

Spearing

spearing is defined as "the catching or taking of a fish by bowhunting, gigging, spearfishing, or any device used to capture a fish by piercing its body. Spearing does not include the catching or taking of a fish by a hook with hook and line gear or by snagging (snatch hooking)." The use of powerheads, bangsticks, and rebreathers remains prohibited. The following is a list of species which are prohibited for harvest by spearing. Any other species not listed which are managed by the Commission are allowed to be harvested by spearing.

- Billfish
- Bonefish
- Nassau grouper
- Pompano
- Spotted Eagle Ray
- Tarpon
- Spotted seatrout
- African Pompano
- Sturgeon
- Goliath Grouper (Jewfish)
- Red Drum
- Permit
- Manta ray
- Snook
- Weakfish
- Tripletail
- Sharks
- Blue crab
- Stone crab
- Lobster

You may NOT Spearfish (Excluding bowhunting and gigging):

- Within 100 yards of a public swimming beach, any commercial or public fishing pier, or any part of a bridge from which public fishing is allowed.
- Within 100 feet of any part of a jetty that is above the surface of the sea - except for the last 500 yards of a jetty that extends more than 1,500 yards
- In Collier County and in Monroe County from Long Key north to the Dade County line.
- For any fish for which spearing is expressly prohibited by law.
- In any body of water under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks.
(Possession of spearfishing equipment is prohibited in these areas, unless it is unloaded and properly stored.) Anglers who catch and/or sell fish harvested by spearing are subject to the same rules and limitations that other anglers in the state are required to follow.

Explosives, Etc.

The use of powerheads, explosives, chemicals, or the discharge of firearms into the water to kill or harvest marine life is prohibited in state waters.