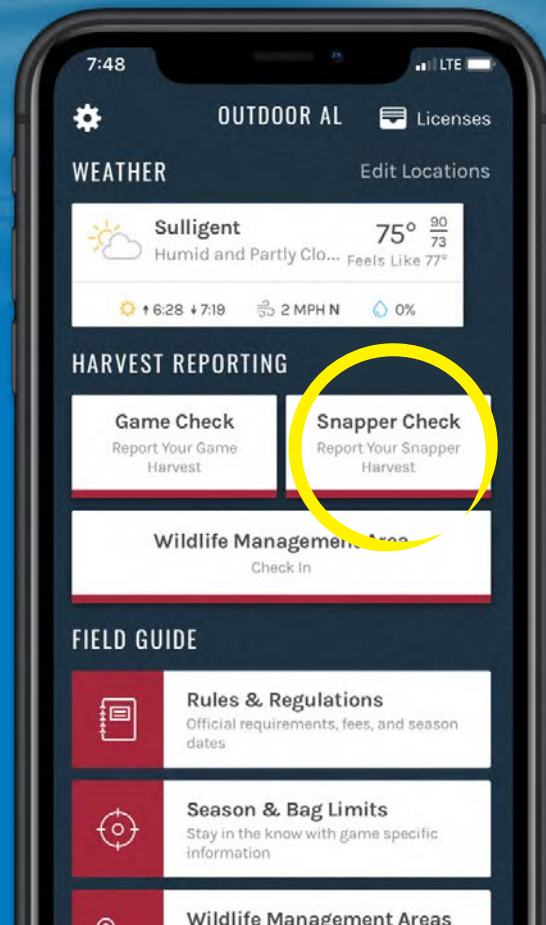
# MANDATORY REPORTING

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/](https://research.dcnr.alabama.gov/snapper/)

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*Red Snapper*



*Amberjack*



*Triggerfish*

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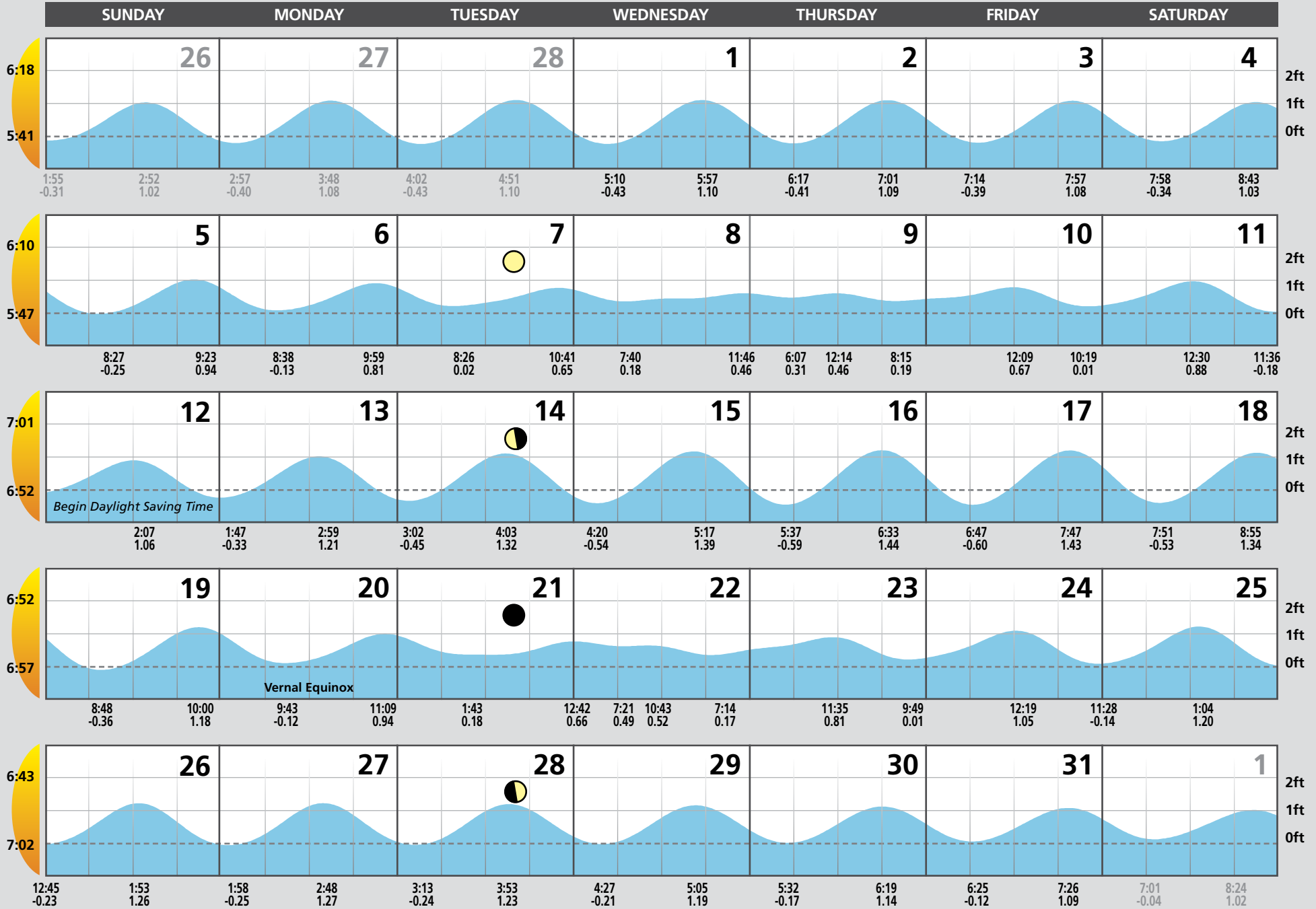
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# MARCH 2023

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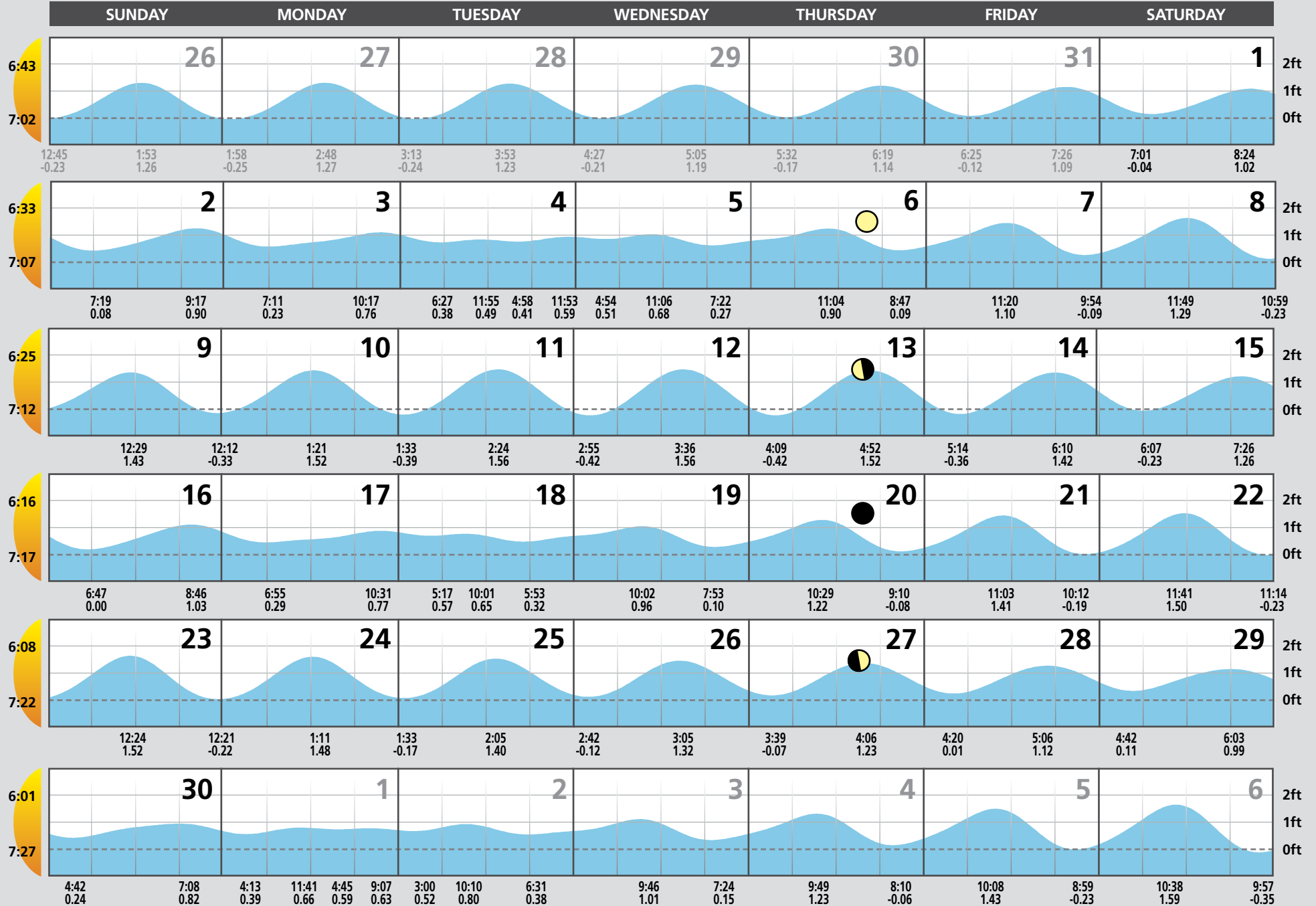
*Tripletail*  
Blakely Ellis



