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New Saltwater Fishing Regulations Book Now Available

BILOXI, Miss. – The 2009-2010 edition of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources' free booklet, "Guide to Mississippi Saltwater Fishing Rules and Regulations," is now available at the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) office located at 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi. The guide incorporates new and revised saltwater fishing regulations for the state of Mississippi.

Copies of the guide will be handed out to attendees at the 61st Annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo at Pt. Cadet in Biloxi at the gate and at the DMR booth on July 2-5, 2009. The guides are also being distributed to bait shops along the Coast.

The 36-page fishing regulations book includes information on commercial and recreational saltwater fishing, license requirements, size and possession limits, descriptions of fish, and covers topics such as catch and release, protected species, marine litter and invasive species. The guide also features shark identification pages. The guide includes the original artwork of Joe Jewell, a member of the DMR's Office of Marine Fisheries staff. Jewell has provided illustrations for the fishing regulations book since 1999.

The 2009-2010 edition of the "Guide to Mississippi Saltwater Fishing Rules and Regulations" is also available on the DMR Web site as an Adobe PDF file and can be downloaded free at www.dmr.ms.gov

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov

ILLUSTRATION CUTLINES:

09- LST-55A: The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has just published the 2009-2010 edition of its free Mississippi saltwater fishing regulations book, which features the artwork of Joe Jewell, a member of the DMR's Office of Marine Fisheries staff. The free guides are available at the DMR office, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, and can be downloaded at www.dmr.ms.gov.

09-LST-55B: The 2009-2010 edition of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources' "Guide to Mississippi Saltwater Fishing Rules and Regulations" features shark identification pages, illustrated by Joe Jewell, a member of the DMR's Office of Marine Fisheries staff. The free guides are available at the DMR, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, and can be downloaded at www.dmr.ms.gov.

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Guide to Mississippi Saltwater Fishing

Rules and Regulations

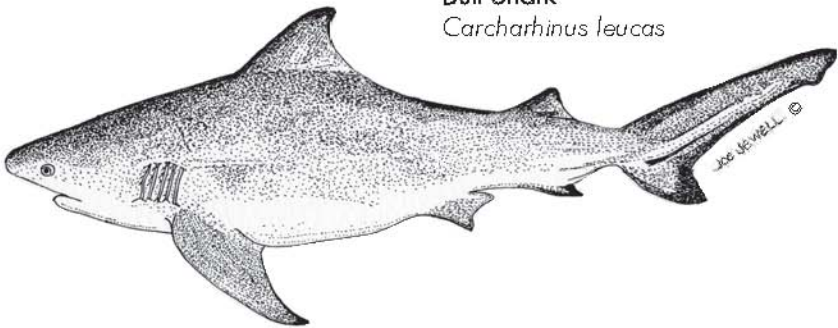


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Common Sharks in Mississippi Waters

Bull Shark

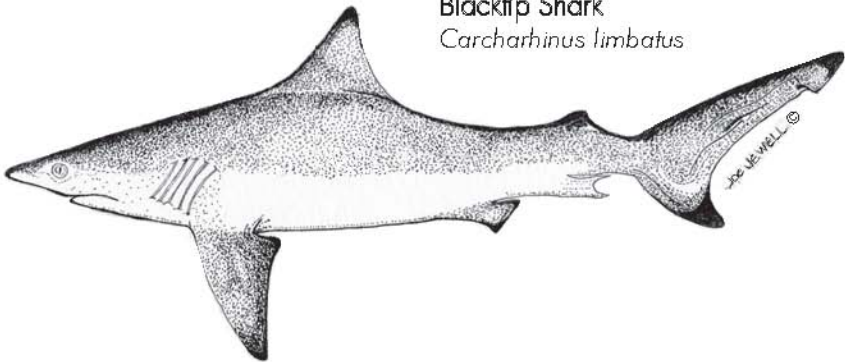
Carcharhinus leucas



One of the largest sharks commonly found in inshore waters, it can reach lengths of greater than 10 feet. One of the few sharks that regularly move into fresh water. The most distinguishing characteristic of this shark is its large robust body. This shark is also characterized by a short snout that is blunt and rounded.

Blacktip Shark

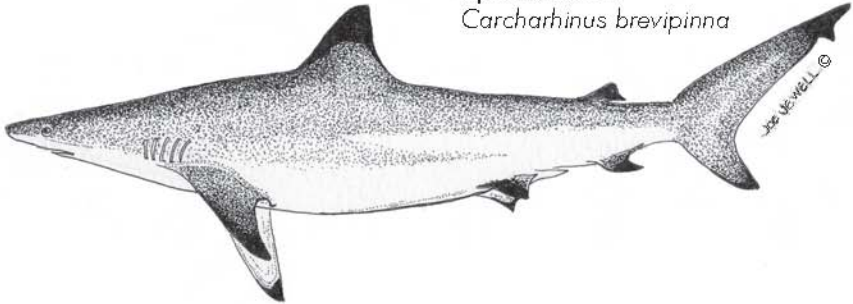
Carcharhinus limbatus



As the name indicates, this shark's fins are tipped in black *except* for the anal fin. It is a medium-size shark, but can reach lengths of 9 feet. This shark is very active when hooked and will jump out of the water.

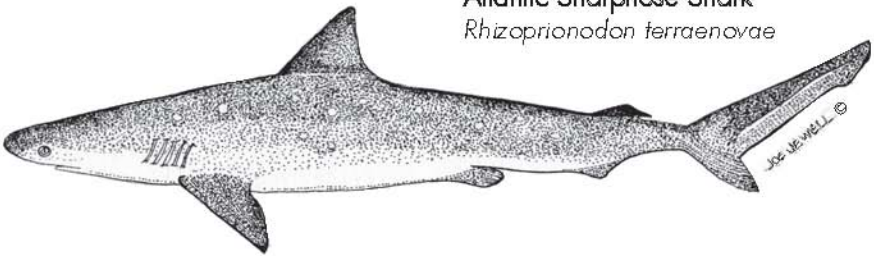
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Spinner Shark
Carcharhinus brevipinna



The spinner shark gets its name from a behavior where it leaps out of the water and spins in midair. It is very similar to the blacktip shark, but all its fins are black-tipped, including the anal fin. It can reach lengths up to 9 feet and is extremely active when hooked.

Atlantic Sharpnose Shark
Rhizoprionodon terraenovae



The most common shark in Mississippi coastal waters, this shark rarely exceeds 4 feet in length. It is characterized by a slender build and white blotches on the body. The origin of the second dorsal fin is about mid-base of the anal fin. These sharks are also called "wormies" by coastal fishermen.