



2021 ALABAMA MARINE INFORMATION CALENDAR

MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES



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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.

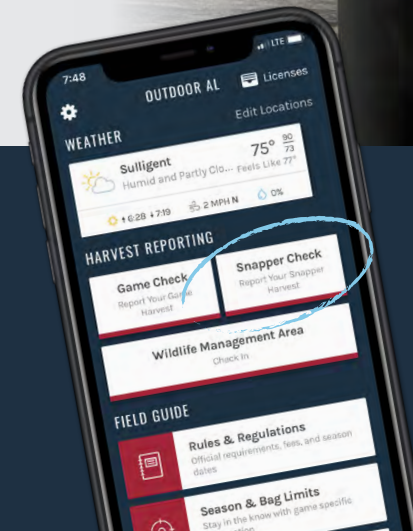
The **Fisheries Section** is responsible for making recommendations regarding fishery-related matters to managers. To meet this responsibility, fisheries staff conduct a variety of monitoring programs to gather data for many species of fish and invertebrates. These programs are divided into fishery-dependent 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.



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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.

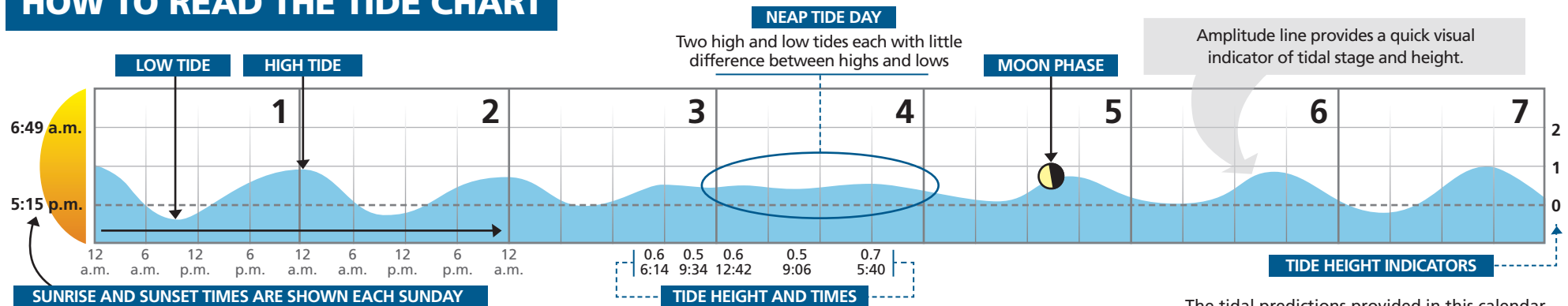
- Projects enhancing the public's understanding of water resources and aquatic life and assisting them in developing attitudes toward the aquatic environment.

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.



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.



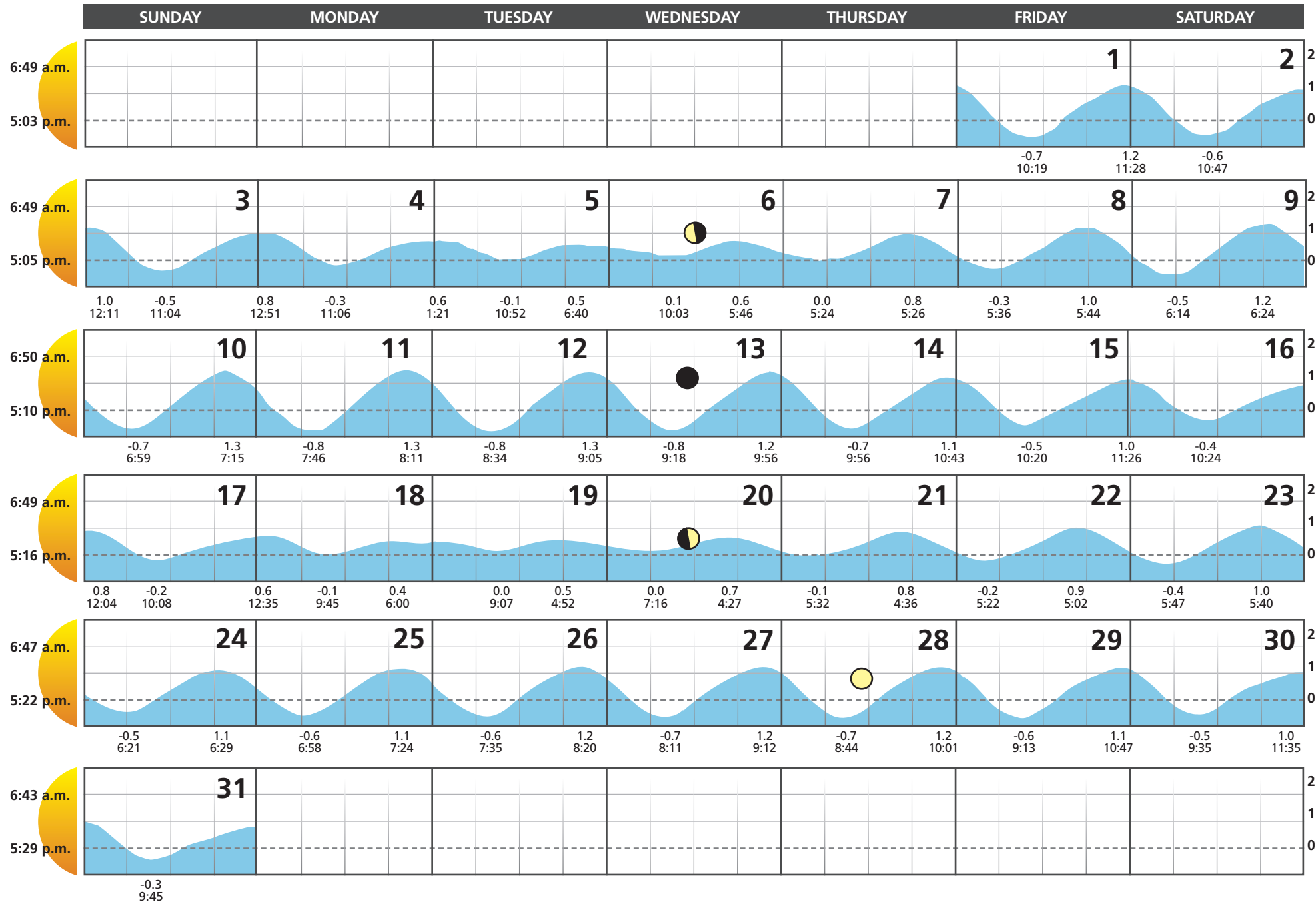
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 NEW MOON
  FIRST QUARTER
  FULL MOON
  LAST QUARTER

JANUARY 2021

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



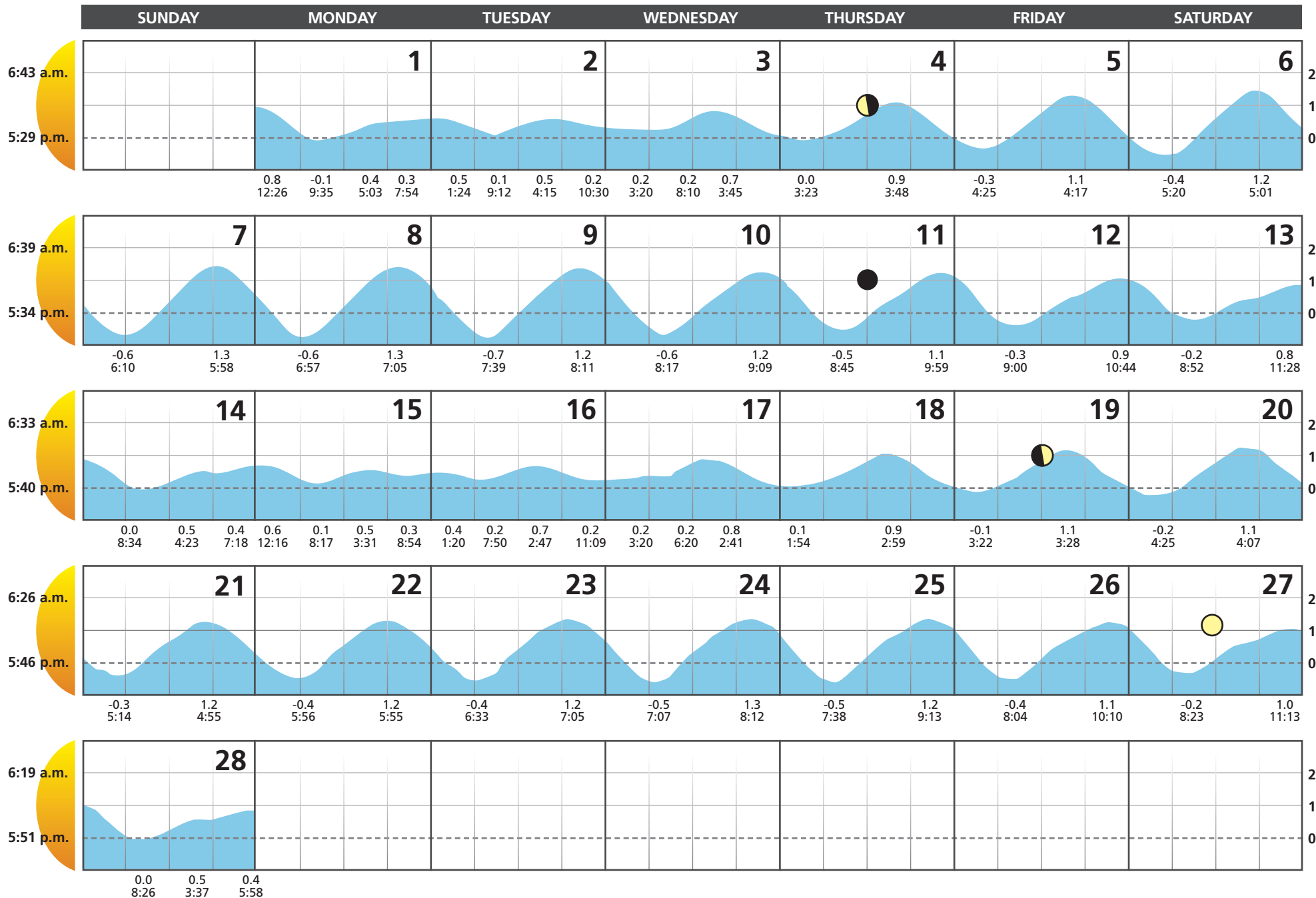
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New for 2021!

