









# State Waters Fishing Guide for Mississippi and Alabama

Common Name		Size (lbs) Common Record		Fight	Taste	Locations	Fishing Facts				
	Speckled Trout	3	12.3	Good	Good	Inshore / Nearshore	One of the most popular game fish in the region				
	Redfish (slot)	4	n/a	Good	Good	Inshore	One of the most popular game fish in the region				
	Redfish (bull)	20	52.2	Great	Fair	Inshore / Nearshore	One of the most popular game fish in the region				
	Red Snapper	10	44.8	Good	Great	Offshore	The most popular reef fish in the Gulf				
	King Mackerel	40	74.1	Great	Fair	Nearshore / Offshore	Their sharp teeth require a wire leader				
	Spanish Mackerel	3	8.8	Good	Good	Inshore / Nearshore	Meat is good, but has a strong taste				
	Cobia	30	117.4	Great	Great	Nearshore / Offshore	Migratory and are often found on structure				
	White Trout	1	6.7	Fair	Good	Inshore	Small and highly abundant				
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		Sheepshead		4	19.6	Good	Great	Inshore / Offshore	Found on structure and spawn offshore in spring										
		Black Drum		30	70.3	Good	Good / Fair	Inshore / Nearshore	Smaller drum have bars and are good eating										
		Tripletail		10	37.8	Good	Great	Inshore	Often caught by sight casting on structure										
		Jack Crevalle		25	48	Great	Poor	Inshore / Nearshore	Strong fighters and often found in small schools										
		Flounder		3	13.3	Good	Great	Inshore / Nearshore	Seasonally migrate during spring and fall										
		Pompano		2	6.8	Fair	Great	Nearshore	Found in surf zones and feed on invertebrates										
		Shark		10+	988.8	Great	Fair	Nearshore / Offshore	10+ different species are found in state waters										
		Tarpon		80	203	Great	Poor	Nearshore	Often make acrobatic leaps when hooked										
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