



DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES  
NEW SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS  
BAG LIMITS

THE FOLLOWING LAWS NOW APPLY TO THE SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS;  
THESE LAWS CAME INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 2007.

VESSELS ARE ALLOWED – On board,

- 1) Migratory Fish(Combined Total) – 18 (Eighteen) PER VESSEL  
Kingfish, Tuna, Dolphin, Wahoo

All Marlin, Swordfish and Sailfish – caught- must be returned to the sea alive  
and unharmed, Unless special permission is given to retain.

- 2) Crawfish – 10 (ten) PER VESSEL( *In Season*) – August 1 to March 31

- 3) Conch – 6 (six) PER VESSEL

- 4) Demersal Fishery Resource – 60 POUNDS (sixty) **OR** Twenty (20) FISH  
Snappers, Jacks, Grunts, Hogfish etc  
Nassau Grouper (*In season*) - varies  
Stone crab claws (*In season*).16 October-31 May

VESSELS ARE NOT ALLOWED – On board, any-

- a. Turtle

Frequently Asked Questions –

- a. If I rent a Bahamian boat, do these limits apply ? ANSWER – YES
- b. Can I use a spear pole and/or Hawaiian sling and spear to fish ? ANSWER  
– YES (**Only** if 'spearfishing' is approved and written on Sportfishing  
Licence by Customs Officer or Fisheries Officer)
- c. I have rented a Bahamian boat - can I use a spear pole and/or Hawaiian  
sling to spear fish ? ANSWER – YES
- d. Can I use a cast net or fish trap, to catch fish ? ANSWER – YES - Only if  
permission is given (on your Sportfishing Licence) by a Fisheries Officer.