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# APRIL 2023

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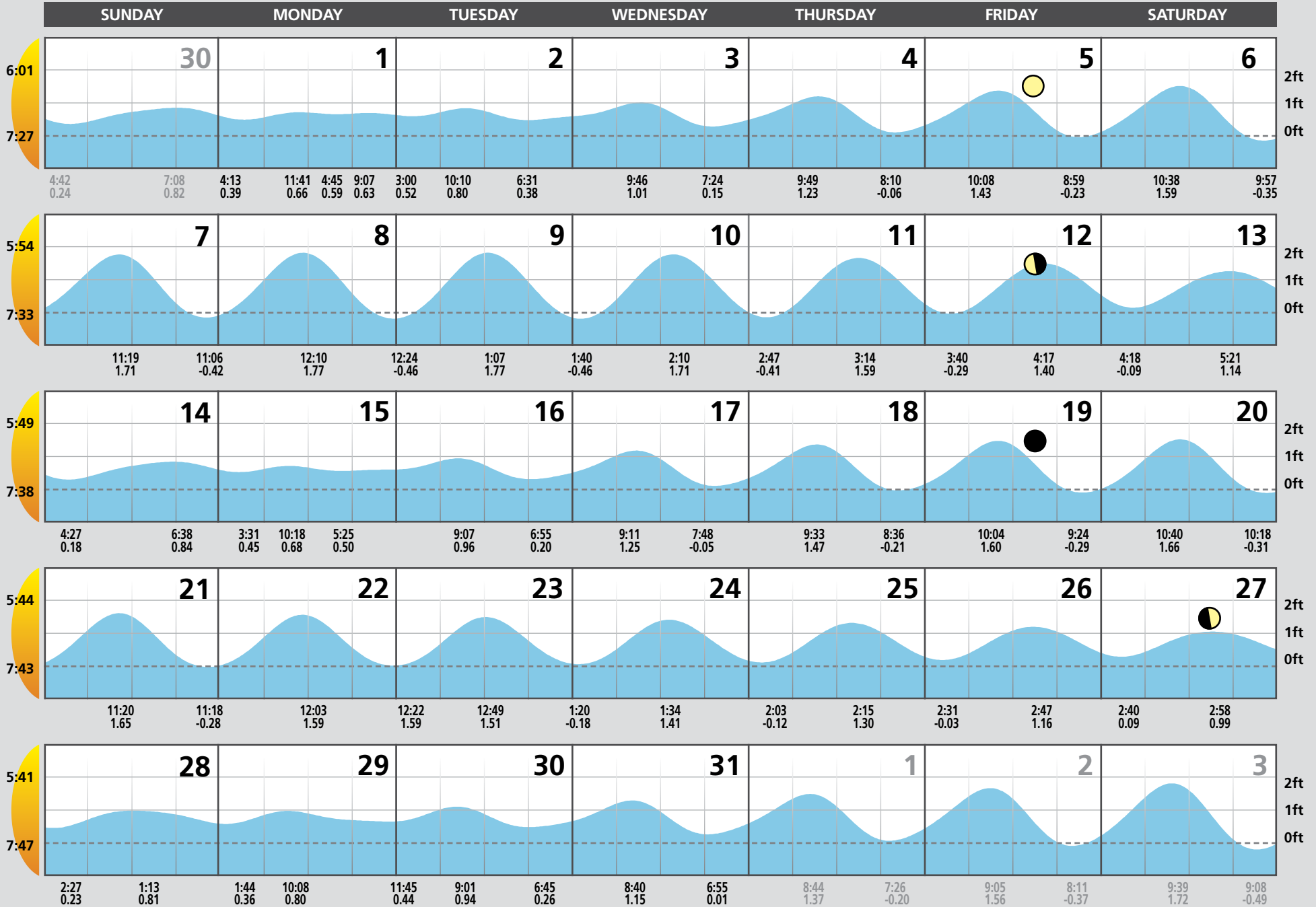
**King Mackerel**  
Sandy Harris



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# MAY 2023





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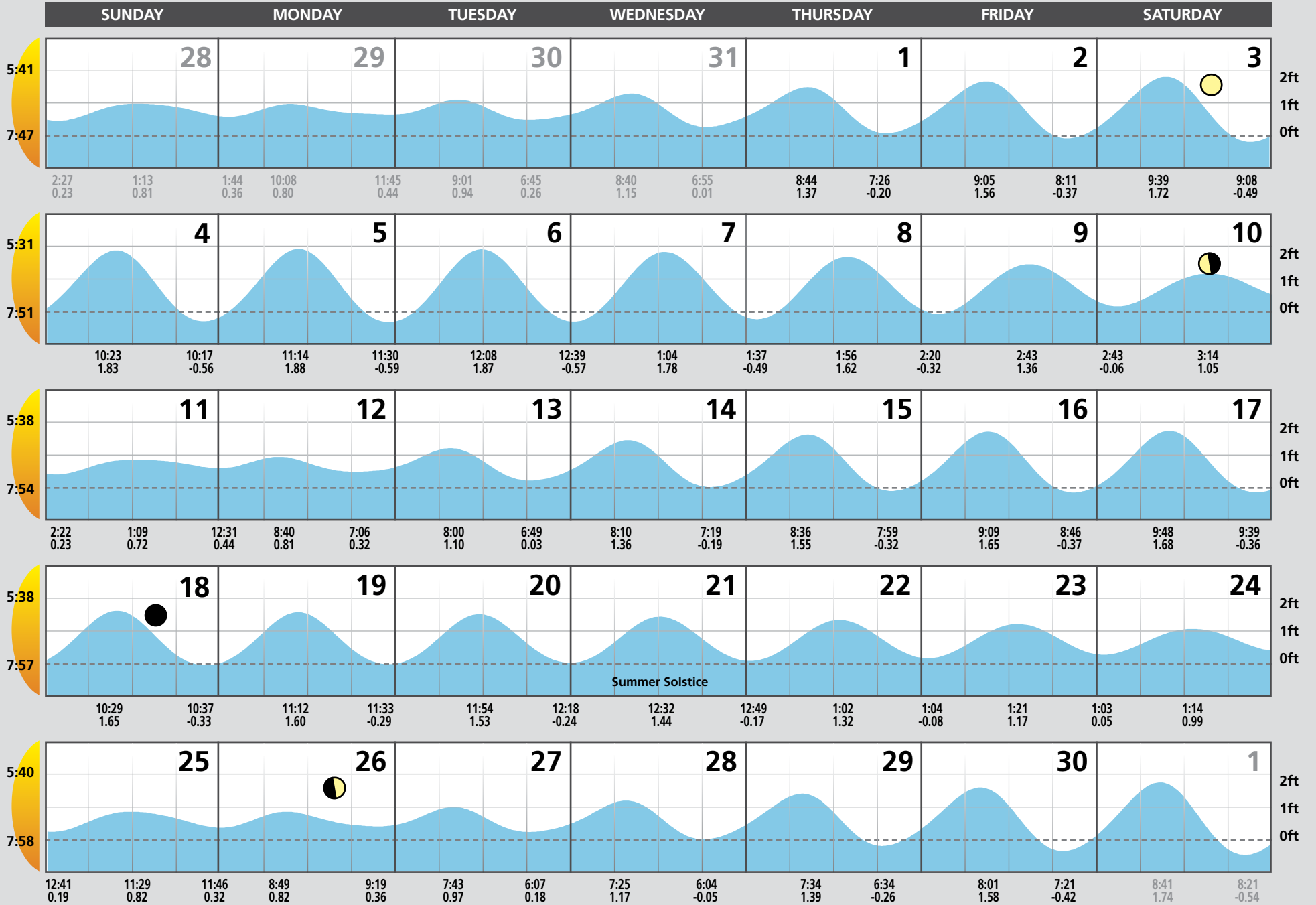
*Red Snapper*  
Ashley Richardson



 NEW MOON  
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# JUNE 2023

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# SALTWATER TAGGING PROGRAM

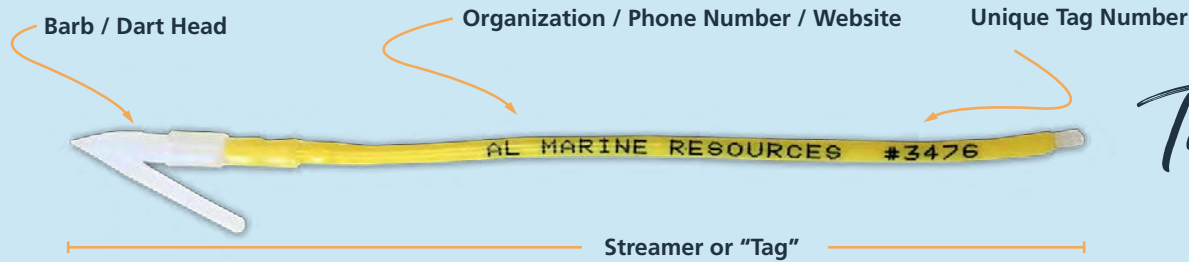


## Fishing for Data

The Alabama Marine Resources Division is conducting studies of reef fish. Biological 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.

Tag Located Near Dorsal Fin

## Example of an AMRD Fish Tag



Tag!

