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Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Minimum Size	Bag Limit	
Snapper															
 Red Snapper ★	Closed					Opens June 1 - closes when annual catch limits are projected to be met		Closed					16 inches TL	2/pp	
 Gray (Mangrove) Snapper													12 inches TL		10 Snapper combined total
 Mutton Snapper													16 inches TL*		
*Increase to size of 18" and bag limit to 5/pp pending approval and implementation															
 Yellowtail Snapper													12 inches TL		
 Cubera Snapper													12 inches TL		
 Queen Snapper													none		
 Blackfin Snapper													none		

 Wenchman					none		10 Snapper combined total	
 Silk Snapper					none			
 Vermillion Snapper ★					10 inches TL	10/pp	20 reef fish combined total	
 Lane Snapper					8 inches TL			
Other Reef Fish								
 Gray Triggerfish ★	Open Jan 1-15	Closed Jan 16-Feb 28		Closed		15 inches FL		1/pp
 Almaco Jack					none			
 Golden Tilefish					none			
 Goldface Tilefish					none			

 Blueline Tilefish				none		20 reef fish combined total
 Hogfish				14 inches FL	5/pp	
 Greater Amberjack ★	Open Jan 1-26, 2018	Closed Jan 27-June 30*		34 inches FL	1/pp	
*Season change will occur during 2018 pending approval and implementation						
 Lesser Amberjack				14-22 inches FL		5 fish combined total
 Banded Rudderfish				14-22 inches FL		
Grouper						
 Gag Grouper ★		Closed		24 inches TL	2/pp	4 grouper combined total
 Red Gouper ★		Closed when fishing beyond 20 fathom break		20 inches TL	2/pp	
 Black Grouper				24 inches TL		

 Scamp		Closed when fishing beyond 20 fathom break		16 inches TL		4 grouper combined total
 Yellowfin Grouper				20 inches TL		
 Yellowmouth Grouper				none		
 Yellowedge Grouper				none		
 Snowy Grouper				none		
 Speckled Hind				none	1 per vessel	
 Warsaw Grouper				none	1 per vessel	
 Goliath Grouper	Closed			Harvest Prohibited		
 Nassau Grouper	Closed			Harvest Prohibited		

Coastal Migratory Pelagics							
					33 inches FL	2/pp	
Cobia							
					14 inches FL	15/pp	
Spanish Mackerel							
					24 inches FL	3/pp	
King Mackerel							
Shellfish							
		Closed April 1 - August 5 with a 2 day mini-season the last consecutive Wednesday and Thursday in July.			3 inches minimum carapace	6/pp	
Spiny Lobster							
Other							
	Closed						
Red Drum							
★ Subject to in-season closure if annual catch limit is projected to be met.							