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.