MANDATORY REPORTING

NOW REQUIRED FOR GRAY TRIGGERFISH, GREATER AMBERJACK, AND RED SNAPPER.

INFORMATION CAN BE REPORTED THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

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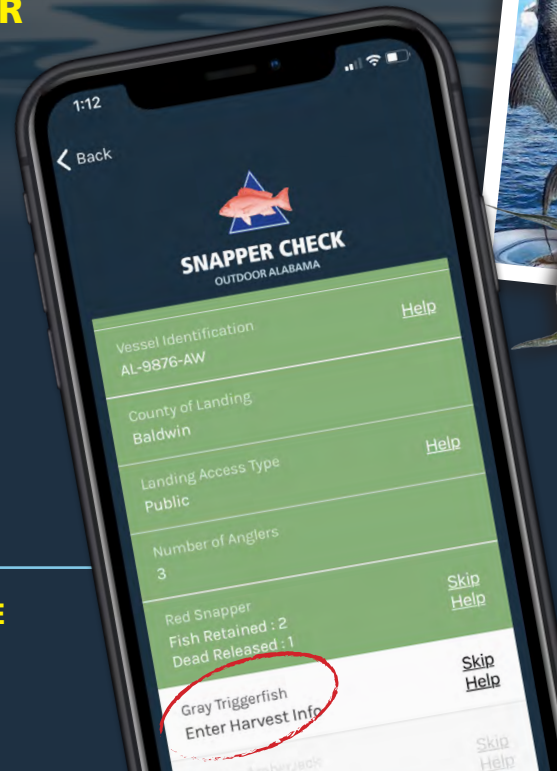
Red Snapper



Amberjack



Triggerfish



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RED SNAPPER

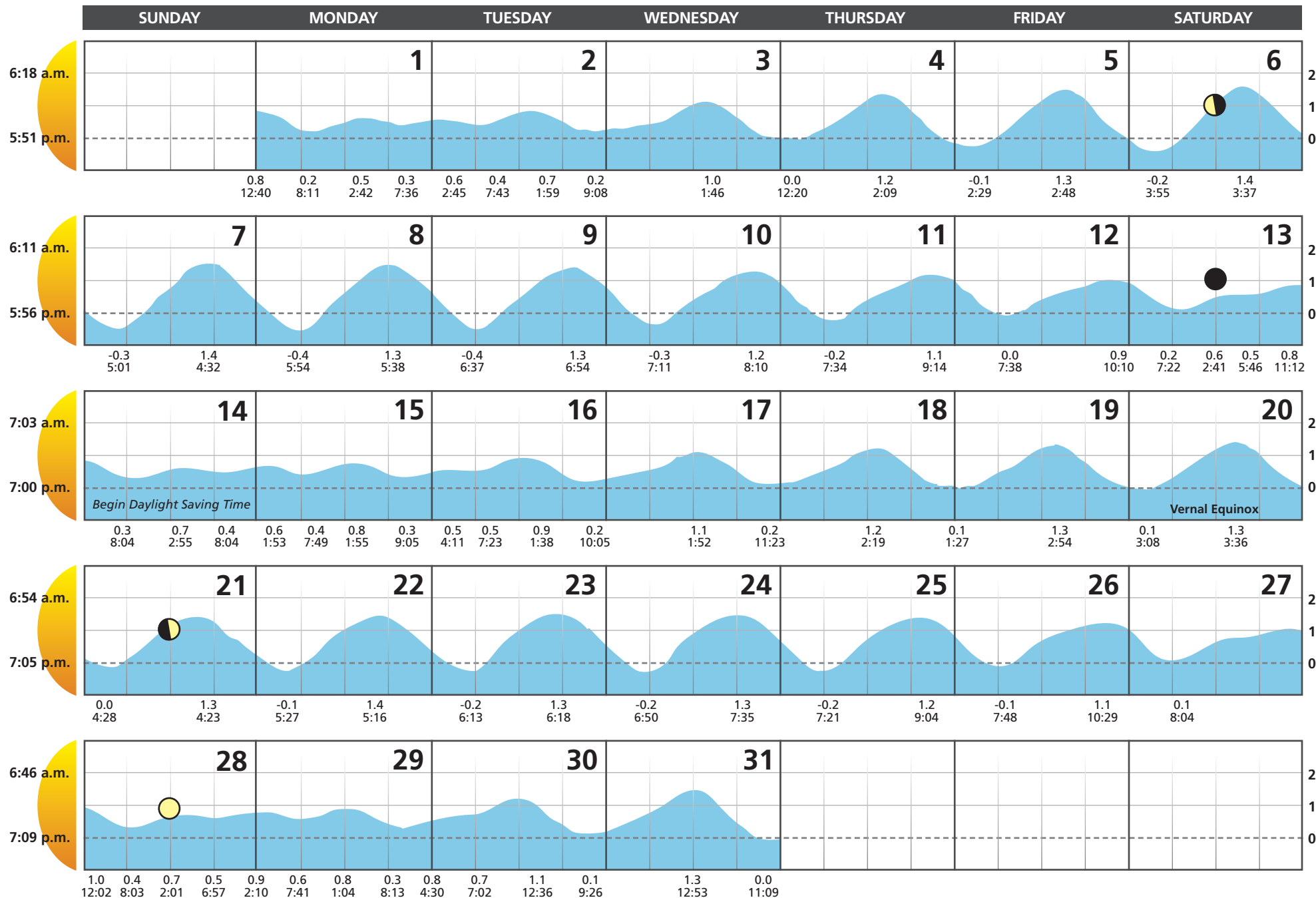
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AMBERJACK

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TRIGGERFISH

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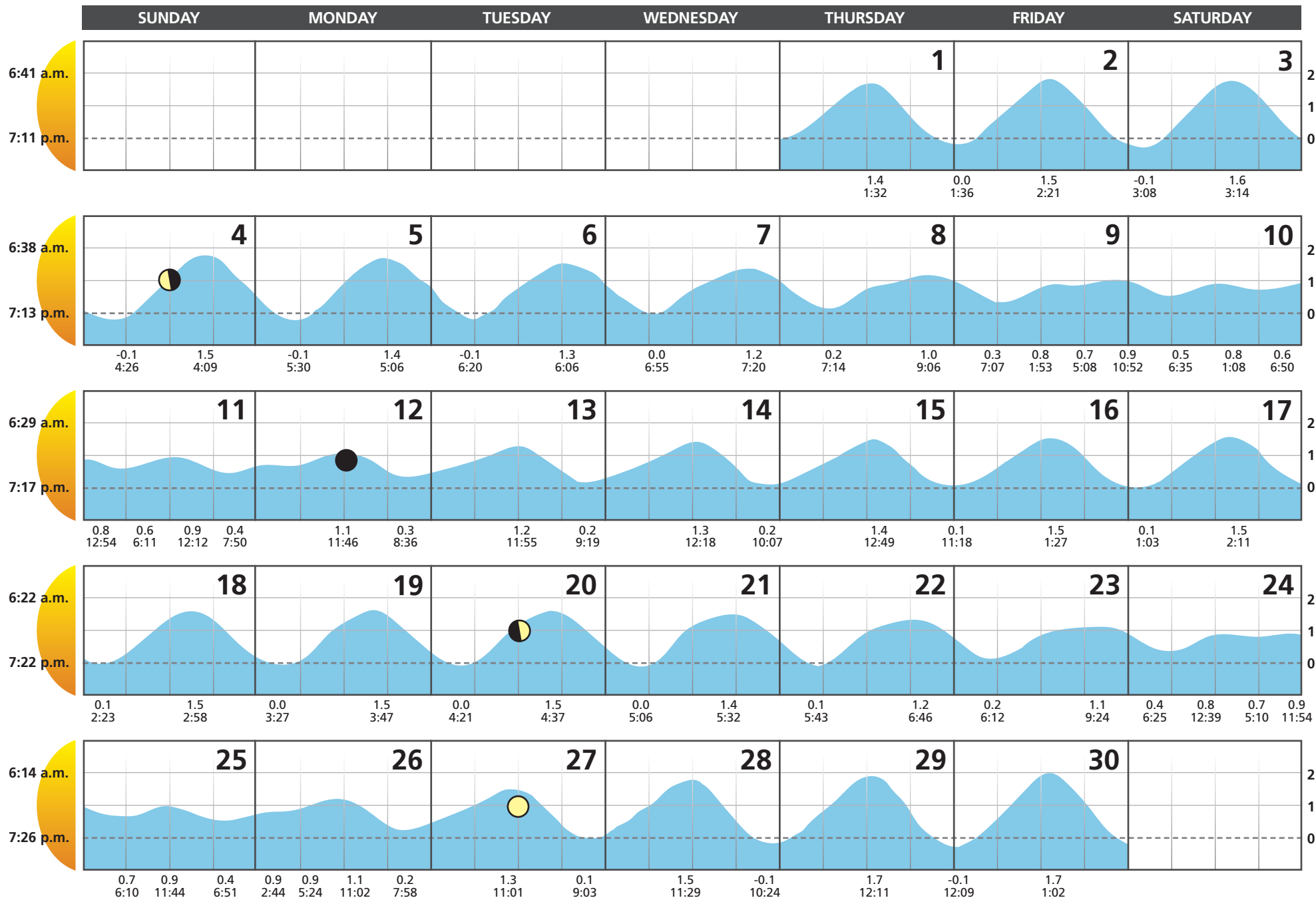


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Red Snapper



Triggerfish



Amberjack

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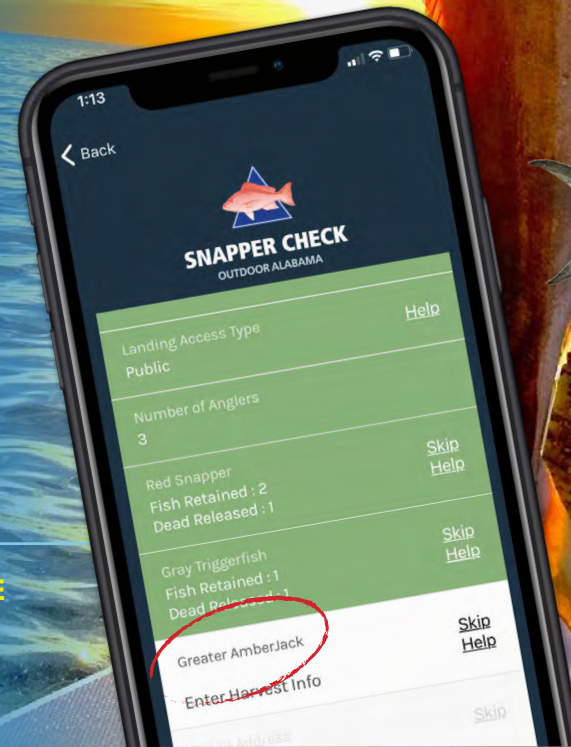
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SNAPPER CHECK
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Landing Access Type	Public	Help
Number of Anglers	3	
Red Snapper	Fish Retained : 2 Dead Released : 1	Skip Help
Gray Triggerfish	Fish Retained : 1 Dead Released : 1	Skip Help
Greater Amberjack		Skip Help
Enter Harvest Info		Skip