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## Active Fishing Tagging Programs

Organization	Date of Capture	Species Type	Tag # Example	Fish Length	Fish Weight	Location Caught (GPS)	Carcass Retention	Vessel Info.	Keep or Release	Keep Tag?	Release Fish w/o tag?	Dollar Value	Handouts	Email / Website	Phone	Information Required from Captured Tagged Fish			
ADCNR / MRD	Y	Y	AL Marine Resources #0000	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	w/ tag	N	N	marine.resources@dcnr.alabama.gov OR outdooralabama.com/swtags	251-968-7576				
USouthAL Fisheries & Ecology Lab	Y	Y	AA-123456	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	w/ tag**	High Dollar Tag (HDT)	t-shirt and hat for non-HDT	tags.usouthal.edu	800-372-5980				
Auburn University	Y	Y	251-990-4858 0000	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	w/ tag	Y	N	N	251-990-4858				
CCA Alabama	Y	Y	AT 0000	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	w/ tag	Y	sunglasses, hats, or t-shirts	tags.usouth.edu	251-478-3474				
Harte Research Institute	Y	Y	RS00000	Y	Y	Y*	N	N	N/A	Y	w/o tag	Y***	N	snappercount@harteresearchinstitute.org OR harteresearchinstitute.org/snappercount	361-825-2525				
University of South Mississippi	Y	Y	CN123456	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	w/ tag	Y	coozie and decal	tagging@usm.edu OR usm.edu/tagandrelease	228-818-8818				
Billfish Foundation	Y	Y	BILLFISH 00000	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	w/o tag	Y	t-shirt	tag@billfish.org OR billfish.org/research/tag-and-release	954-938-0150				
Large Pelagic Research Center	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	w/o tag	Y	t-shirt	tunalab.org	603-767-2129				
NOAA Shark Tag	Y	Y	4,5, or 6 digit #	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	w/o tag	Y	t-shirt	fisheries.noaa.gov	850-234-6541				

\* Report anglers port of departure as well as coordinates of where fish was caught \*\* If High Dollar Tag retained \*\*\* Reimbursement only available through December, 31, 1999



# 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](http://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.

## 2023 SALTWATER LICENSE FEES

LICENSES & ENDORSEMENTS	ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	FLORIDA	ALL OTHERS
ANNUAL	\$26.50	\$129.15	\$48.15	\$57.00
TRIP	\$11.00	\$31.40	\$30.15	\$31.40
PIER	\$6.85	\$12.80	\$12.80	\$12.80
SPEARFISHING	\$6.00	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50
DISABLED	\$3.20	N/A	N/A	N/A
DISABLED VETERANS (20%)	\$3.30	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

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# Commonly Caught Alabama Offshore Fish



## 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 GROUPE

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.



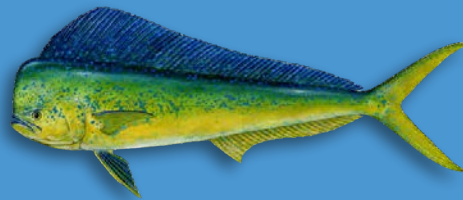
## LANE SNAPPER

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.



## 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.



## DOLPHINFISH (MAHI MAHI)

Dolphin fish 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. They're 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.



## 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.



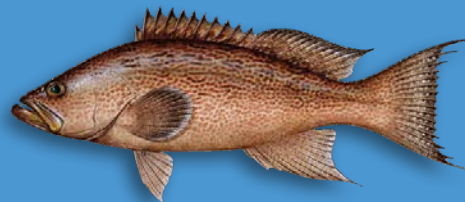
## ATLANTIC SPADEFISH

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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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 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 crabeater.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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."



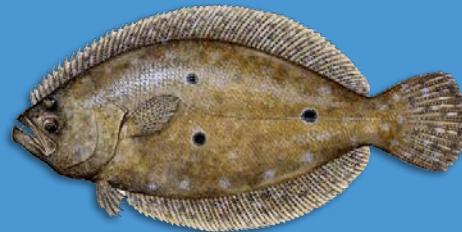
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These fish can be found offshore near structures, inshore over seagrass beds or over sandy bottom near inlets in search of small crabs or shrimp to eat.



## 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.



## GULF FLOUNDER

Gulf 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 and Creel Limits for Alabama State Waters

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SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Sheepshead	12" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	10 per person
Spotted Seatrout	15" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	6 per person
	22" max TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	1 oversized fish allowed
Red Drum (Redfish)	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	3 per person
	26" max TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	1 oversized fish allowed
Cobia (Ling)	36" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person (2 per vessel)
King Mackerel	24" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	3 per person
Spanish Mackerel	none	15 per person
Florida Pompano	12" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	3 per person
Tripletail (Blackfish)	18" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	3 per person
Flounder <sup>1</sup>	14" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	5 per person
Striped Bass <sup>2</sup>	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person <sup>2</sup>
Greater Amberjack <sup>3</sup>	34" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person
Lesser Amberjack	14" - 22" FORK LENGTH (FL)	4
Banded Rudderfish	14" - 22" FORK LENGTH (FL)	4
Yellowfin Tuna	27" min CURVED FORK LENGTH	3 per person
Bigeye Tuna	27" min CURVED FORK LENGTH	no creel limit
Gag Grouper <sup>3,5</sup>	24" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person <sup>5</sup>
Red Grouper <sup>3,5</sup>	20" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person <sup>5</sup>

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Black Grouper <sup>3,5</sup>	24" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4 per person <sup>5</sup>
Yellowfin Grouper <sup>3,5</sup>	20" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4 per person <sup>5</sup>
Scamp <sup>3,5</sup>	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4 per person <sup>5</sup>
Snappers <sup>3</sup>		
Red	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person
Gray (mangrove, black)	12" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	10 per person
Vermilion (beeliner)	10" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	10 per person
Lane	8" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4
Gray Triggerfish <sup>3</sup>	15" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person <sup>4</sup>
Tarpon	60" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	\$61 tag required (each)
Mullet	none	6
Sharks		
Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead	none	1 per person per day
Hammerhead, Great	78" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person per day
Hammerhead, Smooth	78" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person per day
Hammerhead, Scalloped	78" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person per day
Mako, Shortfin	71" min FORK LENGTH (FL) (M)	1 per person per day
	83" min FORK LENGTH (FL) (F)	
All Other Shark Species	54" (FL) (30" dressed)	1 per person per day

## ALL FISH MUST BE LANDED WITH THE HEAD AND FINS INTACT

- <sup>1</sup> The taking or possession of flounder from Nov. 1 - 30 is prohibited.
- <sup>2</sup> Only two striped bass are allowed within Marine Resources Division jurisdiction.
- <sup>3</sup> Alabama state waters open and close along with federal regulations.
- <sup>4</sup> There is a twenty (20) fish aggregate creel limit for reef fish species for which there is no other creel limit.
- <sup>5</sup> 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).
- <sup>6</sup> 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).

[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/rules-and-announcements/bulletins](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/rules-and-announcements/bulletins)

## 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.

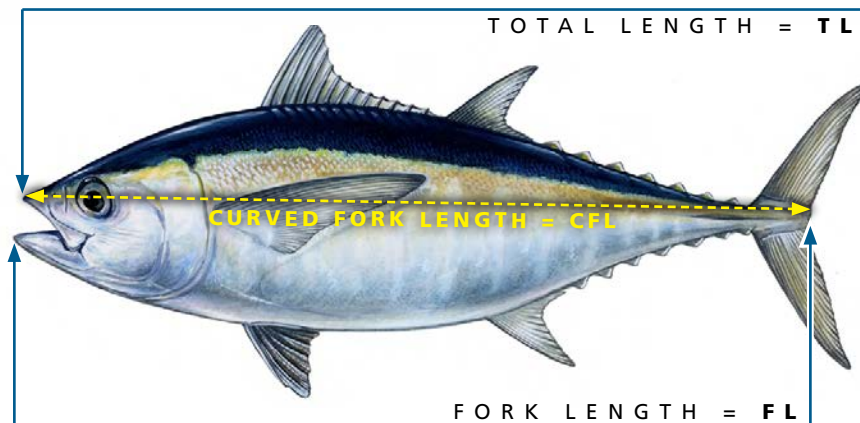


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## REGULATIONS

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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## REPORT VIOLATIONS

