

# SEBASTIAN INLET FISHING

## LIST OF COMMONLY CAUGHT SPECIES AND PREFERRED BAITS:

BLUEFISH (*Pomatomus saltatrix*)-Live and dead baits, all types of artificials.

SPOTTED SEATROUT (*Cynoscion nebulosus*)-Live baits, artificials.

POMPANO (*Trachinotus carolinus*)- Sandfleas, clams, shrimp.

LOOKDOWN (*Selene vomer*)-Live shrimp, live pilchards, small artificials.

LEATHERJACKETS (*Seriola fasciata*)-Small live baits, small artificials.

PALOMETA (*Trachinotus goodei*)-Sandfleas, clams, shrimp.

BARRACUDA (*Sphyraena barracuda*)-Larger live baits, sometimes on artificials.

COBIA (*Rachycentron canadum*)-Live baits, artificials, sometimes dead baits.

SNOOK (*Centropomus undecimalis*)-Live baits, artificials.

TARPON (*Megalops atlantica*)-Live baits, artificials.

SHEEPSHEAD (*Archosargus probatocephalus*)-Sandfleas, crab, clam, shrimp.

BLACK DRUM (*Pogonias cromis*)-Clams, shrimp, crab, sandfleas.

WHITING (*Menticirrhus littoralis*)-Shrimp, clams, sandfleas.

RED DRUM/REDFISH (*Sciaenops ocellatus*)-Live and dead baits, artificials.

CROAKER/SPOT (*Leiostomus xanthurus*)-Clams, shrimp, sandfleas.

GULF FLOUNDER (*Paralichthys albigutta*)-Small live fish, live shrimp.

SOUTHERN FLOUNDER (*Paralichthys lethostigma*)-Small live fish, live shrimp.

SPANISH MACKEREL (*Scomberomorus maculatus*)-Small live baits, small artificials.

MANGROVE SNAPPER (*Lutjanus griseus*)-Small live fish, live shrimp.

PERMIT (*Trachinotus falcatus*)-Live crabs, live shrimp, sandfleas, clams.

BLUE RUNNER (*Caranx crysos*)-Small live and dead baits, small artificials.

JACK CREVALLE (*Caranx hippos*)-Most all baits, most all artificials.

BLACK MULLERT (*Mugil cephalus*)-Caught mostly by castnetting.

STRIPED MOJARRA\SANDPERCH (*Diapterus plumieri*)-Clams, cut shrimp, sandfleas.

## SPECIES BY CALENDAR MONTH:

JANUARY- Bluefish\*, Spotted Seatrout, Pompano\*, Black Drum\*, Sheepshead, Shrimp (Sport Shrimping), Black Mullet.

FEBRUARY- Bluefish\*, Black Drum, Spotted Seatrout, Pompano\*, Sheepshead, Sport Shrimping\* and Crabbing (Blue Crabs).

MARCH- Bluefish, Black Drum, Pompano, Sport Shrimping\* and Crabbing.

APRIL- Southern Flounder, Snook, Whiting\*, Pompano, Sport Shrimping.

MAY- Southern Flounder, Snook, Whiting\*, Pompano.

JUNE- Snook\*, Redfish, Lookdowns, Spanish Mackerel, Sandperch, Black Margate, Barracuda, Croaker.

JULY- Snook, Redfish, Lookdowns\*, Spanish Mackerel\*, Permit\*, Sandperch\*, Blue Runner\*, Mangrove Snapper, Leatherjackets, Barracuda, Croaker, Black Margate.

AUGUST- Snook, Redfish, Lookdowns, Permit, Mangrove Snapper\*, Blue Runner, Leatherjackets, Barracuda, Black Margate\*.

SEPTEMBER- Snook\*, Redfish\*, Mangrove Snapper\*, Spanish Mackerel, Tarpon.

OCTOBER- Redfish\*, Snook\*, Tarpon, Gulf Flounder.

NOVEMBER- Redfish, Snook, Gulf Flounder\*, Southern Flounder, Spotted Seatrout\*, Black Mullet.

DECEMBER- Southern Flounder\*, Spotted Seatrout\*, Bluefish, Sheepshead\*, Black Mullet\*.

\* INDICATES PEAK MONTHS OF ACTIVITY FOR A SPECIES

This compilation is only a listing of activity averages over a period of many years. Some species remain active through an entire year (such as jack crevalle) and many of the species can vary through a season from year to year. This listing in no way represents legal sport seasons on or for a species. Contact the Florida Marine Patrol for current rules and regulations on saltwater species.

Harvesting of Clams, Stone Crab Claws, and Lobster are also popular Sebastian Inlet sports. These too are subject to legal seasons and regulations. Please check the laws before taking or attempting to take any marine species!

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