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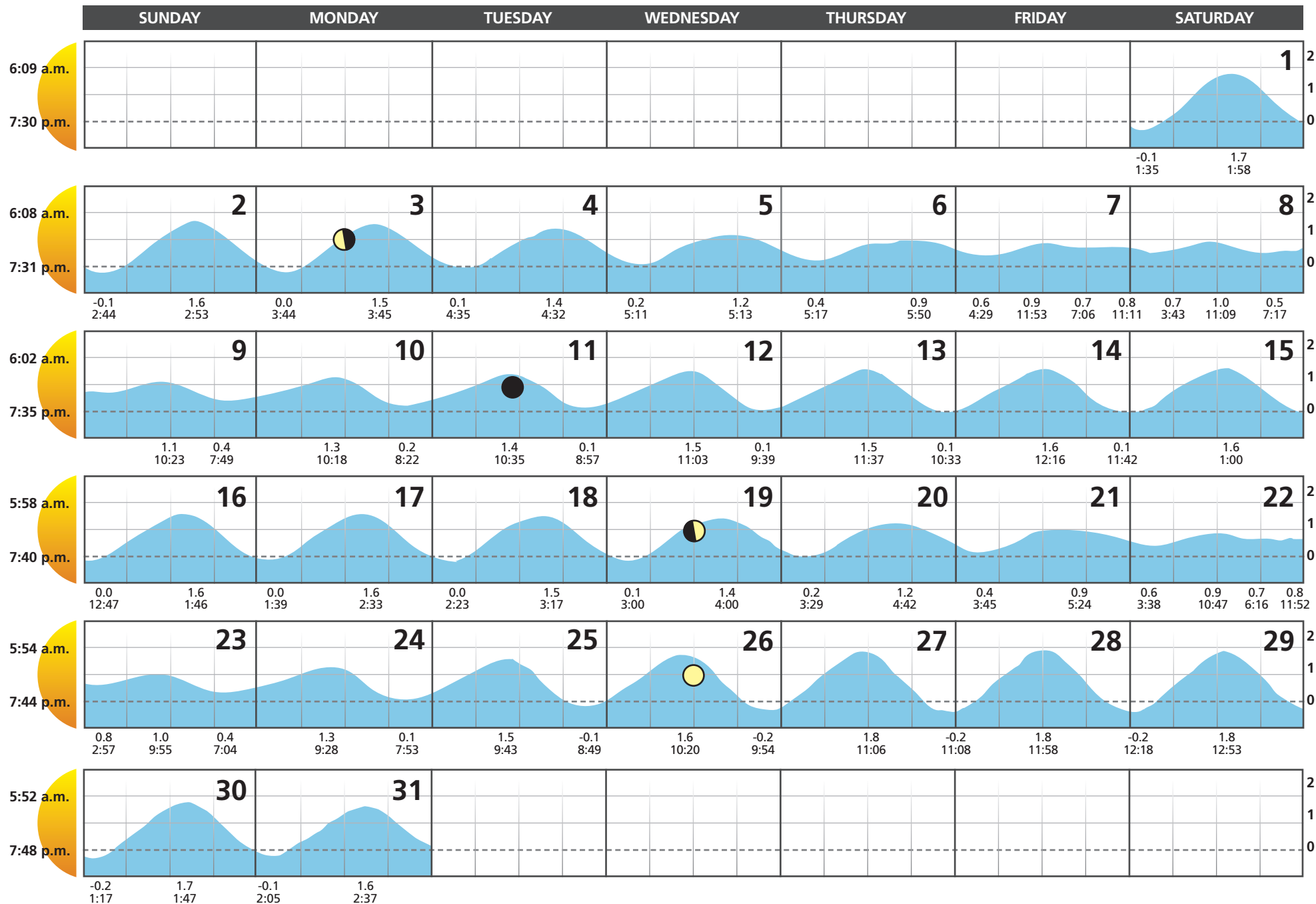


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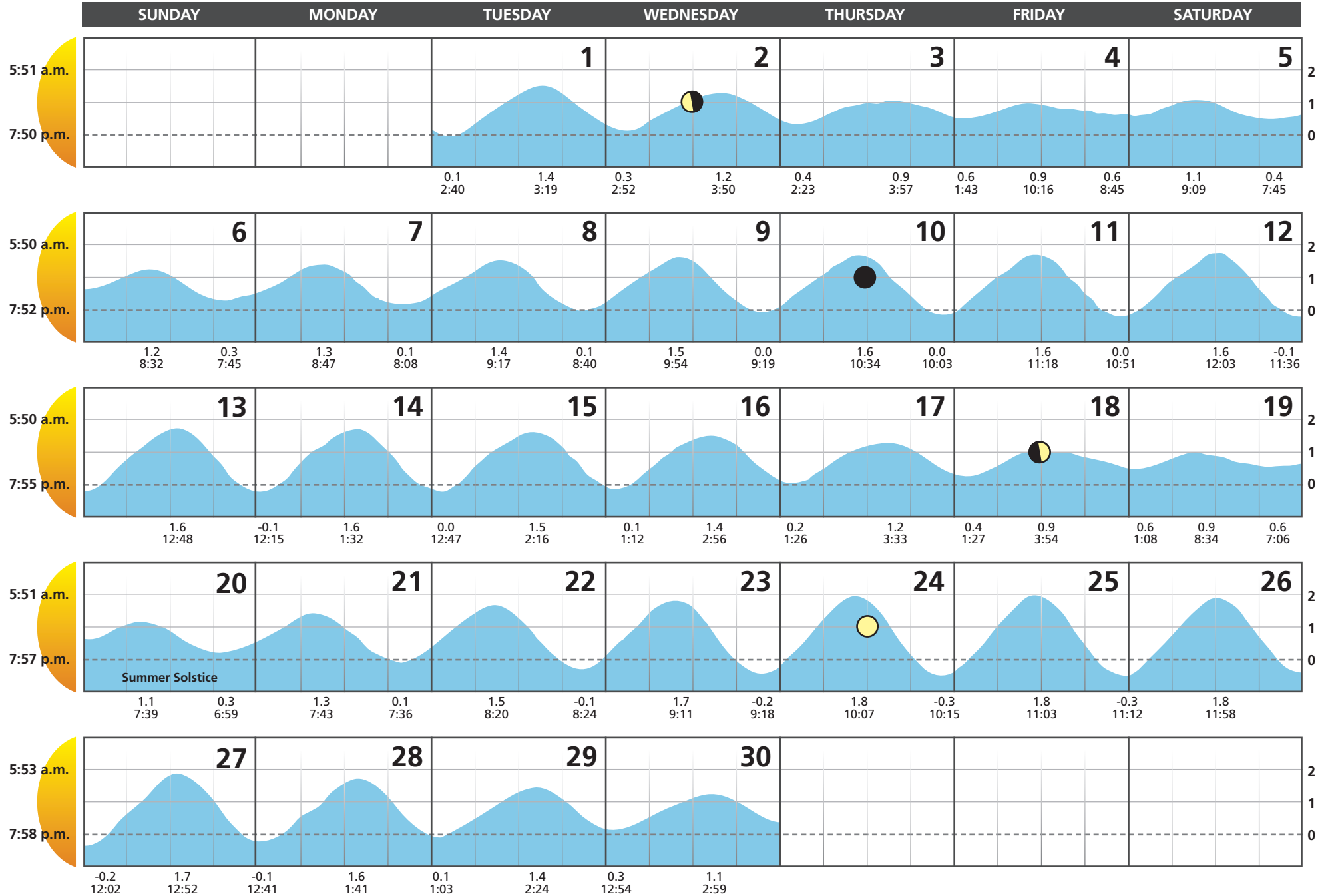


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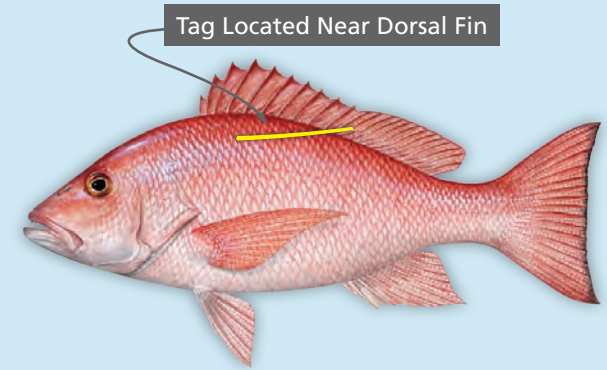
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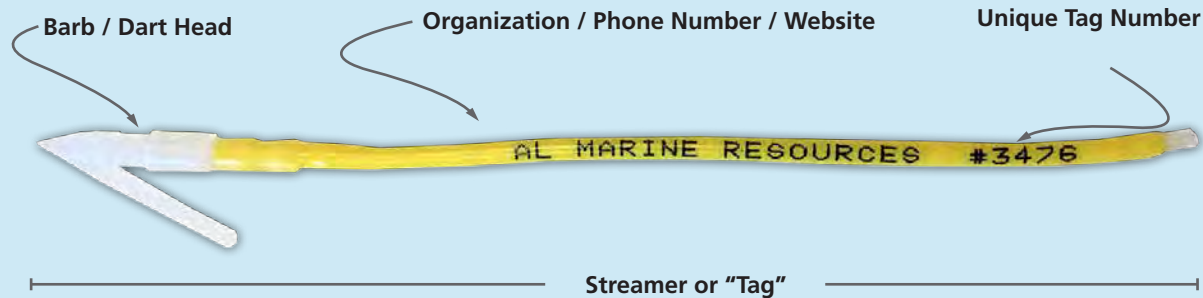


Saltwater Tagging Program

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.