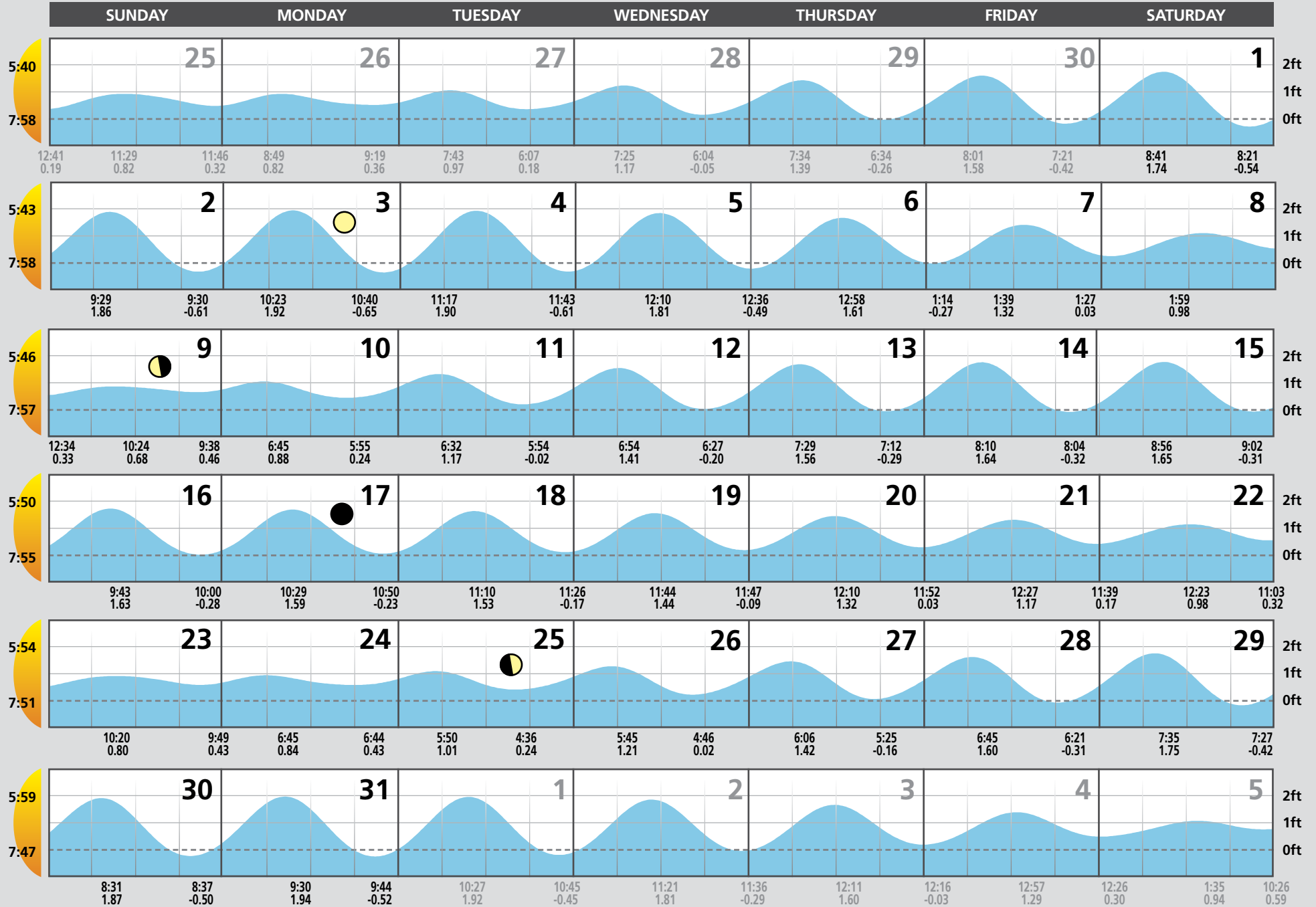
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# JULY 2023

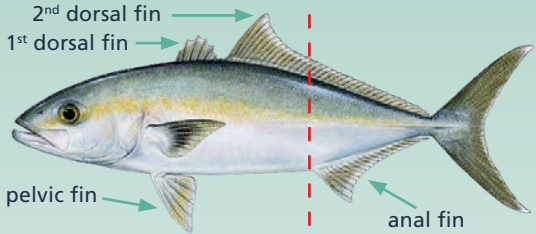

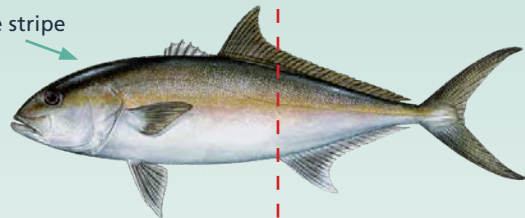
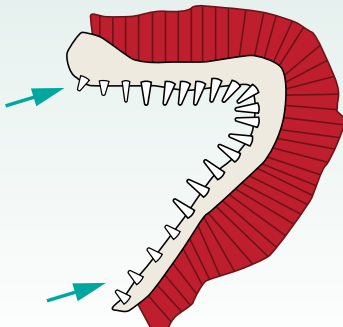
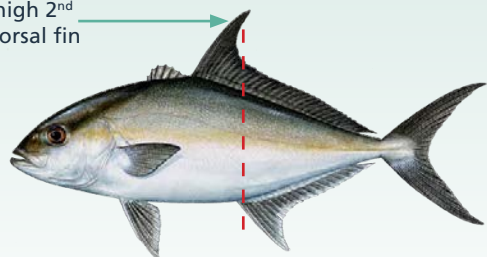
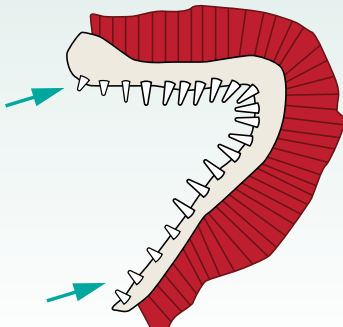
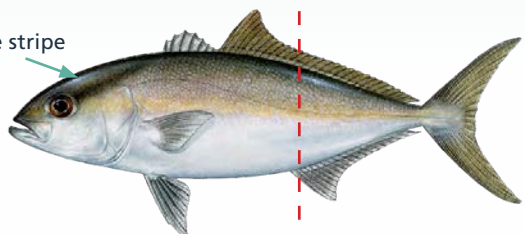
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# HOW TO IDENTIFY JACKS

Always check regulations for current size and bag limits

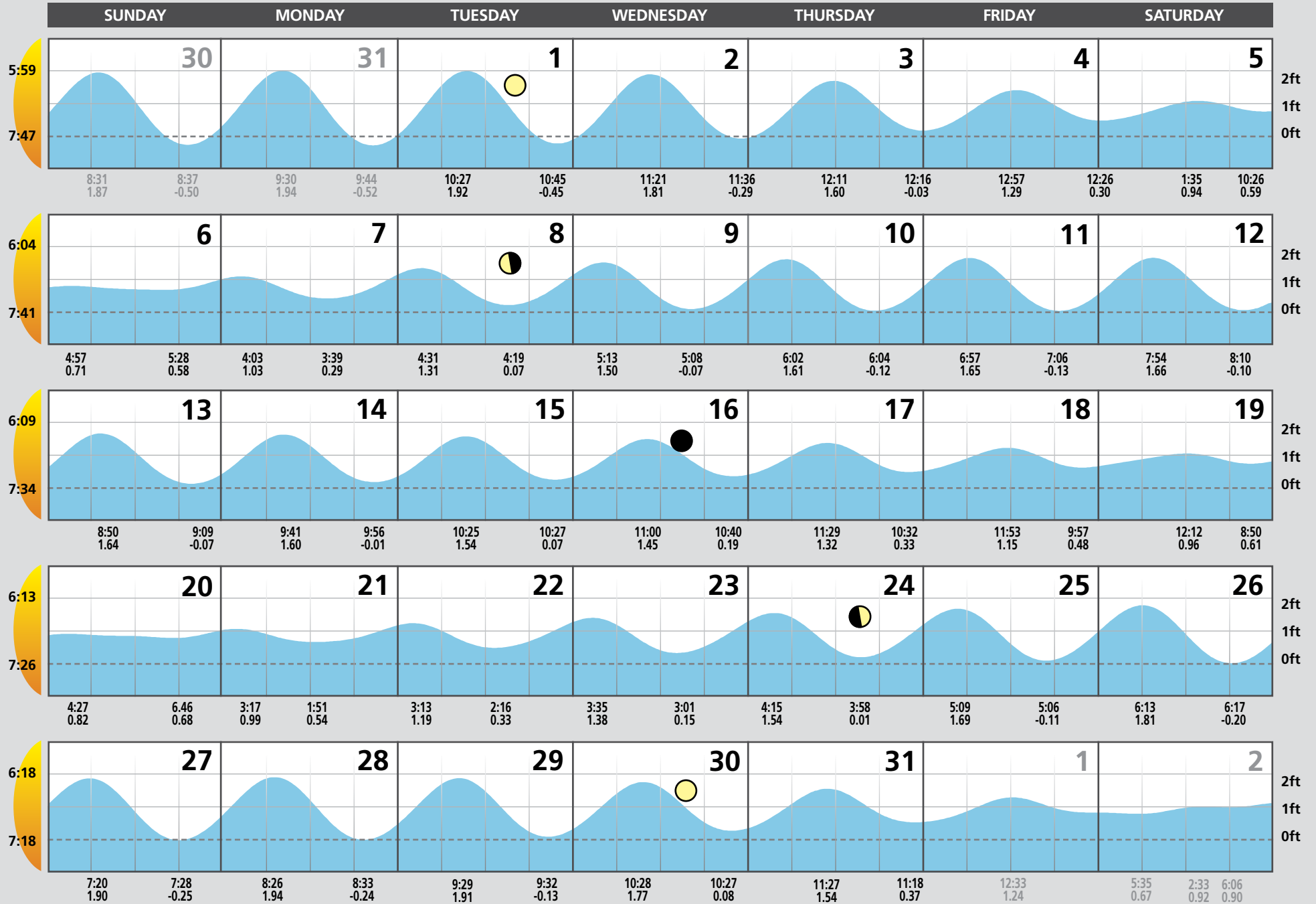
Fish Species	Anal Fin Length	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dorsal Fin Lobe Length	Gill Raker Count*	Most Reliable Characteristics
 <p><b>BANDED RUDDERFISH</b></p>	<p><b>SHORT</b> 1/2 as long as 2<sup>nd</sup> dorsal fin</p>	<p><b>SHORT</b> Shorter than pelvic fin</p>	<p><b>12-16</b></p>  <p><b>Gill rakers DO NOT extend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



NEW MOON
  FIRST QUARTER
  FULL MOON
  LAST QUARTER

# AUGUST 2023

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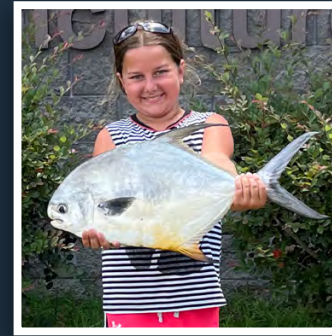
# 2022 Alabama State Record FISH



Wayne Akin  
Red Cornetfish  
2 lb. 5.4 oz.



