

Special Mini-Season Opportunity

Help us control the invasive lionfish population in Florida waters!

Details of special opportunity

- 2015 lobster sport season (mini-season): **July 29-30**
- Any person who harvests **10 or more lionfish per day** will be allowed **a single lobster above the bag limit per day**, no matter how many lionfish over 10 they harvest



- Requirements to harvest lobster: recreational saltwater fishing license and a Spiny Lobster Permit (unless exempt from all recreational license requirements)
- All other rules, including no spearfishing zones, apply

Monroe County and Biscayne National Park:

- Sport season bag limit: 6 lobster per person per day
- If you harvest 10+ lionfish per day, you can take **7** lobster per day

Outside Monroe County and Biscayne National Park:

- Sport season bag limit: 12 lobster per person per day
- If you harvest 10+ lionfish per day, you can take **13** lobster per day

Off-the-water possession limit: Equal to the daily limit on the first day, and double the daily limit on the second day

Verifying your lionfish harvest

On-the-water/docks: required to show qualifying lionfish in whole condition if you have more than the normal bag limit of lobster

Off-the-water: must keep the qualifying lionfish in the whole condition with the lobster **or** possess a picture of the harvester with qualifying lionfish

Submit a picture of your lionfish and lobster catch for a chance to win a Lifetime Saltwater Fishing License!

(See reverse for details on how to submit)

Lionfish Info



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How to harvest lionfish

- Lionfish are best taken by spear and hand-held nets
- You can harvest lionfish with a hand-held net in areas closed to spearfishing, however spearfishing will still be prohibited
- Care should be taken not to impact and damage reefs when spearfishing
- There are no bag or size limits for lionfish

What to do with my lionfish harvest

- Wearing puncture resistant gloves when handling lionfish is recommended
 - Lionfish have 18 venomous spines that should be avoided during capture and handling – 13 dorsal spines, 2 pelvic and 3 anal spines
- Eat them! Lionfish are mild tasting and popular
 - The flesh of the lionfish is not poisonous or venomous
 - Video of how to fillet a lionfish: MyFWC.com/Lionfish

What to do if you are stung

- Immerse puncture wounds in hot (not scalding) water for 30-90 minutes and seek medical attention if needed
- Poison Help Hotline: 1-800-222-1222

Submit a picture of your catch and enter to win a Lifetime Saltwater Fishing License!

- [Facebook.com/LionfishReefRangers](https://www.facebook.com/LionfishReefRangers)
- Or sign up to be a Reef Ranger at ReefRangers.com
The first 100 participants will receive a Reef Rangers t-shirt!



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