Example of an AMRD Tag



IF YOU CATCH A TAGGED FISH IN ALABAMA WATERS

RECORD THE FOLLOWING CAPTURE INFORMATION:

- Fish species, tag number, date of capture, fish length at the fork of the tail to the nearest 1/8 inch, specific catch location (GPS coordinates preferred), bottom depth, and type of capture if known.
- When releasing any fish, do NOT remove the streamer tag. Repeat captures of the same fish are possible. Simply record any of the above information about the fish that you are able to capture.
- Note any unusual circumstances regarding the catch (Ex: predator interactions, etc.).
- Pictures are welcome!
- RELEASE TAGGED FISH IF CAUGHT OUT OF SEASON**

CURRENT FISH TAG PROGRAMS

Below is a list of other agencies with tagging programs along our gulf coast. Each program has specific data needs so be sure to check the tag and match to the appropriate program.

ORGANIZATION	TAG COLOR	IN SEASON LEGAL SIZE	OUT OF SEASON LESS LEGAL SIZE	REMOVE TAG?	KEEP CARCASS?	DATE & TIME	SPECIES	TAG NO.	FISH LENGTH	FISH WEIGHT	GPS COOR.	CONTACT INFO.	REWARD
ADCNR / MRD	Yellow	Keep & Report	Release & Report	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	DCNR.SWTags@dcnr.alabama.gov 251-968-7576	None
Auburn University	Red or Black	Keep & Report ¹	Release & Report	NO	YES ²	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES ³	251-990-4858	\$150 ⁵
CCAA (Partnership w/ USouthAL)	Orange or Green	Keep & Report	Release & Report	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	www.tags.usouthal.edu 800-372-5980	t-shirt / hat
Harta Research Institute	Yellow	Keep & Report	Release & Report	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES ⁴	www.snappercount.org 361-825-2525	None
USouthAL Fisheries & Ecology Lab	Various Green / Gray	Keep & Report	Release & Report	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	www.tags.usouthal.edu 800-372-5980	t-shirt / hat
USouthAL / AU High Dollar Red Snapper & Gray Triggerfish	Yellow	Keep & Report	Release & Report	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES ⁴	RED@auburn.edu 855-818-9983	None
CCAA (Partnership w/ USouthAL) Cobia SAT. Tags	Black and Grey	Keep & Report	Release & Report	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	www.tags.usouthal.edu 800-372-5980	t-shirt / hat

¹ If a tagged shark is captured, it is requested to return shark alive with tag intact.

² Keep tag attached to fish. Gut cavity may contain transmitter.

³ GPS Coordinates OR area on website map

⁴ Include port of departure

⁵ \$150 reward for fish carcass + tag. No reward for tag info from sharks.

To learn more about tagging programs, visit outdooralabama.com/SWTAGPROGRAM or scan the QR code with your smartphone



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.

2021 SALTWATER LICENSE FEES

	ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	FLORIDA	ALL OTHERS
ANNUAL	\$24.75	\$91.10	\$48.10	\$53.10
TRIP	\$10.30	\$29.30	\$30.10	\$29.30
PIER	\$6.45	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
SPEARFISHING	\$6.00	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50
DISABLED	\$3.05	N/A	N/A	N/A
DISABLED VETERANS (20%)	\$3.15	N/A	N/A	N/A
GULF REEF FISH ENDORSEMENT	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

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Commonly Caught Alabama Reef Fishes



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.



RED GROUPE

Red groupers are most abundant in the eastern Gulf of Mexico. Most specimens taken by charter boat fishermen are in the 2- to 5-pound class, but red grouper may exceed 2 feet and 30 pounds. It is one of the more popular and commonly caught grouper species of the Gulf.



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.



GREAT BARRACUDA

Barracudas are voracious predators and hunt using a classic example of lie-in-wait or ambush. They rely on surprise and short bursts of speed (up to 30mph!) to overrun their prey.



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 Pelagic Fishes



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."



BLUEFISH

Blues prefer shallow water near drop-offs from shoals and banks and are especially susceptible to flashy lures and spoons. Be careful: bluefish can easily remove a finger, bone and all, in a single, clean snap.



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.



ATLANTIC CROAKER

The flesh is of high quality, far superior to its reputation as only a mediocre panfish. Its name is derived from the croaking sound generated by the vibrating of a gas-filled swim bladder.



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

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Sheepshead	12" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	10 per person
Spotted Seatrout	15" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL) 22" max TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	6 per person 1 oversized fish allowed
Red Drum (Redfish)	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL) 26" max TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	3 per person 1 oversized fish allowed
Cobia (Ling)	36" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	2 per person
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 ¹	14" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	5 per person
Striped Bass ²	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person ²
Greater Amberjack ³	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 ^{3, 5}	24" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person ⁵
Red Grouper ^{3, 5}	20" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person ⁵

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Black Grouper ^{3, 5}	24" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4 per person ⁵
Yellowfin Grouper ^{3, 5}	20" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4 per person ⁵
Scamp ^{3, 5}	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4 per person ⁵
Snappers ³		
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 ³	15" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person ⁴
Tarpon	60" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	\$61 tag required to harvest each tarpon
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) 83" min FORK LENGTH (FL) (F)	1 per person per day
All Other Shark Species	54" (FL) (30" dressed)	1 per person per day

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 Oct. 24 - Dec. 31, 25 mullet per person from the shoreline or 25 per boat. No mullet by cast net or snagging in Theodore Industrial Canal, Dog River, Fowl River and their tributaries.

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, Nurse Shark, Smalltail Shark, Smalltooth Sawfish, Large-tooth Sawfish, Spotted Eagle Ray, Atlantic Manta, Sixgill Shark, Silky Shark, Sandbar Shark (unless the fisherman possesses a NOAA Fisheries sandbar shark research permit).

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.

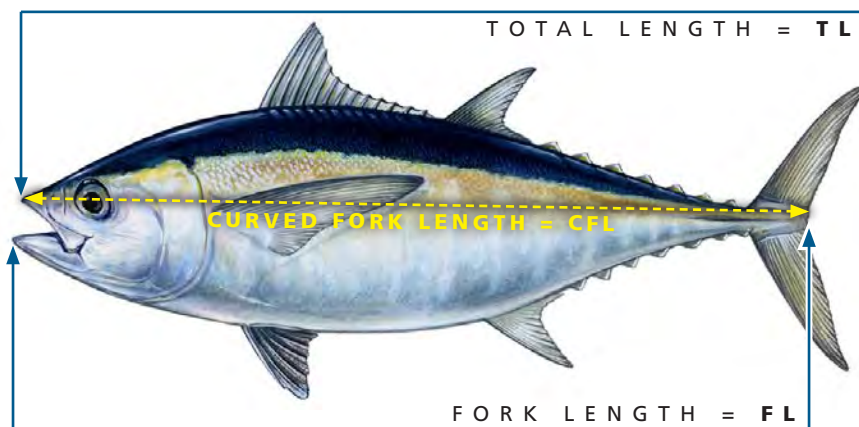


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REGULATIONS

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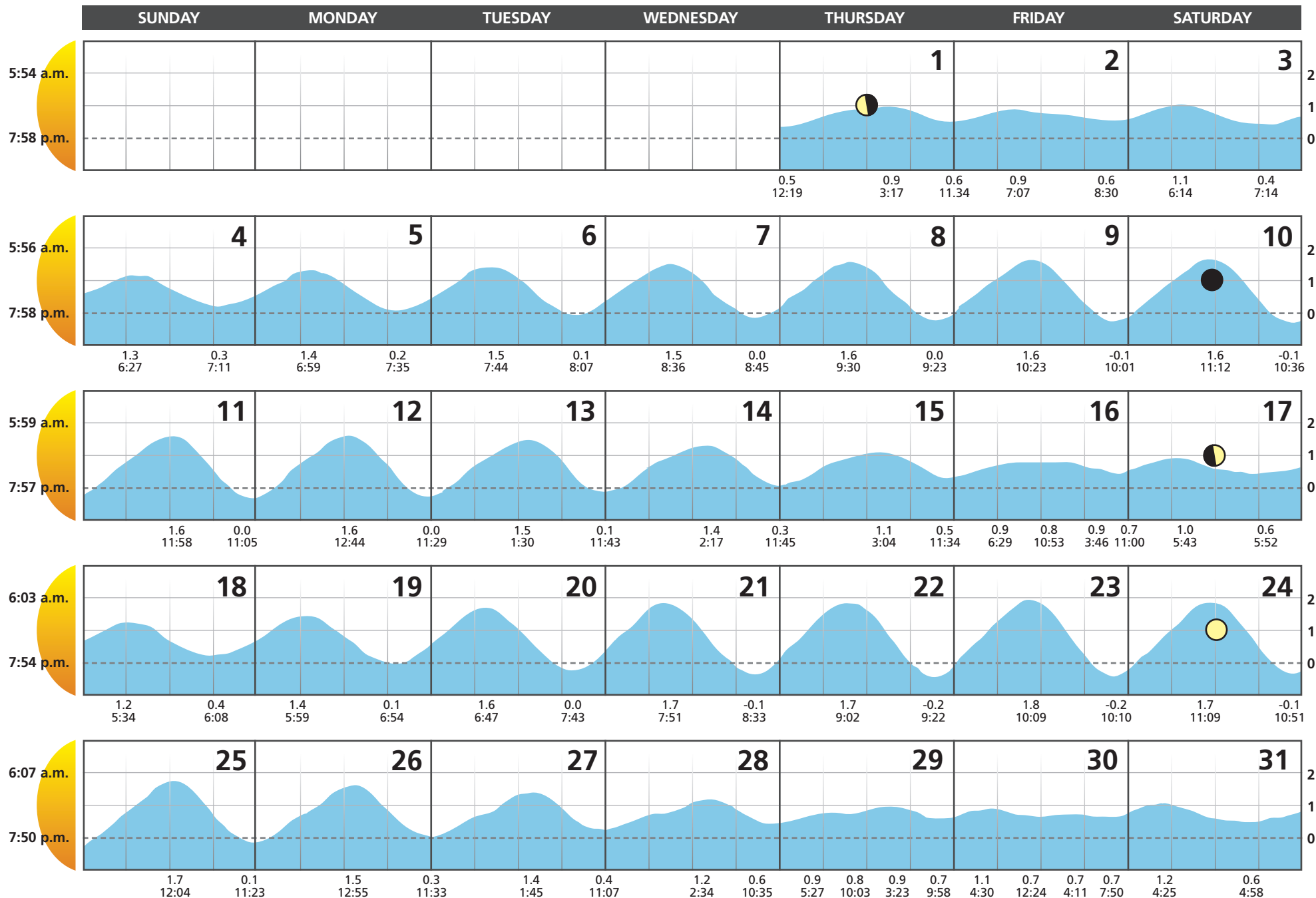
REPORT VIOLATIONS