Wesley T. Olsen  
Sheepshead  
14 lb. 4.0 oz.



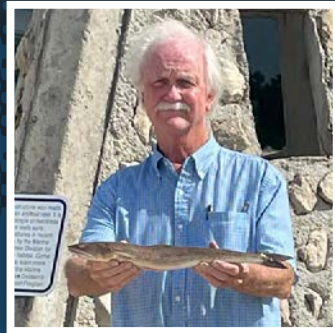
Annelise Wilson  
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6 lb. 0.54 oz.



Patrick A. Willis  
Permit  
8 lb. 2.4 oz.



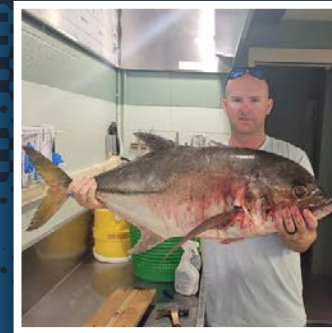
Mark Russo  
Silvery John Dory  
5 lb. 0.28 oz.



John N. Wingo  
Lizzardfish  
1 lb. 11.2 oz.



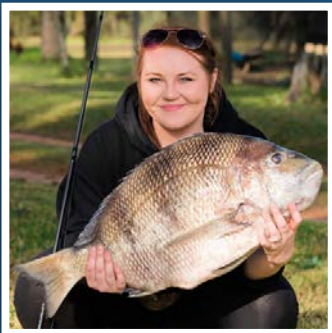
Chase Mitchell  
Jolthead Porgy  
9 lb. 2.88 oz.



Bennie Goldman Jr.  
Horse-eye Jack  
30 lb. 4 oz.



William J. Atkins  
Black Jack  
13 lb. 1.6 oz.



Kendale Jeans  
Sheepshead  
16 lb. 6.6 oz.



Scan the QR Code to access the state record application form.  
Complete the form and E-mail us photos of your catch at  
[Marine.Resources@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Marine.Resources@dcnr.alabama.gov)

## Catch A State Record Fish?



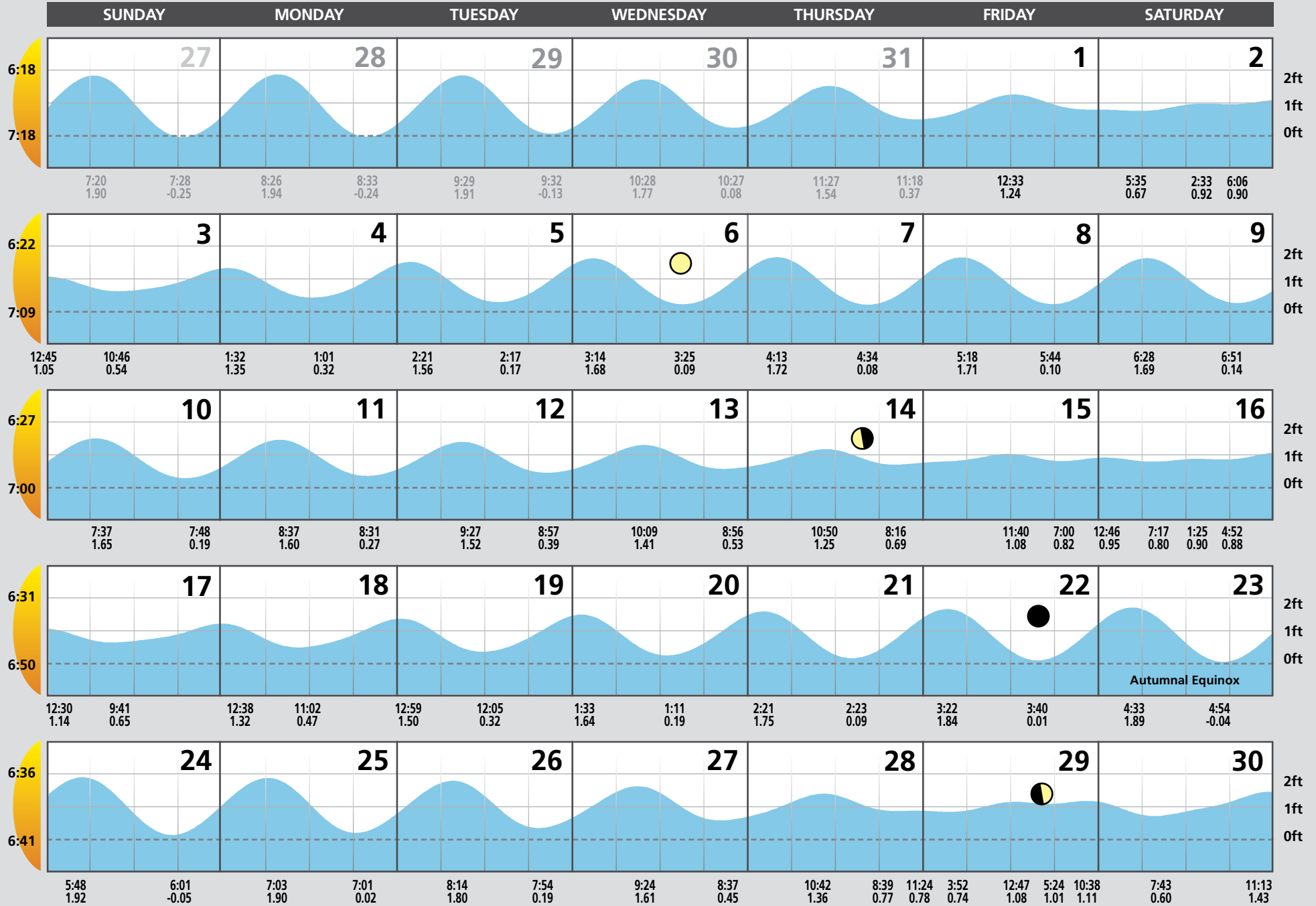
Gavin L. Dunnam  
Blackline Tilefish  
1 lb. 6.4 oz.



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# SEPTEMBER 2023



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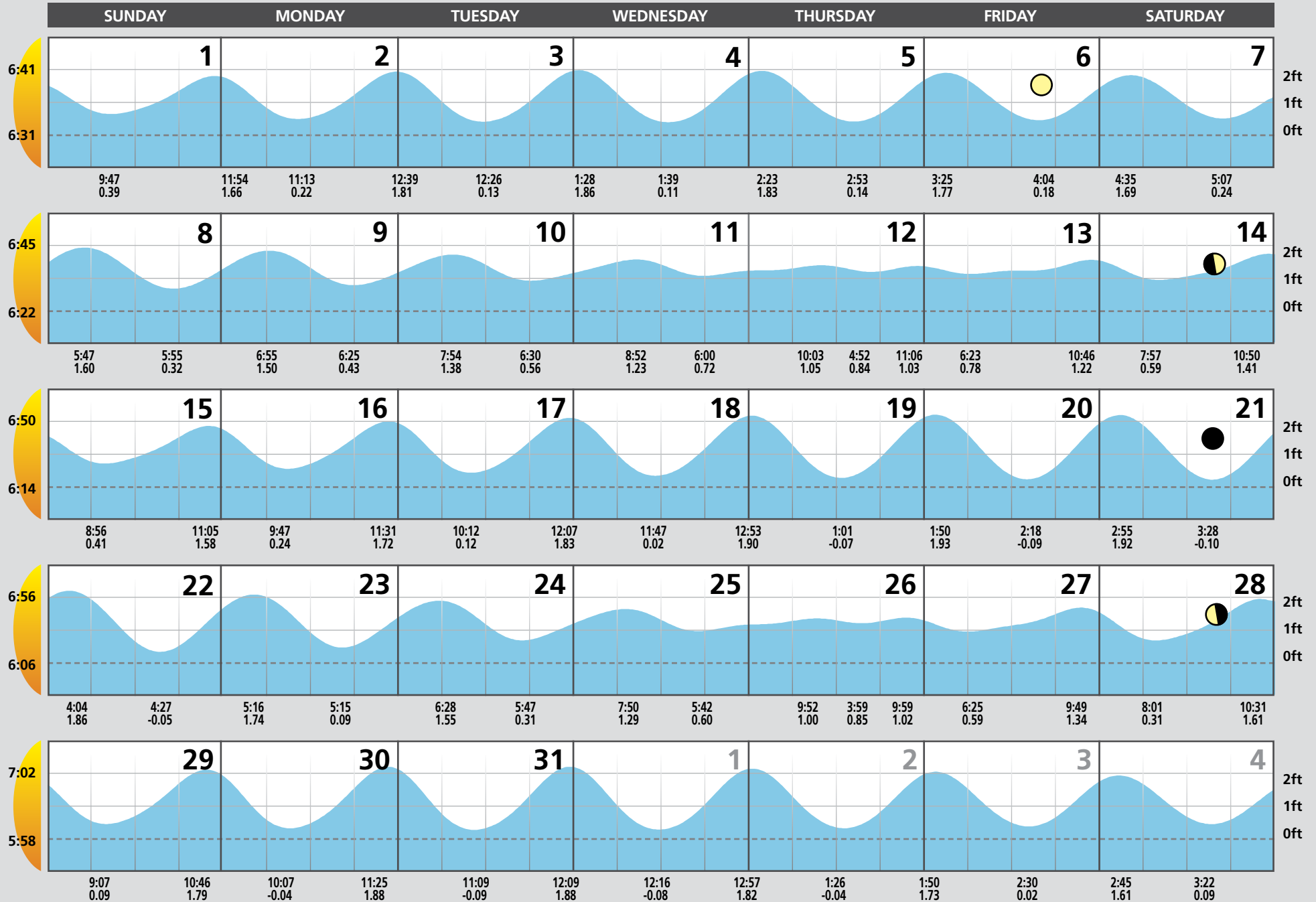
*Black Drum*  
Colby Harwell



