

# Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association



## June 2011

**Next meeting:** June 2nd  
**Time:** 6:40 pm  
**Speaker:** Paul "Moon Doggie" Smith  
**Quick Hits:** None  
**Mini-seminar:** OP Harrison  
**Next tournament:** June 4th  
"Summer Starter"

## Club Officers for 2011

President:	Vince Hawkins	452-3899
Vice Pres:	Patric Garmeson	747-1554
Treasurer:	John Erwin	442-4592
Secretary:	Vicki Foster	621-9113
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Membership:	Keith Kenny	661-6057
Weighmaster:	Pat Hughes	422-6992
Donations:	TBD	
Logo Items:	Bill Graves & Bob Ward	
Awards:	Gary Tingle	662-0260
Newsletter:	Paul Lewis	421-1936
Webmaster:	Brandon Milam	680-1302
Food:	Brenda Wilson	626-3534
Advisor:	Mike Thompson	

## President's Message

We had another great tournament with the good guys prevailing, West side and Bama taking honors as well. Special thanks to Doug Smith, Leslie Smith, David Hare, Bruce Howle, Lee Minto, my wife and in-laws for cooking, prep work and clean up. The fish and grits were excellent.

The Hoffmans (Richard Sr and Jr), Danny Finch and Tyler Dixon will be preparing Pulled Pork, Slaw and Beans for the June tournament. Thanks in advance.

I spoke with the Coast Guard Auxiliary chief and verified they will be at the June weigh in for vessel checks. I look forward to seeing at the meeting and tournament.

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**This Month's Tournament: "Summer Starter" June 4th**

Hope you kept a good journal and meticulous charts because it's time to see who has the summer's best start... That's right, June is here and the water is hot. The **Specks** are running and the **Reds** they dart. The **Flatties** are stalking, the **Ground Mullet** are scared, but watch as the **Spanish Mackerel** are brought in by Pierre (# that is). Ok there's your cheese for the day. Weigh in is back at the American Legion Post on DIP. Bring some feesh, yoself, and an appetite. Party starts at 2.



## 2011 Speckled Trout Challenge May 7, 2011

- 1st - Trenny Woodham - 5.85 lbs
- 2nd - Steve O'Dell - 5.20 lbs
- 3rd - Vicki Foster - 5.10 lbs
- 4th - John Burke - 4.40 lbs
- 5th - Chris Massey - 4.40 lbs
- 7th - David Hare - 4.35 lbs
- 8th - Jay O'Brien - 4.30 lbs
- 9th - Luke Fleniken - 4.10 lbs
- 10th - Bubba Williams - 4.05 lbs

### Junior Angler:

- 1st - Carson Tierce - 2.70 lbs

## 2011 Big Fish Standings

Big Fish Contest Standing						May 7, 2011					
Blackfish		WT	Flounder		WT	Ground Nullet		WT	Redfish		WT
1			1	Marty Garmeson	3.83	1	David Thornton	1.98	1	Jared Kelly	7.30
2			2			2	David Thornton	1.74	2	Erik Nelso	6.90
3			3			3	Phillip Guy	1.53	3	Rob Howell	6.55
4			4			4	Donnie Fassbender	1.40	4	Theo Koulianos	6.50
5			5			5	Johnny Fassbender	1.20	5	Donnie Fassbender	6.35
6			6			6	Tim Pierce	1.15	6	Theo Koulianos	6.30
7			7			7	Teena Pierce (L)	1.11	7	Johnny Fassbender	6.10
8			8			8	Jared Kelly	1.10	8	Leslie Smith	6.05
9			9			9			9	Tom Brooks (N)	6.00
10			10			10			10	Steve O'Dell	5.85
Sheepshead		WT	Spanish Mackerel		WT	Speckled Trout		WT	White Trout		WT
1	Todd Golomb	10.90	1	Steve O'Dell	3.91	1	Bill Graves	6.00	1	Marty Garmeson	2.70
2	Phillip Guy	9.15	2	David Thornton	3.25	2	Frank Mitternight	6.63	2	Trevor Wood	2.63
3	Bruce Howe Jr	8.10	3	David Thornton	3.18	3	Trevor Wood	6.58	3	Vicki Foster (L)	2.51
4	David Hare	8.00	4			4			4	O.P. Harrison	2.43
5	Robert Mosely (N)	8.60	5			5			5	Vicki Foster (L)	2.38
6	David Thornton	8.35	6			6			6	Mike Foster	2.11
7	Mike Foster	8.00	7			7			7	Marty Garmeson	2.08
8	Josh Burroughs (N)	7.85	8			8			8	O.P. Harrison	1.96
9	Donnie Fassbender	7.75	9			9			9	Patric Garmeson	1.94
10	Jay O'Brien	7.74	10			10			10	Patric Garmeson	1.85