Marine Resources Division (251) 476-1256

● NEW MOON ● FIRST QUARTER ● FULL MOON ● LAST QUARTER

JULY 2021

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SPANISH MACKEREL AND KING MACKEREL

HOW TO TELL THEM APART

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

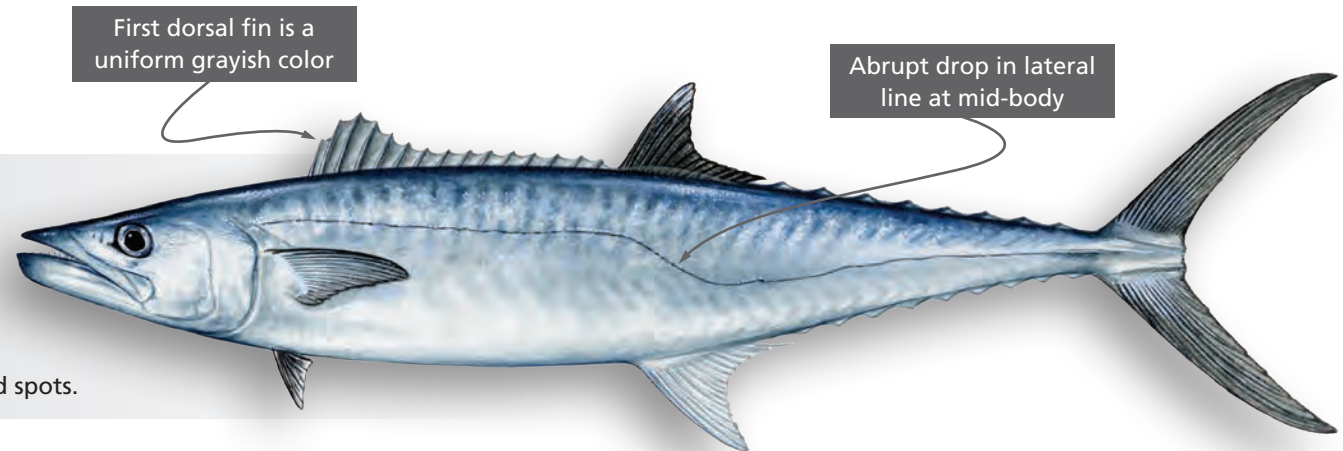
KING MACKEREL

SIZE LIMIT: Minimum 24-inch fork length

CREEL LIMIT: 3 per person

KING MACKEREL

- 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.



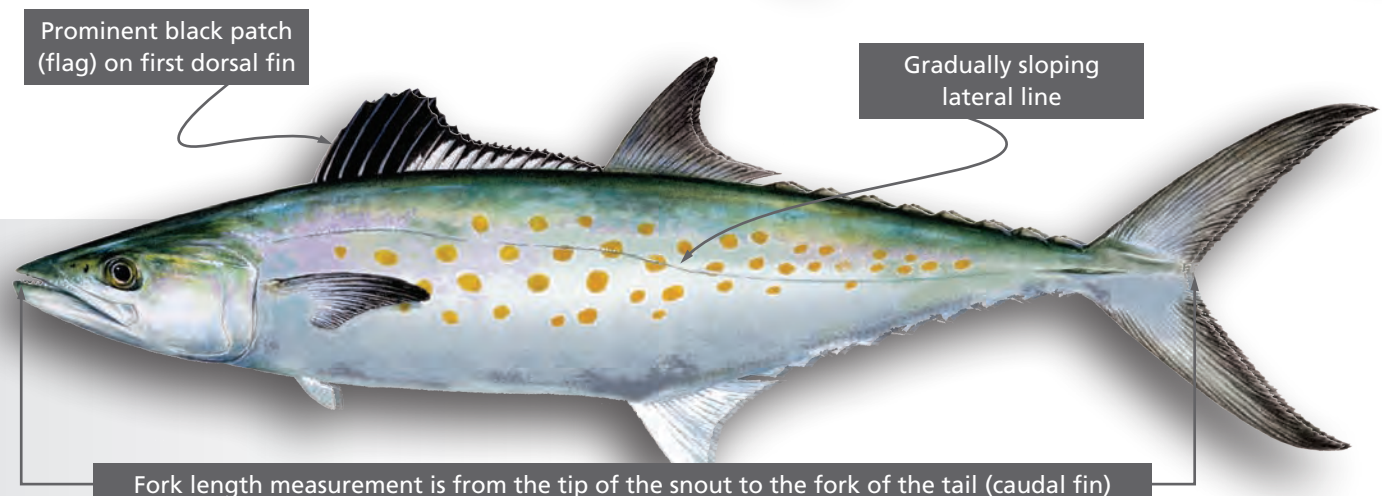
SPANISH MACKEREL

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.

SPANISH MACKEREL

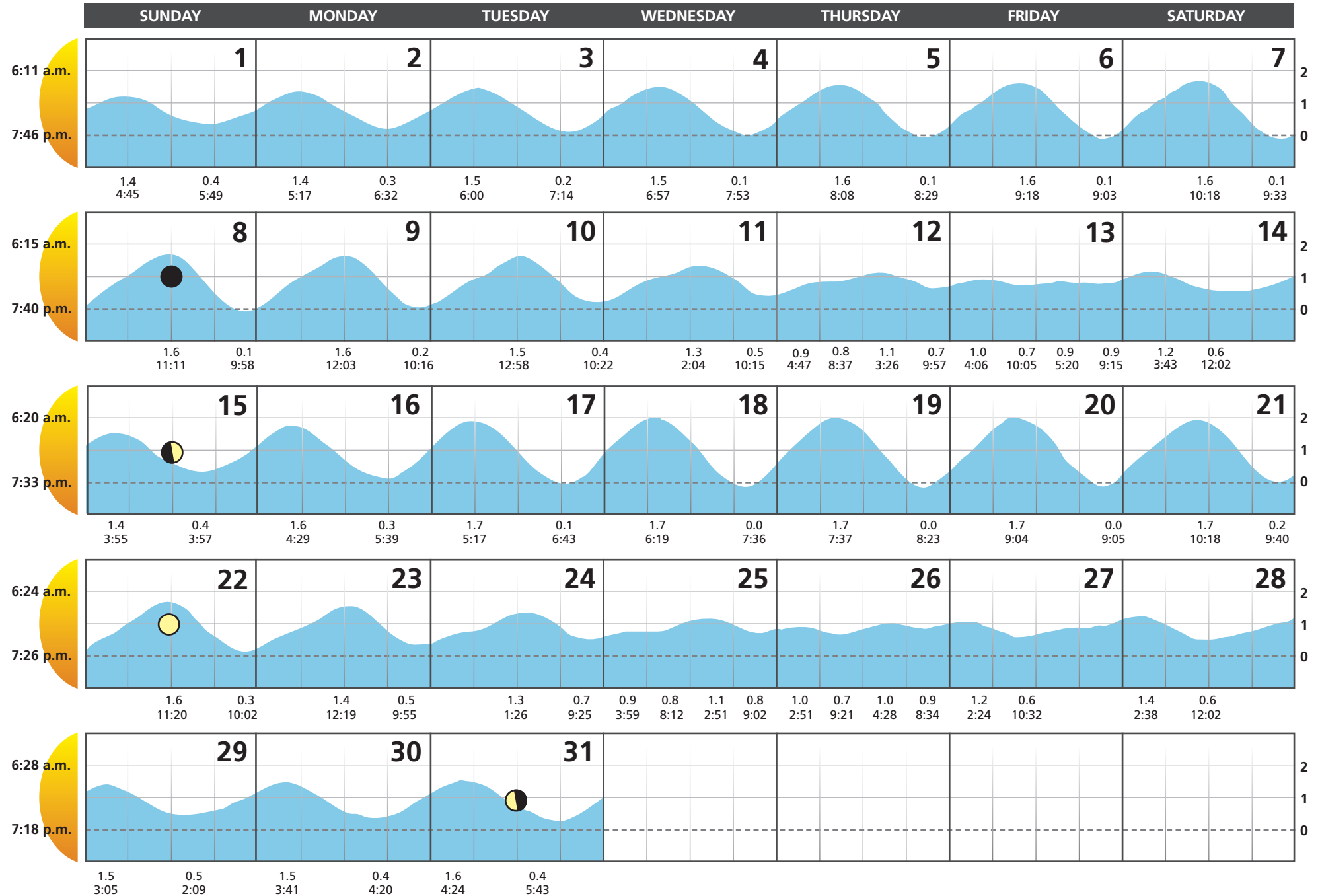
- Lateral line gradually slopes from the top edge of gill to the tail.
- First (spiny) dorsal fin has a prominent black patch.
- All sizes have distinct yellow spots along the body.