 NEW MOON  
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# OCTOBER 2023

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# SPECIAL REPORTING CONTACTS



## FISH KILLS

Alabama Marine Resources Division  
Dauphin Island ..... (251) 861-2882  
Gulf Shores ..... (251) 968-7576

### 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

Email: marine.resources@dcnr.alabama.gov



## DOLPHIN AND WHALE STRANDINGS

Alabama's 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



## 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

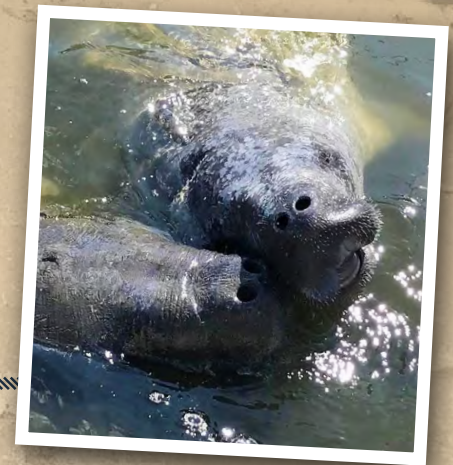


## MANATEE SIGHTINGS

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

### 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)



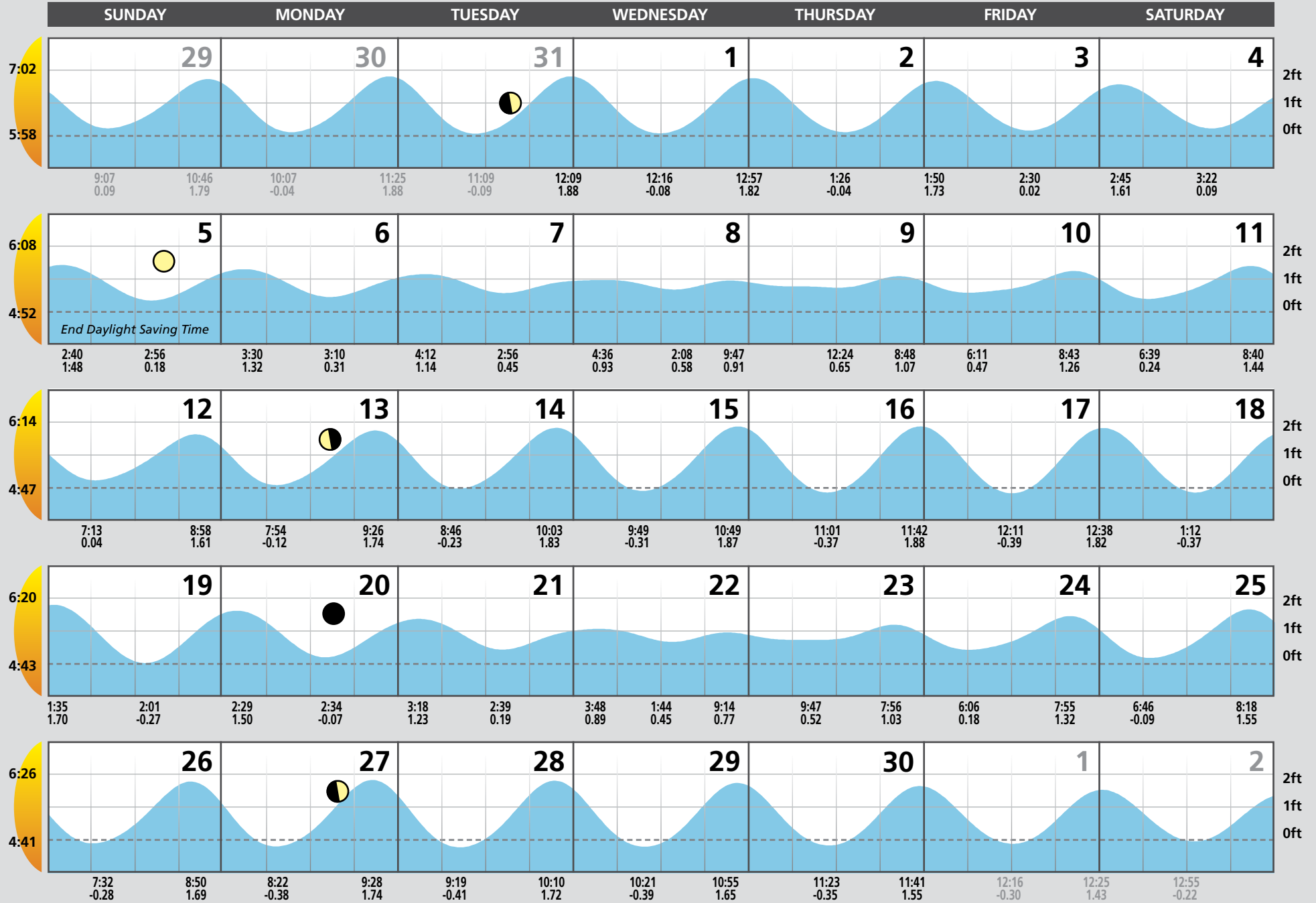
## DID YOU KNOW?

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.

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# NOVEMBER 2023

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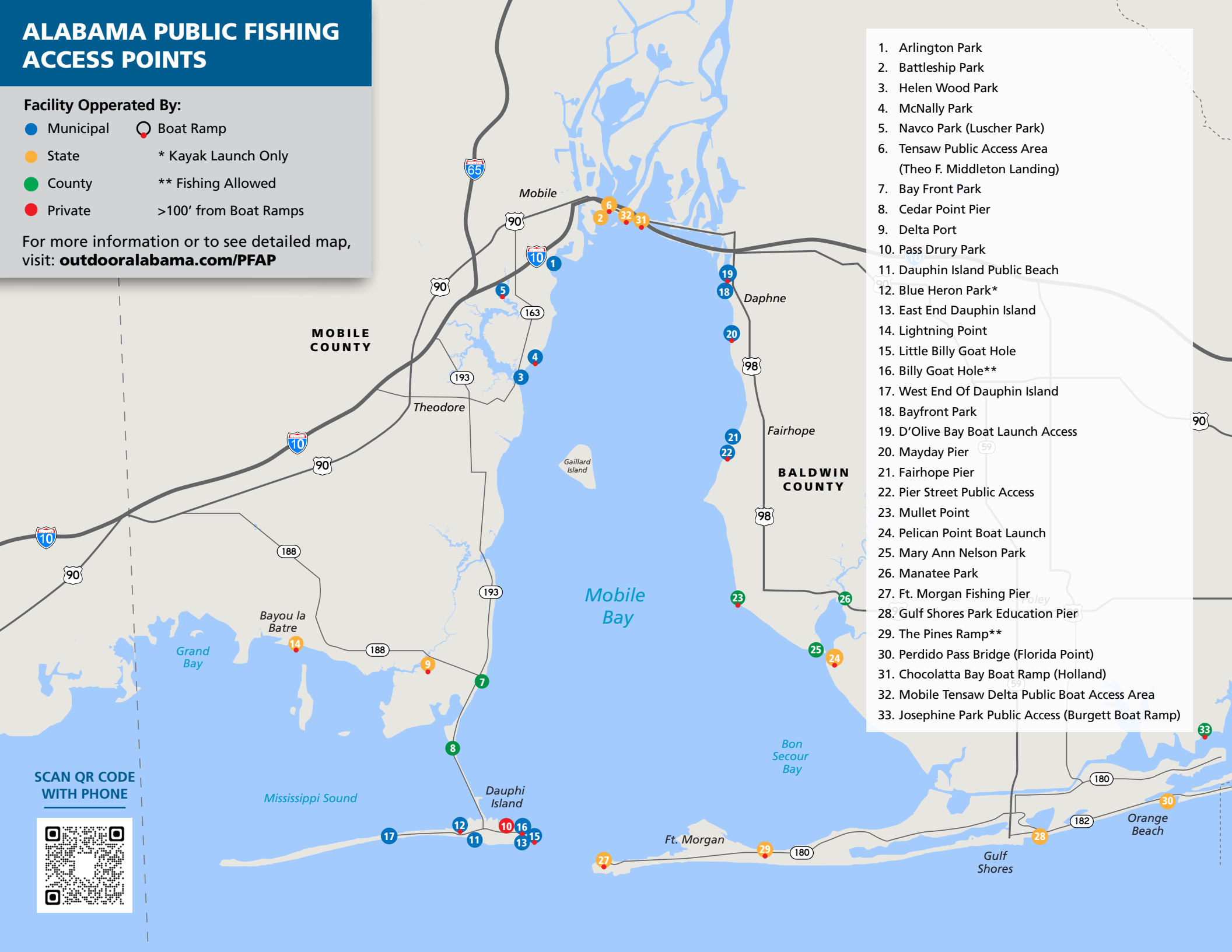