\* First to weigh (in (N) New Member (J) Junior Angler (L) Lady Angler

PL	CPR Speckled Trout (in)	
1	O.P. Harrison	26.50
2	Paul Lewis	26.00
3	Chris Conken	26.00*
4	Trevor Wood	25.75
5	Patric Garmeson	25.50
6	George Harrison	24.75
7	Patric Garmeson	23.50
8	Trevor Wood	23.25
9		
10		

## ACFA Points Standings as of May 20th

Donnie Howell 15, David Hare 14, Bill Perry 9, Donnie Fassbender 8, Ed Greer 8, OP Harrison 8, Todd Golomb 8, Vicki Foster (L) 8, Mike Foster 7, Tim Pierce 7, Trenny Woodham 7, Trevor Wood 7, Bill Midgette 6, Bruce Howe Jr. 6, David Thornton 6, Johnny Fassbender 6, Phillip Guy 6, Alvin Bell 5, George Harrison 5, Jay O'Brien 5, John Burke 5, Les Smith 5, Michael Nicholas (N) 5, Chris Massey 4, Doug Smith 4, Jared Kelly 4, Rudy Baugh 4, Steve Lindsey (N) 4, Steve O'dell 4, Tyler Dixon 4, Bill Graves 3, Bob Ward 3, Bubba Williams 3, Danny Finch 3, Doug Tierce 3, Luke Fleniken 3, Richard Hoffman Jr. 3, Robert Moseley (N) 3, Barry Keith 2, Bob Maclay 2, Brad McDonald 2, Carson Tierce (J) 2, Christian Howell (J) 2, Denise Dorgan (L) 2, Gary Tingle 2, Gavin Tourne (J) 2, Jacob Guy (J) 2, Jason Miller 2, Katie Mitternight (J) 2, Kevin Owens (N) 2, Kristen Mitternight (J) 2, Lori Tourne (L) 2, Norman Lewellen (N) 2, Patric Garmeson 2, Patrick Hughes 2, Richard Hoffman Sr. 2, Rick Tourne 2, Ryan Hoffman (J) 2, Summer Williams (J) (L) 2, Ted Lawson 2, Tom Brooks (N) 2, Victoria Tourne (L) 2, 31 others at 1.

## May Meeting Recap

The May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was great for all comers. Donald Wayne gave a mini speech about springtime fishing, tackle and tips. Capn Robby Loper from Middle Bay Boat Sales spoke to us about out motor maintenance and ethanol and its affects on a motor. He also took questions from the group. David Thornton (or Pierre) gave us some pier fishing tips. Thanks for the info fellers...

## June 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

OP Harrison will be our Mini Seminar speaker beginning at 6:40 pm. I've been told he will be discussing fishing.