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AUGUST 2021

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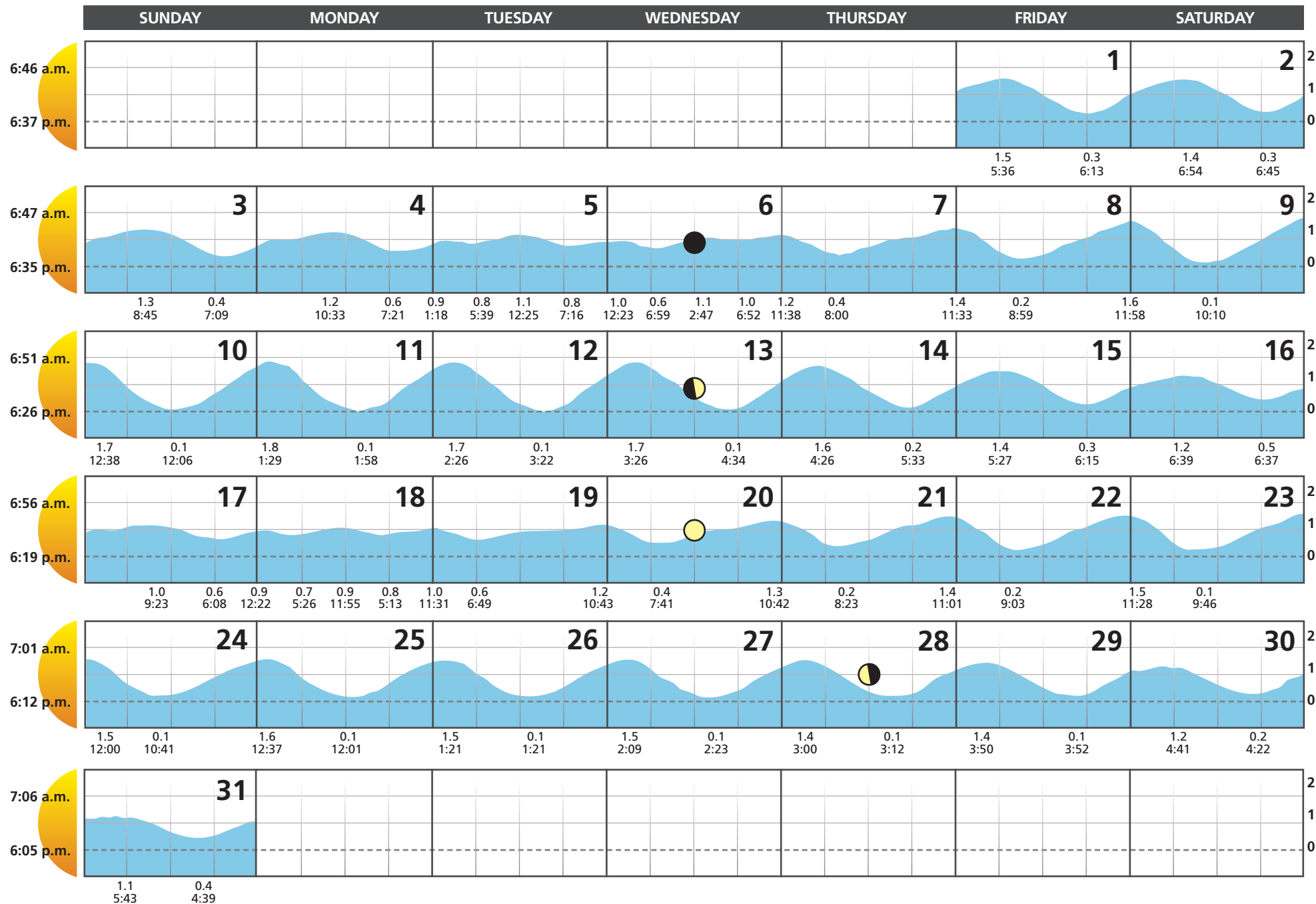




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OCTOBER 2021

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SPECIAL REPORTING CONTACTS



FISH KILLS

Alabama Marine Resources Division
Dauphin Island (251) 861-2882
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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



MANATEE SIGHTINGS

Dauphin Island Sea Lab's
Manatee Sighting Network
Call: 1-866-493-5803
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)



DOLPHINS AND WHALES

Alabama's Marine Mammal
Stranding Network
Call 1-877-942-5343

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 1-866-732-8878

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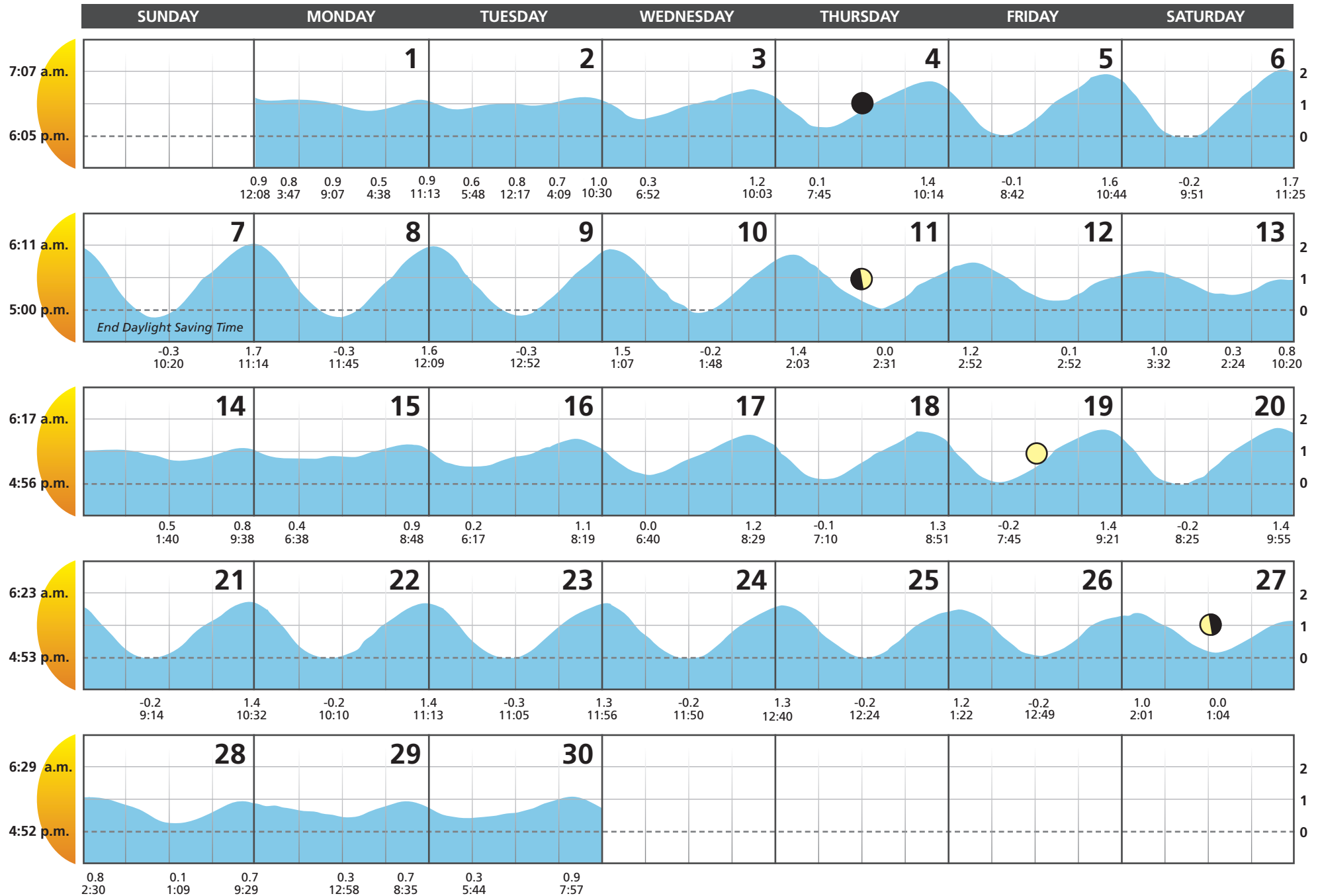
- Contact information of reporting party
- Date and time of stranding
- Exact location of stranding
- Health of the animal (alive or dead)
- General description of the animal