# ALABAMA PUBLIC FISHING ACCESS POINTS

## Facility Operated By:

- Municipal
- State
- County
- Private
- Boat Ramp
- \* Kayak Launch Only
- \*\* Fishing Allowed
- >100' from Boat Ramps

For more information or to see detailed map, visit: [outdooralabama.com/PFAP](http://outdooralabama.com/PFAP)



1. Arlington Park
2. Battleship Park
3. Helen Wood Park
4. McNally Park
5. Navco Park (Luscher Park)
6. Tensaw Public Access Area (Theo F. Middleton Landing)
7. Bay Front 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. Bayfront Park
19. D'Olive Bay Boat Launch Access
20. Mayday Pier
21. Fairhope Pier
22. Pier Street Public Access
23. Mullet Point
24. Pelican Point Boat Launch
25. Mary Ann Nelson Park
26. Manatee Park
27. Ft. Morgan Fishing Pier
28. Gulf Shores Park Education Pier
29. The Pines Ramp\*\*
30. Perdido Pass Bridge (Florida Point)
31. Chocolatta Bay Boat Ramp (Holland)
32. Mobile Tensaw Delta Public Boat Access Area
33. Josephine Park Public Access (Burgett Boat Ramp)

SCAN QR CODE WITH PHONE





# 2022 ALABAMA RECORD SALTWATER FISH

SPECIES	LOCAL NAME	ANGLER	HOMETOWN	DATE CAUGHT	WEIGHT
AMBERJACK, GREATER	AMBERJACK	BRIAN S. ANDREWS	CITRONELLE, AL	8/2/19	132 lb. 12.8 oz.
ANGELFISH, BLUE	SAME	LILLI COOPER	WAVERLY, IA	7/28/18	3 lb. 9.28 oz.
BARRACUDA, GREAT	BARRACUDA	STEVEN HAWKINS	MOBILE, AL	7/15/05	52 lb. 4 oz.
BARRELFISH	SAME	RICKIE DAVID POSEY	DEATSVILLE, AL	7/12/09	25 lb. 6 oz.
BASS, LONGTAIL	SAME	DAYNA BOWLES	DUNCAN, OK	3/19/10	5 lb. 14 oz.
BASS, STRIPED	STRIPER	BILLY HENDERSON	FAIRFIELD, AL	6/22/76	55 lb. 0 oz.
BIGEYE	BIGEYE SNAPPER	YANO FRANCIS SERRA	CODEN, AL	6/28/06	3 lb. 2 oz.
BLUEFISH	SAME	ALICIA WALIMAA	MERIDIAN, MS	6/5/04	17 lb. 4 oz.
BONITO, ATLANTIC	SAME	JOE ZOLCZYNSKI	FAIRHOPE, AL	12/31/94	5 lb. 5 oz.
BROTULA, BEARDED	SAME	MICHAEL T. DOWDY	MOBILE, AL	8/9/97	19 lb. 8 oz.
CATFISH, GAFFTOPSAIL	GAFFTOP	CHRISTIAN E. BUTTS	PACE, FL	10/30/15	12 lb. 7.4 oz.
CATFISH, HARDHEAD	SEACAT	COLE REED KLEFFMAN	SEYMOUR, IN	10/9/18	3 lb. 3 oz.
CHUB, BERMUDA	SAME	SHERMAN SMITH	SILVERHILL, AL	6/17/06	10 lb. 5 oz.
CHUB, YELLOW	SAME	THOMAS D. JONES	DAPHNE, AL	10/22/03	7 lb. 4 oz.
COBIA	LING	BENJAMIN MULLBERRY FAIREY	PENSACOLA, FL	4/18/95	117 lb. 7 oz.
CORNETFISH, RED	SAME	WAYNE AKINS	JASPER, AL	6/7/22	2 lb. 5.4 oz.
CREOLEFISH, ATLANTIC	CREOLEFISH	ROBERT JORDAN BARNHILL	ROBERTSDALE, AL	7/7/18	3 lb. 5 oz.
CROAKER, ATLANTIC	CROAKER	CARL N. BILLINGS	MOBILE, AL	8/26/00	5 lb. 8 oz.
CUTLASSFISH, ATLANTIC	RIBBONFISH	JOHN ROBERT FRAIN	CUMMING, GA	6/5/15	3 lb. 5 oz.
CUBBYU	SAME	CAROLINE ANN ENNIS	GULF BREEZE, FL	7/13/13	2 lb. 3.7 oz.
DOCTORFISH	SAME	PAVEL MALANCEA	ROBERTSDALE, AL	9/13/07	1 lb. 4 oz.
DOGFISH, SMOOTH	SAME	DICK PAUL	GULF SHORES, AL	5/24/16	17 lb. 11.20 oz.
DOLPHINFISH	DOLPHIN/MAHI MAHI	ASHTON TROY MABIRE	PENSACOLA, FL	5/26/07	65 lb. 8 oz.
DOLPHINFISH, POMPAÑO	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	6/30/12	4 b. 2 oz.
DORY, SILVERY JOHN	SAME	MARK RUSSO	STAPLETON, AL	5/14/22	5 lb. 28 oz.
DRUM, BLACK	BLACK DRUM	ROBERT DEAN DISNEY	IRVINGTON, AL	4/20/02	61 lb. 0 oz.
DRUM, RED	REDFISH	AL MEAD	THEODORE, AL	7/19/13	45 lb. 9 oz.
EEL, SPOTTED SPOON-NOSE	SAME	BRAD ANDRE'	SPANISH FORT, AL	7/12/08	1 lb. 4 oz.
ESCOLAR	SAME	JOHN CHARLES MCCANN	LOGANVILLE, GA	6/8/08	69 lb. 10 oz.
FILEFISH, UNICORN	SAME	WILLIE LEE BROWN SR.	BIRMINGHAM, AL	10/12/91	8 lb. 8 oz.
FLOUNDER, GULF	SAME	THOMAS C. JOHNSON, JR.	DAWSONVILLE, GA	9/23/21	5 lb. 1.28 oz.
GROUPEL, BLACK	SAME	DAVID MARK POSSIEN	NORTHPORT, AL	8/11/12	106 lb. 3.2 oz.
GROUPEL, GAG	GAG	JERE AUSTILL, JR.	MOBILE, AL	1963	74 lb. 8 oz.
GROUPEL, RED	SAME	MICHAEL DALE SARGENT, JR.	FULTON, MO	3/23/02	34 lb. 9.6 oz.
GROUPEL, SCAMP	SCAMP	ROBERT ANDREW CONKLIN	MOBILE, AL	7/22/00	29 lb. 10 oz.
GROUPEL, SNOWY	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	3/1/14	68 lb. 7 oz.
GROUPEL, WARSAW	WARSAW	MICHAEL J. DRIVER	PENSACOLA, FL	7/18/81	226 lb. 0 oz.
GROUPEL, YELLOWEDGE	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	6/30/12	48 lb. 9.28 oz.
GROUPEL, YELLOWEDGE	SAME	TEDDY TINNEY	VESTIVIA HILLS, AL	4/7/20	49 lb. 15.04 oz.
GROUPEL, YELLOWMOUTH	SAME	BRADLEY TINNEY	VESTAVIA, AL	4/27/19	12 lb. 6.72 oz.
HAKE, GULF	SAME	DICK PAUL	GULF SHORES, AL	9/25/16	5 lb. 13.6 oz.
HAKE, SOUTHERN	SAME	JACK L. GAINES II	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	4/23/06	3 lb. 4.48 oz.



