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Our mission 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.

Cast Net Rules

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Cast nets may not be larger than 30 feet in diameter and must be hand thrown. 220-3-.03(9)

Recreational

Must possess a saltwater fishing license.

Must follow standard bag and creel limits.

May not be used to take game fish.

Shrimp may be caught with a cast net, but if used from a boat a recreational shrimp boat license is also required.

October 24-December 31

25 mullet per person per day from the shore line. 220-3-.03(17)

25 mullet per boat per day. 220-3-.03(17)

May not possess more than 25 mullet in waters closed to the use of a gill net. 220-3-.03(17)

Unlawful to take mullet by the use of a cast net in Theodore Industrial Canal, Dog River, Fowl River or any of the tributaries thereof. Unlawful to take or attempt to take mullet by the use of a cast net within 300' of the mouth of Theodore Industrial Canal, Dog River, Fowl River (east and west entrances). These areas shall be considered closed. 220-3-.03(17)

Commercial

No limit on mullet if the person possesses a commercial fishing license. 9-12-113

Shrimp may be caught with a cast net, but if used from a boat a commercial shrimp boat license is also required.

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Commercially licensed fishermen may use cast nets in areas that are closed to the use of gill nets such as Soldier Creek, Palmetto Creek, Colony Cove, Indian Bay, Coden, Bayou and Bayou La Batre.

Commercial cast net fishermen are subject to the 10-point system under 9-12-113 and 220-3-.03.

Fish a closed area – 5 pts

Sale, barter or trade gamefish – 5 pts

Retention of gamefish – 4 pts

A commercially licensed gill net fisherman may throw a cast net without purchasing an additional license.

The above rules apply in the Marine Resources saltwater jurisdiction.

Above the jurisdictional line Rule 220-2-.39 states:

"It is further made lawful to take mullet by cast net in freshwater. The daily creel and possession limit for mullet taken with a cast net will be the same as permitted under Marine Resources Regulation 220-3-.03."