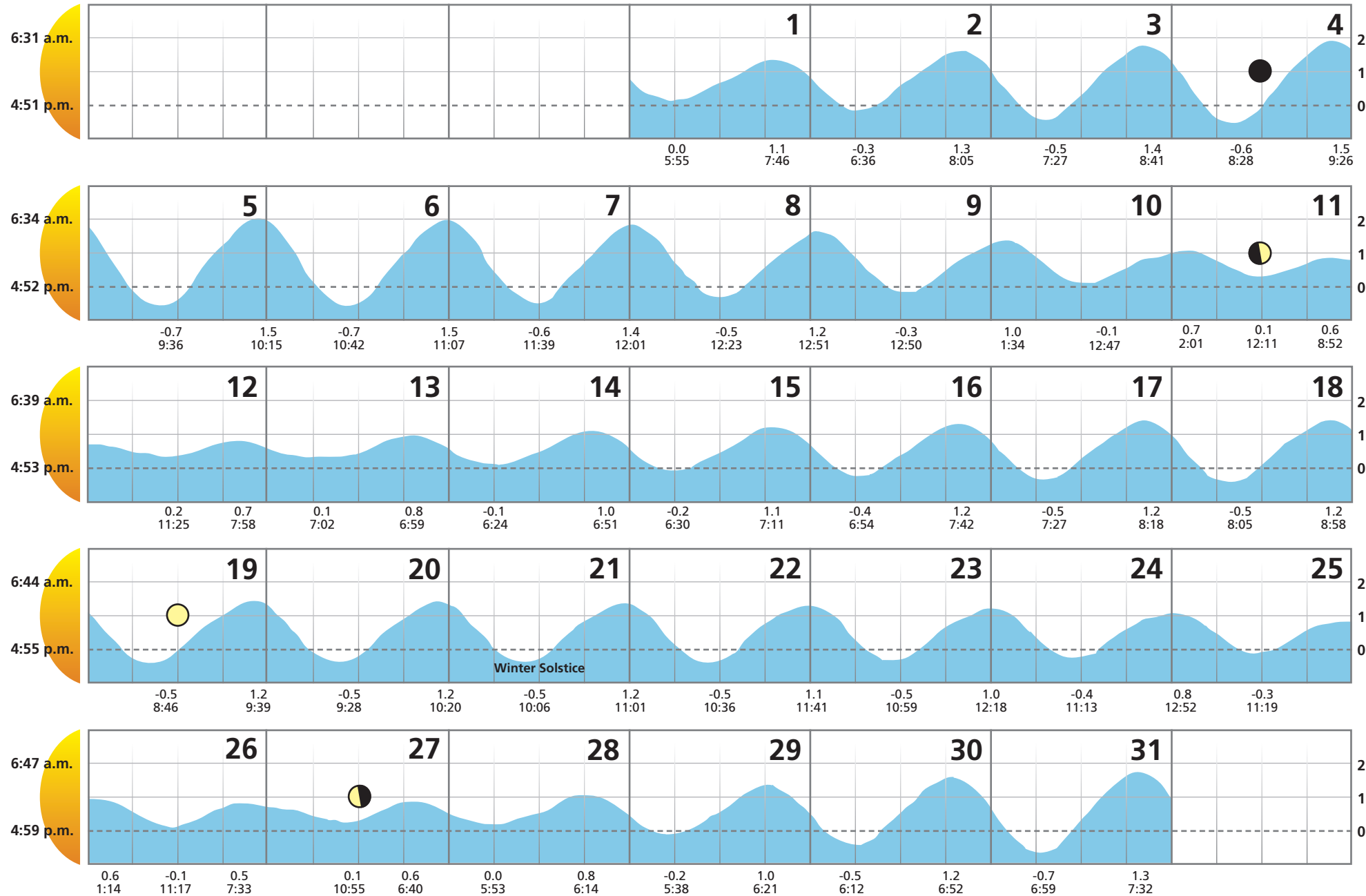


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NOVEMBER 2021

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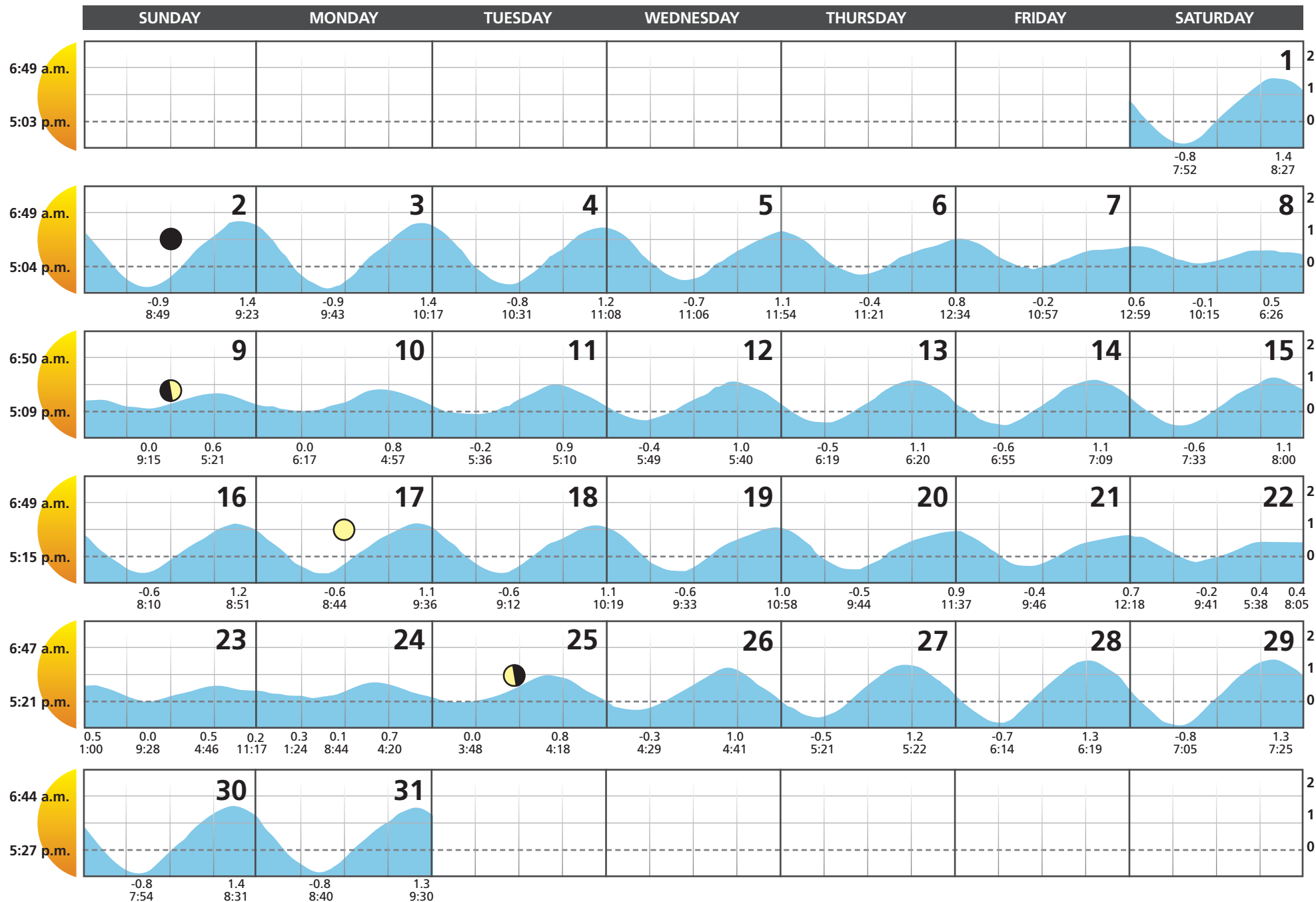




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JANUARY 2022

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2020 Alabama Record Saltwater Fish

* CAUGHT WITH ELECTRIC REEL **NOTE: NO FUTURE POWERED REEL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

SPECIES	LOCAL NAME	ANGLER	HOMETOWN	DATE CAUGHT	WEIGHT
Amberjack, Greater	Amberjack	Brian S. Andrews	Citronelle, Al	8/2/19	132lbs 12.8ozs
Angelfish, Blue	Same	Lilli Cooper	Waverly, Ia	7/28/18	3lbs 9.28ozs
Barracuda, Great	Barracuda	Steven Hawkins	Mobile, Al	7/15/05	52lbs 4ozs
Barrelfish	Same	Rickie David Posey	Deatsville, Al	7/12/09	25lbs 6ozs
Bass, Longtail	Same	Dayna Bowles	Duncan, Ok	3/19/10	5lbs 14ozs
Bass, Striped	Striper	Billy Henderson	Fairfield, Al	6/22/76	55lbs 0ozs
Bigeye	Bigeye Snapper	Yano Francis Serra	Coden, Al	6/28/06	3lbs 2ozs
Bluefish	Same	Alicia Walimaa	Meridian, Ms	6/5/04	17lbs 4ozs
Bonito, Atlantic	Same	Joe Zolczynski	Fairhope, Al	12/31/94	5lbs 5ozs
Brotula, Bearded	Same	Michael T. Dowdy	Mobile, Al	8/9/97	19lbs 8ozs
Catfish, Gafftopsail	Gafftop	Christian E. Butts	Pace, Fl	10/30/15	12lbs 7.4ozs
Catfish, Hardhead	Seacat	Cole Reed Kleffman	Seymour, In	10/9/18	3lbs 3oz
Chub, Bermuda	Same	Sherman Smith	Silverhill, Al	6/17/06	10lbs 5ozs
Chub, Yellow	Same	Thomas D. Jones	Daphne, Al	10/22/03	7lbs 4ozs
Cobia	Ling	Benjamin Elberry Fairey	Pensacola, Fl	4/18/95	117lbs 7ozs
Creolefish, Atlantic	Creolefish	Robert Jordan Barnhill	Robertsdale, Al	7/7/18	3lbs 5 ozs
Croaker, Atlantic	Croaker	Carl N. Billings	Mobile, Al	8/26/00	5lbs 8ozs
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	Ribbonfish	John Robert Frain	Cumming, Ga	6/5/15	3lbs 5ozs
Cubbyu	Same	Caroline Ann Ennis	Gulf Breeze, Fl	7/13/13	2lbs 3.7ozs
Doctorfish	Same	Pavel Malancea	Robertsdale, Al	9/13/07	1lb 4ozs
Dogfish, Smooth	Same	Dick Paul	Gulf Shores, Al	5/24/16	17lbs 11.20ozs
Dolphinfish	Dolphin/Mahi Mahi	Ashton Troy Mabire	Pensacola, Fl	5/26/07	65lbs 8ozs
Dolphinfish, Pompano	Same	Tyler M. Kennedy	Mobile, Al	6/30/12	4lbs 2ozs
Drum, Black	Black Drum	Robert Dean Disney	Irvington, Al	4/20/02	61lbs 0ozs
Drum, Red	Redfish	Al Mead	Theodore, Al	7/19/13	45lbs 9ozs
Eel, Spotted Spoon-Nose	Same	Brad Andre'	Spanish Fort, Al	7/12/08	1lb 4ozs
Escolar	Same	John Charles Mccann	Loganville, Ga	6/8/08	69lbs 10ozs
Filefish, Unicorn	Same	Willie Lee Brown Sr.	Birmingham, Al	10/12/91	8lbs 8ozs
Flounder, Southern	Same	Pete C. Melech	Mobile, Al	10/15/75	13lbs 3ozs
Grouper, Black	Same	David Mark Possien	Northport, Al	8/11/12	106lbs 3.2ozs
Grouper, Gag	Gag	Jere Austill, Jr.	Mobile, Al	1963	74lbs 8ozs
Grouper, Red	Same	Michael Dale Sargent, Jr.	Fulton, Mo	3/23/02	34lbs 9.6ozs
Grouper, Scamp	Scamp	Robert Andrew Conklin	Mobile, Al	7/22/00	29lbs 10ozs
Grouper, Snowy	Same	Tyler M. Kennedy	Mobile, Al	3/1/14	68lbs 7ozs
Grouper, Warsaw	Warsaw	Michael J. Driver	Pensacola, Fl	7/18/81	226lbs 0ozs
Grouper, Yellowedge	Same	Tyler M. Kennedy	Mobile, Al	6/30/12	48lbs 9.28ozs
* Grouper, Yellowedge	Same	Teddy Tinny	Vestavia Hills, Al	4/7/20	49lbs 15.04ozs
Grouper, Yellowmouth	Same	Bradley Tinney	Vestavia, Al	4/27/19	12lbs 6.72ozs
Hake, Gulf	Same	Dick Paul	Gulf Shores, Al	9/25/16	5lbs 13.6ozs
Hake, Southern	Same	Jack L. Gaines li	Dauphin Island, Al	4/23/06	3lbs 4.48ozs