HIND, RED	SAME	WILLIAM HOLMES HILL	MOBILE, AL	7/17/87	2 lb. 14 oz.
HIND, ROCK	SAME	DANIEL "ELI" CAMPBELL	MOBILE, AL	7/17/12	3 lb. 7.2 oz.
HIND, SPECKLED	SAME	BRAXTON BRION HARDIN	NORTHPORT, AL	5/28/11	39 lb. 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 lb. 14 oz.
JACK, BLACK	SAME	WILLIAM J. ATKINS	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	9/5/22	13 lb. 1.6 oz.
JACK, COTTONMOUTH	SAME	NOLAN L. BERREY	GULF SHORES, AL	10/1/22	1 lb 0.05 oz.
JACK, CREVALLE	CAVALLA	JOSEPH CONDRY POPE IV	ALABASTER, AL	10/31/14	40 lb. 2 oz.
JACK, HORSE-EYE	SAME	BENNIE RAY GOLDMAN, JR.	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	2/24/22	30 lb. 4 oz.
KINGFISH, GULF/SOUTHERN	WHITING/GROUND MULLET	LAMONT RIGNEY	EIGHT MILE, AL	4/9/01	3 lb. 0 oz.
LADYFISH	SKIPJACK	CLINTON A. COLLIER	CODEN, AL	9/26/14	4 lb. 10.6 oz.
LIONFISH, RED	SAME	TRAVIS WAYNE PRESSOR	MULLBERRY, TN	6/1/16	2 lb. 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 lb. 2 oz.
MACKEREL, KING	SAME	JEREMY ALAN GOLDMAN	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	7/20/14	69 lb. 15.84 oz.
MACKEREL, SPANISH	SAME	LINTON LARRY MATTHEWS	MOBILE, AL	10/19/93	8 lb. 12 oz.
MARLIN, BLUE	SAME	GINGER ANN MYERS	SUNSET, LA	7/5/20	851 lb. 14.4 oz.
MARLIN, WHITE	SAME	JAMES ASHLEY WALTERS	SATSUMA, AL	5/24/97	98 lb. 13 oz.
MOONFISH, ATLANTIC	MOONFISH	NATHAN GAGE SEDGEWAY	WILMER, AL	6/29/19	1 lb. 8 oz.
MORAY, BLACKEDGE	SAME	HENRY W ARBONA IV	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	8/18/20	2 lb. 2 oz.
MULLET, STRIPED	MULLET	MARLIN F. TILLMAN	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	11/10/21	2 lb. 15.2 oz.
OILFISH	SAME	JAMES ALLEN COKER, JR.	MOBILE, AL	7/24/16	55 lb. 2 oz.
PERMIT	SAME	GRIFFIN R. HAAS	FERDINAND, IN	10/17/22	8 lb. 8.8 oz.
PIGFISH	SAME	JEFFREY EISEMANN	O'FALLOW, IL	7/5/16	2 lb. 4.6 oz.
PINFISH	SAME	ROY "TOJO" WHITE	CODEN, AL	5/15/01	3 lb. 2 oz.
POMFRET, BIGSCALE	SAME	ADDISON GILLEY	ORANGE BEACH, AL	7/28/19	121 lb. 11.6 oz.
POMFRET, KEELTAIL	SAME	WILLIAM TYLER CRUITT	GULF SHORES, AL	8/13/21	29 lb. 7.04 oz.
POMPANO, AFRICAN	SAME	RODNEY MICHAEL DUTTON	MOBILE, AL	9/9/89	39 lb. 7 oz.
POMPANO, FLORIDA	POMPANO	PATRICIA LYNN CLUCK	FOLEY, AL	4/28/10	6 lb. 13 oz.
PORGY, JOLTHEAD	SAME	CHASE MITCHELL	TUSCALOOSA, AL	8/13/22	9 lb. 2.88 oz.
PORGY, KNOBBED	SAME	JOHN K. NEISSER	SOUTHBURY, CT	8/19/20	3 lb. 4 oz.
PORGY, RED	WHITE SNAPPER	JEREMY COLLINGS	THEODORE, AL	4/2/11	7 lb. 10.6 oz.
PORGY, WHITEBONE	PORGY	TURNER RUTLEDGE	NASHVILLE, TN	11/29/19	8 lb. .05 oz.
PUFFER, SMOOTH	SAME	BRETT L. RUSSELL, SR.	GULF SHORES, AL	4/2/13	10 lb. 3 oz.
ROSEFISH, BLACKBELLY	SAME	NEAL FOSTER	MOBILE, AL	7/13/12	4 lb. 1 oz.
ROUGHY, BIG	SAME	LANCE SMITH	LITHIA SPRINGS, GA	6/6/14	5 lb. 0 oz.
RUNNER, BLUE	HARDTAIL	STACEY MICHELE MOIREN	MOBILE, AL	6/28/97	11 lb. 2.4 oz.
RUNNER, RAINBOW	SAME	LAKEN NICOLE SULLIVAN	LYNN HAVEN, FL	9/10/06	19 lb. 9 oz.
SAILFISH	SAME	R. L. MEADOR, JR.	BIRMINGHAM, AL	1974	81 lb. 0 oz.
SCORPIONFISH, SPINY CHEEK	SAME	HARRY MAC BARNES	MONTGOMERY, AL	11/26/19	5 lb. 13.12 oz.
SCORPIONFISH, SPOTTED	SAME	CURTIS NEAL FOSTER	MOBILE, AL	7/19/15	3 lb. 14 oz.
SEA BASS, BLACK	SAME	STEVE W. EDWARDS	MARIANNA, AR	7/31/00	3 lb. 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 lb. 10.56 oz.

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SPECK	WILLFORD DUCHERME	ORANGE BEACH, AL	5/6/80	12 lb. 4 oz.
SHARK, ATLANTIC SHARPNOSE	SAME	CRAIG MIRONCHUCK	BAUXITE, AR	5/12/06	16 lb. 3 oz.
SHARK, BULL	SAME	JEFF MOORE	BIRMINGHAM, AL	6/10/15	448 lb. 4 oz.
SHARK, LEMON	SAME	TERRY L. SMITH	MOBILE, AL	7/21/95	278 lb. 8 oz.
SHARK, SHORTFIN MAKO	SAME	LARRY A. JOHNSON	ORANGE BEACH, AL	8/20/78	737 lb. 0 oz.
SHARK, TIGER	SAME	LARRY GENE EBERLY	GULF SHORES, AL	6/24/90	988 lb. 8 oz.
SHARKSUCKER	SAME	RICHARD L. HAMLIN	CABOT, AR	9/21/18	9 lb. 4.4 oz.
SHEEPSHEAD	SAME	KENDALE M. JEANS	ELBERTA, AL	3/18/22	16 lb. 6.6 oz.
SNAPPER, CUBERA	SAME	LADON SWANN	CODEN, AL	8/14/15	94 lb. 3 oz.
SNAPPER, DOG	SAME	MIKE E. NELSON	ORANGE BEACH, AL	7/22/18	16 lb. 4 oz.
SNAPPER, GRAY	MANGROVE/BLACK	PAM WARD	FAIRHOPE, AL	5/16/07	18 lb. 0 oz.
SNAPPER, LANE	SAME	SCOTT E. JORDAN	SARALAND, AL	7/15/11	8 lb. 1 oz.
SNAPPER, MUTTON	SAME	MARCUS BRYANT	SEMMES, AL	6/25/06	20 lb. 12 oz.
SNAPPER, RED	SAME	MELVIN E. DUNN, JR.	THEODORE, AL	6/1/02	44 lb. 12 oz.
SNAPPER, SILK	SAME	ROBERT BRETT RUTLEDGE	MOBILE, AL	9/10/16	9 lb. 0 oz.
SNAPPER, VERMILION	BEELINER	JOHN W. DOSS	THEODORE, AL	5/31/87	7 lb. 3 oz.
SNAPPER, YELLOWTAIL	SAME	JOSHUA BOYD	FAIRHOPE, AL	11/11/19	9 lb. 9.6 oz.
SPADEFISH, ATLANTIC	SPADEFISH	ASHLEY NICHOLE OSBURN	WILMER, AL	7/14/07	8 lb. 8 oz.
SPEARFISH, LONGBILL	SPEARFISH	VALERIE P. JOHNSON	FAIRHOPE, AL	1976	53 lb. 0 oz.
SQUIRRELFISH	SAME	MICHAEL SIMMONS	CONWAY, AR	8/4/06	1 lb. 1 oz.
STARGAZER, SOUTHERN	SAME	MICHAEL BRYANT	MOBILE, AL	4/13/06	6 lb. 4.5 oz.
STINGRAY, ROUGHTAIL	SAME	DAN R. MIDGETTE	SEMMES, AL	8/6/00	160 lb. 0 oz.
STINGRAY, SOUTHERN	SAME	GORDON GRADY MCGLAWN	ALICEVILLE, AL	7/26/07	151 lb. 3.2 oz.
SWORDFISH	BROADBILL	WENDELL L. SAWYER, JR.	MOBILE, AL	9/16/06	448 lb. 0 oz.
TARPON	SAME	BILLY WILDBERGER	MOBILE, AL	8/15/92	203 lb. 0 oz.
TILEFISH	NORTHERN	DICK PAUL	PENSACOLA, FL	4/23/14	35 lb. 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 lb. 14 oz.
TILEFISH, GOLDFACE	GOLDEN-EYED	JEFFREY M. DODD	TRENTON, TN	7/18/19	5 lb. 7 oz.
TILEFISH, SAND	TILEFISH	TOMMY WILES	ALABASTER, AL	6/9/16	2 lb. 3 oz.
TOADFISH, GULF	OYSTER FISH	ANDREW MONTGOMERY	MOBILE, AL	8/13/05	2 lb. 8 oz.
TOADFISH, LEOPARD	SAME	JAMES MYRICK	SAND ROCK, AL	10/1/06	4 lb. 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 lb. 8 oz.
TRIGGERFISH, OCEAN	SAME	CHAD R. HILTON	GULFPORT, MS	8/10/13	7 lb. 10 oz.
TRIGGERFISH, QUEEN	SAME	JAKE TAFFARO, JR.	ELBERTA, AL	7/6/99	7 lb. 8 oz.
TRIPLETAIL	BLACKFISH	BOB BARNES	BAYOU LA BATRE, AL	1976	37 lb. 5 oz.
TUNA, BIGEYE	SAME	BOBBY ABERNATHY	MERRYVILLE, LA	10/26/14	236 lb. 0 oz.
TUNA, BLACKFIN	SAME	DAVID DENICOLA	COLTS NECK, NJ	4/11/14	43 lb. 5.12 oz.
TUNA, BLUEFIN	SAME	JOHN ENGQUIST	BATON ROUGE, LA	6/3/06	829 lb. 6 oz.
TUNA, SKIPJACK	SAME	STROM SMITH	OCEAN SPRINGS, MS	8/31/13	32 lb. 6.4 oz.
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	SAME	MAURICE W. REDDELL	ORANGE BEACH, AL	3/22/20	230 lb. 0 oz.
TUNNY, LITTLE	BONITA	KYLE EUGENE DAVIS	IRVINGTON, AL	7/17/21	22 lb. 4 oz.
WAHOO	SAME	DAVID MATTHEW SUMRALL	MOBILE, AL	5/6/06	123 lb. 6 oz.
WRECKFISH	SAME	DOUG MALLONEE	SEMMES, AL	5/30/06	68 lb. 6 oz.



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