Paul D. Smith a local guide and professional redfish tournament angler will be our guest speaker at our June 2nd meeting. Paul is an accomplished tournament angler and has competed in numerous tours for 6 years which include; FLW, IFA, GCAA, LaSS and DBRC. With 13 years of Mobile Bay fishing experience Paul has been a licensed captain for 6 years. Pauls guide service "Moon Doggie's Inshore Fishing" specializes in speckled trout, redfish, and flounder gigging. To book a trip with Moon Doggie call [251-232-9816](tel:251-232-9816)

## Upcoming Tourneys

June 4: McGill Toolen, INEOS Phenolchemie

June 11: INEOS Phenolchemie, Mobile Mystics

June 10 & 11: Spectator Tournament

June 18: Kyser Miree Memorial Fishing Tournament by Rotar Act, Salt Water Sportsman Summer Tournament, Salt Water Sportsman Summer Tournament, Stripers, Stormin Norman

June 25: Michele Paul Fight for Cancer Tournament

July 9: Kids Wish'n to Go Fish'n, Dauphin Island Young Anglers

July 15-17: Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo

## [4th Annual UCP Inshore Fishing Tournament Results \(May 16, 2011\)](#)

1st Place Flounder - Kevin Owens 2.92lbs

2nd Place Flounder - Joe Cielitat 2.78lbs

3rd Place Flounder - Christian Howell 2.69lbs

1st Place White Trout - Kevin Owens .94lbs

2nd Place White Trout - Kirk Hoven .87lbs

3rd Place White Trout - Trevor Wood .841lbs

1st Place Speckled Trout - Trenny Woodham 5.84lbs

2nd Place Speckled Trout - Vicky Foster 5.081lbs

3rd Place Speckled Trout - Brett Barton 4.36lbs

### **Speckled Trout Jackpot**

1st Place Speckled Trout - Trenny Woodham 5.84lbs

2nd Place Speckled Trout - Brett Barton 4.36lbs

## **Homebuilders Tournament (May 6, 2011)**

Speckled Trout Jackpot - Cullen Jacobs, Chris Conken, Doug Tierce - 5 fish 26.95 lbs

1st Trout - Chris Conken - 6.90 lbs

2nd Trout - Cullen Jacobs - 5.64 lbs

1st Redfish - Doug Tierce - 6.95 lbs

2nd Redfish -

1st Flounder - Doug Tierce - 2.54 lbs

2nd Flounder -

Slam - Doug Tierce

### **Logo Items**

The club has some sharp acfa shirts, hats, etc available at each meeting. Be sure to see either Bill Graves or Bob Ward to pick yours up.

### **Donations are Needed**

Donations are always needed for door prizes and the 2011 Grand attendance package (for those who attend at least 8 of the 10 meetings). Please see John Erwin if you would like to donate or have ideas for securing donations.

### **Dues Reminder**

Keep those renewals coming! It is important they be paid the day prior to the tournament so to be eligible for your fish to count and points to accrue. You can pay them at the next meeting (June 2nd) or mail them to **Keith Kenney at 4276 Honey Court Mobile, AL 36619** or **Treasurer John Erwin at 8468 Rester Court Mobile, AL 36695**.

### **Reminders**

All monthly meetings are held at American Legion Post 88 on Halls Mill Road, at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. 2011 Big Fish Contest is now running. Our Statistician MUST receive cards within 30 days of catch.

**Fill out and send Bigfish cards to: David Thornton 31 Hannon Avenue Mobile, AL 36604-1212 (458-2775).**

Please remember, NO SMOKING in the meeting room. Thanks for helping to make a healthier family environment.

Please buy your drinks for meetings and weigh-ins from the American Legion. Outside alcohol is not allowed.

And PLEASE be respectful of our speakers (and members who want to hear them) by refraining from any unnecessary talking or moving about during the presentations. And we ask that you save your questions until the end of their talk.

**Check Us Out Online @ <http://www.acfafish.com/>**

**ACFA----We catch fish----Get the net!!!**

**\*\*\*Under no circumstances will the Alabama Coastal Fisherman's Association (ACFA) be responsible for the welfare of any members, guests or equipment while attending meetings or engaging in ACFA tournaments or the challenge.\*\*\***