Hind, Red	Same	William Holmes Hill	Mobile, Al	7/17/87	2lbs 14ozs
Hind, Rock	Same	Daniel "Eli" Campbell	Mobile, Al	7/17/12	3lbs 7.2ozs
Hind, Speckled	Same	Braxton Brion Hardin	Northport, Al	5/28/11	39lbs 13ozs
Hogfish, Spanish	Same	Garrett Thomas Akridge	Mobile, Al	8/29/15	1lb 8.96ozs
Hogfish, Spotfin	Same	Bo Keough	Orange Beach, Al	2/16/18	1lb 1.2ozs
Jack, Almaco	Same	Harry Mac Barnes	Montgomery, Al	5/10/02	47lbs 8ozs
Jack, Crevalle	Cavalla	Joseph Condry Pope Iv	Alabaster, Al	10/31/14	40lbs 2ozs
Jack, Horse-Eye	Same	Curtis Neal Foster	Mobile, Al	7/7/17	27lbs 8ozs
Kingfish, Gulf/Southern	Whiting/Ground Mullet	Lamont Rigney	Eight Mile, Al	4/9/01	2lbs 16ozs
Ladyfish	Skipjack	Clinton A. Collier	Coden, Al	9/26/14	4lbs 10.6 ozs
Lionfish, Red	Same	Travis Wayne Pressor	Mulberry, Tn	6/1/16	2lbs 13.76ozs
Lizardfish, Inshore	Same	Taylor Andrepont	Lafayette, La	11/21/17	1lb 0ozs
Lookdown	Same	Terrell Keith Smith	Mobile, Al	8/24/97	2lbs 2ozs
Mackerel, King	Same	Jeremy Alan Goldman	Dauphin Island, Al	7/20/14	69lbs 15.84ozs
Mackerel, Spanish	Same	Linton Larry Matthews	Mobile, Al	10/19/93	8lbs 12ozs
Marlin, Blue	Same	Ginger Ann Myers	Sunset, La	7/5/20	851.9 lbs 0ozs
Marlin, White	Same	James Ashley Walters	Satsuma, Al	5/24/97	98lbs 13ozs
Moonfish, Atlantic	Moonfish	Nathan Gage Sedgeway	Wilmer, Al	6/29/19	1lbs 8ozs
Moray, Blackedge	Same	Henry W. Arbona IV	Dauphin Island, Al	8/18/20	2lbs 2 ozs
Mullet, Striped	Mullet	Jakson Ira Newton	Monroeville, Al	7/8/19	1lb 15ozs
Oilfish	Same	James Allen Coker, Jr.	Mobile, Al	7/24/16	55lbs 2ozs
Permit	Same	Catherine E. Sikes	Wetumpka, Al	8/14/20	4lbs 12.8ozs
Pigfish	Same	Jeffrey Eisemann	O'fallow, Il	7/5/16	2lbs 4.6ozs
Pinfish	Same	Roy "Tojo" White	Coden, Al	5/15/01	3lbs 2ozs
Pomfret, Bigscale	Same	Addison Gilley	Orange Beach, Al	7/28/19	121lbs 11.6ozs
Pomfret, Keeltail	Same	Logan J. Green	Gulf Shores, Al	8/14/19	28lbs 11.8ozs
Pompano, African	Same	Rodney Michael Dutton	Mobile, Al	9/9/89	39lbs 7ozs
Pompano, Florida	Pompano	Patricia Lynn Cluck	Foley, Al	4/28/10	6lbs 13ozs
Porgy, Jolthead	Same	John B. Bucklew	Clanton, Al	7/19/20	7lbs 6ozs
Porgy, Knobbed	Same	John K. Neisser	Southbury, Ct	8/19/20	3lbs 4 ozs
Porgy, Red	White Snapper	Jeremy Collings	Theodore, Al	4/2/11	7lbs 10.6ozs
Porgy, Whitebone	Porgy	Paul Saxton Wilcoxson	Russellville, Al	8/4/16	6lbs 1oz
Puffer, Smooth	Same	Brett L. Russell, Sr.	Gulf Shores, Al	4/2/13	10lbs 3ozs
Rosefish, Blackbelly	Same	Neal Foster	Mobile, Al	7/13/12	4lbs 1oz
Roughy, Big	Same	Lance Smith	Lithia Springs, Ga	6/6/14	5lbs 0ozs
Runner, Blue	Hardtail	Stacey Michele Moiren	Mobile, Al	6/28/97	11lbs 2.4ozs
Runner, Rainbow	Same	Laken Nicole Sullivan	Lynn Haven, Fl	9/10/06	19lbs 9ozs
Sailfish	Same	R. L. Meador, Jr.	Birmingham, Al	1974	81lbs 0ozs
Scorpionfish, Spiny Cheek	Same	Ike Farmer	Salem, Al	5/24/14	4lbs 4ozs
Scorpionfish, Spotted	Same	Curtis Neal Foster	Mobile, Al	7/19/15	3lbs 14ozs
Sea Bass, Black	Same	Steve W. Edwards	Marianna, Ar	7/31/00	3lbs 2ozs
Searobin, Blackwing	Sea Robin	Cecilia Danielle Musselwhite	Irvington, Al	4/24/05	1lb 13ozs
Seatrout, Sand/Silver	White Trout	Anthony "Ryan" Conklin	Coden, Al	7/12/97	6lbs 10.56ozs
Seatrout, Spotted	Speck	Willford Ducherme	Orange Beach, Al	5/6/80	12lbs 4ozs
Shark, Atlantic Sharpnose	Same	Craig Mironchuck	Bauxite, Ar	5/12/06	16lbs 3ozs

Shark, Bull	Same	Jeff Moore	Birmingham, Al	6/10/15	448lbs 4ozs
Shark, Lemon	Same	Terry L. Smith	Mobile, Al	7/21/95	278lbs 8ozs
Shark, Shortfin Mako	Same	Larry A. Johnson	Orange Beach, Al	8/20/78	737lbs 0ozs
Shark, Tiger	Same	Larry Gene Eberly	Gulf Shores, Al	6/24/90	988lbs 8ozs
Sharksucker	Same	Bill Arnold	Cantonment, Fl	6/4/16	8lbs 7.84ozs
Sheepshead	Same	Patric Garmeson	Daphne, Al	3/29/19	13lbs 14ozs
Snapper, Cubera	Same	Ladon Swann	Coden, Al	8/14/15	94lbs 3ozs
Snapper, Dog	Same	Mike E. Nelson	Orange Beach, Al	7/22/18	16lbs 4ozs
Snapper, Gray	Mangrove/Black	Pam Ward	Fairhope, Al	5/16/07	18lbs 0ozs
Snapper, Lane	Same	Scott E. Jordan	Saraland, Al	7/15/11	8lbs 1oz
Snapper, Mutton	Same	Marcus Bryant	Semmes, Al	6/25/06	20lbs 12ozs
Snapper, Red	Same	Melvin E. Dunn, Jr.	Theodore, Al	6/1/02	44lbs 12ozs
Snapper, Silk	Same	Robert Brett Rutledge	Mobile, Al	9/10/16	9lbs 0ozs
Snapper, Vermilion	Beeliner	John W. Doss	Theodore, Al	5/31/87	7lbs 3ozs
Snapper, Yellowtail	Same	Joshua Boyd	Fairhope, Al	11/11/19	9.6lbs 0ozs
Spadefish, Atlantic	Spadefish	Ashley Nichole Osburn	Wilmer, Al	7/14/07	8lbs 8ozs
Spearfish, Longbill	Spearfish	Valerie P. Johnson	Fairhope, Al	1976	53lbs 0ozs
Squirrelfish	Same	Michael Simmons	Conway, Ar	8/4/06	1lb 1oz
Stargazer, Southern	Same	Michael Bryant	Mobile, Al	4/13/06	6lbs 4.5ozs
Stingray, Roughtail	Same	Dan R. Midgette	Semmes, Al	8/6/00	160lbs 0ozs
Stingray, Southern	Same	Gordon Grady Mcglawn	Aliceville, Al	7/26/07	151lbs 3.2ozs
Swordfish	Broadbill	Wendell L. Sawyer, Jr.	Mobile, Al	9/16/06	448lbs 0ozs
Tarpon	Same	Billy Wildberger	Mobile, Al	8/15/92	203lbs 0ozs
Tilefish	Northern	Dick Paul	Pensacola, Fl	4/23/14	35lbs 5.6ozs
Tilefish, Blueline	Same	Joe Fresolone	Mobile, Al	6/1/14	10lbs 14ozs
Tilefish, Goldface	Golden-Eyed	Jeffrey M. Dodd	Trenton, Tn	7/18/19	5lbs 7ozs
Tilefish, Sand	Tilefish	Tommy Wiles	Alabaster, Al	6/9/16	2lbs 3ozs
Toadfish, Gulf	Oyster Fish	Andrew Montgomery	Mobile, Al	8/13/05	2lbs 8ozs
Toadfish, Leopard	Same	James Myrick	Sand Rock, Al	10/1/06	4lbs 3ozs
Tomtate	Ruby Red Lips	Lauren Ogle	Muncie, In	8/1/14	1lb 4.8ozs
Triggerfish, Gray	Triggerfish	Robby Myers	Axis, Al	5/31/93	13lbs 8ozs
Triggerfish, Ocean	Same	Chad R. Hilton	Gulfport, Ms	8/10/13	7lbs 10ozs
Triggerfish, Queen	Same	Jake Taffaro, Jr.	Elberta, Al	7/6/99	7lbs 8ozs
Tripletail	Blackfish	Bob Barnes	Bayou La Batre, Al	1976	37lbs 5ozs
Tuna, Bigeye	Same	Bobby Abernathy	Merryville, La	10/26/14	236lbs 0ozs
Tuna, Blackfin	Same	David Denicola	Colts Neck, Nj	4/11/14	43lbs 5.12ozs
Tuna, Bluefin	Same	John Engquist	Baton Rouge, La	6/3/06	829lbs 6ozs
Tuna, Skipjack	Same	Strom Smith	Ocean Springs, Ms	8/31/13	32lbs 6.4ozs
Tuna, Yellowfin	Same	Maurice W. Reddell	Orange Beach, Al	3/22/20	230lbs 0ozs
Tunny, Little	Bonito	W.a. March, Jr.	Mobile, Al	1956	21lbs 0ozs
Wahoo	Same	David Matthew Sumrall	Mobile, Al	5/6/06	123lbs 6ozs
Wreckfish	Same	Doug Mallonee	Semmes, Al	5/30/06	68lbs 6ozs

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Alabama's Offshore Artificial Reef Zones

The permitted reef zones off the coast of Alabama comprise the largest artificial reef program in the United States. The multiple permit zones consist of 1,062 square miles of permitted bottoms containing nearly 2,000 public reef structures and 9,000 privately permitted structures. The program initially began in the 1950s and contains reefs made of a variety of cleaned and approved materials including bridge spans, ships, army tanks, dry docks, farm equipment, pre-fabricated reef balls/pyramids, re purposed concrete and decommissioned oil and gas platforms. The reef zone provides habitat for corals, barnacles, sponges, crabs, urchins, worms, baitfish and reef fish.



ALABAMA'S OFFSHORE ARTIFICIAL REEF ZONES – MAP