# Recreational Size and Creel Limits for Alabama State Waters

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Spotted Seatrout	14" min TL	10 per person
Red Drum (Redfish)	16" min TL 26" max TL	3 per person 1 oversized fish allowed
Cobia (Ling)	33" min FL	2 per person
King Mackerel	24" min FL	2 per person
Spanish Mackerel	none	15 per person
Florida Pompano	12" min TL	3 per person
Tripletail (Blackfish)	16" min TL	3 per person
Flounder	12" min TL	10 per person
Striped Bass *	16" min TL	2 per person
Greater Amberjack ****	30" min FL	1 per person
Lesser Amberjack	14" - 22" FL	no creel limit
Banded Rudderfish	14" - 22" FL	***
Yellowfin Tuna	27" min CFL	***
Bigeye Tuna	27" min CFL	no creel limit
Gag Grouper ** ****	22" min TL	2 per person
Red Grouper ** ****	20" min TL	2 per person
Black Grouper ** ****	22" min TL	4 per person
Yellowfin Grouper ** ****	20" min TL	4 per person
Scamp ** ****	16" min TL	4 per person

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Snappers		
• Red ****	16" min TL	2 per person
• Gray (mangrove, black)	12" min TL	10 per person
• Vermillion (beeliner)	10" min TL	***
• Lane	8" min TL	***
Gray Triggerfish	14" min FL	***
Tarpon	60" min TL	\$50.00 tag required to harvest each tarpon
Sharks		
• Atlantic Sharpnose and Bonnethead	none	1 per person per day
• All Other Shark Species	54" FL (30" dressed)	1 per person per day

\* Only two Striped Bass are allowed within MRD jurisdiction

\*\* Mixed species grouper aggregate creel limit : 4 per person (only 2 red grouper and 2 gag grouper may be included in grouper aggregate)

\*\*\* Reef fish aggregate: There is a twenty (20) fish aggregate creel limit for reef fish species (for example, grunts, porgies, gray triggerfish, lane snapper, etc.) for which there is no other creel limit.

\*\*\*\* Alabama state waters open and close along with federal regulations.

[http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/bulletins/fishery\\_bulletins.htm](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/bulletins/fishery_bulletins.htm)

**ALL FISH MUST BE LANDED WITH THE HEAD AND FINS INTACT**

Prohibited Species: Goliath grouper (jewfish), Nassau grouper, Atlantic angel shark, Bigeye sand tiger, Bigeye thresher, Bignose shark, Caribbean reef shark, Caribbean sharpnose shark, Galapagos shark, Narrowtooth shark, Night shark, Sevengill shark, Sixgill shark, Dusky shark, Longfin mako, Sand tiger, Basking shark, Whale shark, White shark, Nurse shark, Smalltail shark, Smalltooth sawfish, Largetooth sawfish, Spotted eagle ray, Atlantic manta.

## REGULATIONS

All fishing regulations are subject to change, so before going fishing check with the Marine Resources Division for any changes. Gulf Shores: (251) 968-7576, Dauphin Is. (251) 861-2882

## REPORT VIOLATIONS

Marine Resources Division  
(251) 476-1256

## STATE/FEDERAL WATERS DEMARCATION LINE

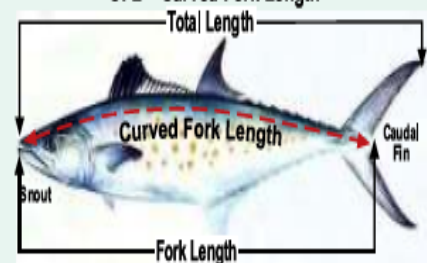


State/Federal Boundary: State waters extend into the Gulf of Mexico 3 miles south of Alabama's coastline from Florida westward along the Fort Morgan peninsula and Dauphin Island to Mississippi; however, the line bulges southward 3 miles from Sand Island. Mississippi and Florida also require saltwater fishing licenses. Florida's state waters extend 9 miles from the coast. You can be fined for straying into another state's waters with fish caught in Alabama or federal waters.

## FISH MEASUREMENT

TL = Total Length, FL = Fork Length

CFL = Curved Fork Length



Use the following procedures to determine the length of a fish:

1. 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.
2. For fork length (FL) measure in a straight line from the tip of snout to deepest notch in tail.
3. For curved fork length (CFL - tunas only) measure using flexible rule from tip of upper jaw to deepest notch in tail. (see illustration).

