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Panama City has six marinas and numerous charter operators offering inshore and deep-sea fishing excursions. Charters offer the greatest ease and convenience. Their experienced captains can take you to the best locations for the fish species you're targeting, and the captain's fishing license covers all passengers. Pontoon rentals are a popular option for anglers who prefer to pilot their own boat. The boats are perfect for exploring nearby bays and shorelines, especially if you plan to bring friends or family along.



## FISHING REGULATIONS

A Florida fishing license is required for anyone over the age of 16, and saltwater and freshwater licenses can be purchased online at [GoOutdoorsFlorida.com](http://GoOutdoorsFlorida.com). The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website provides information on the different types of Florida resident and non-resident licenses.



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about visitor  
fishing licenses

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## PANAMA CITY FISHING GUIDE



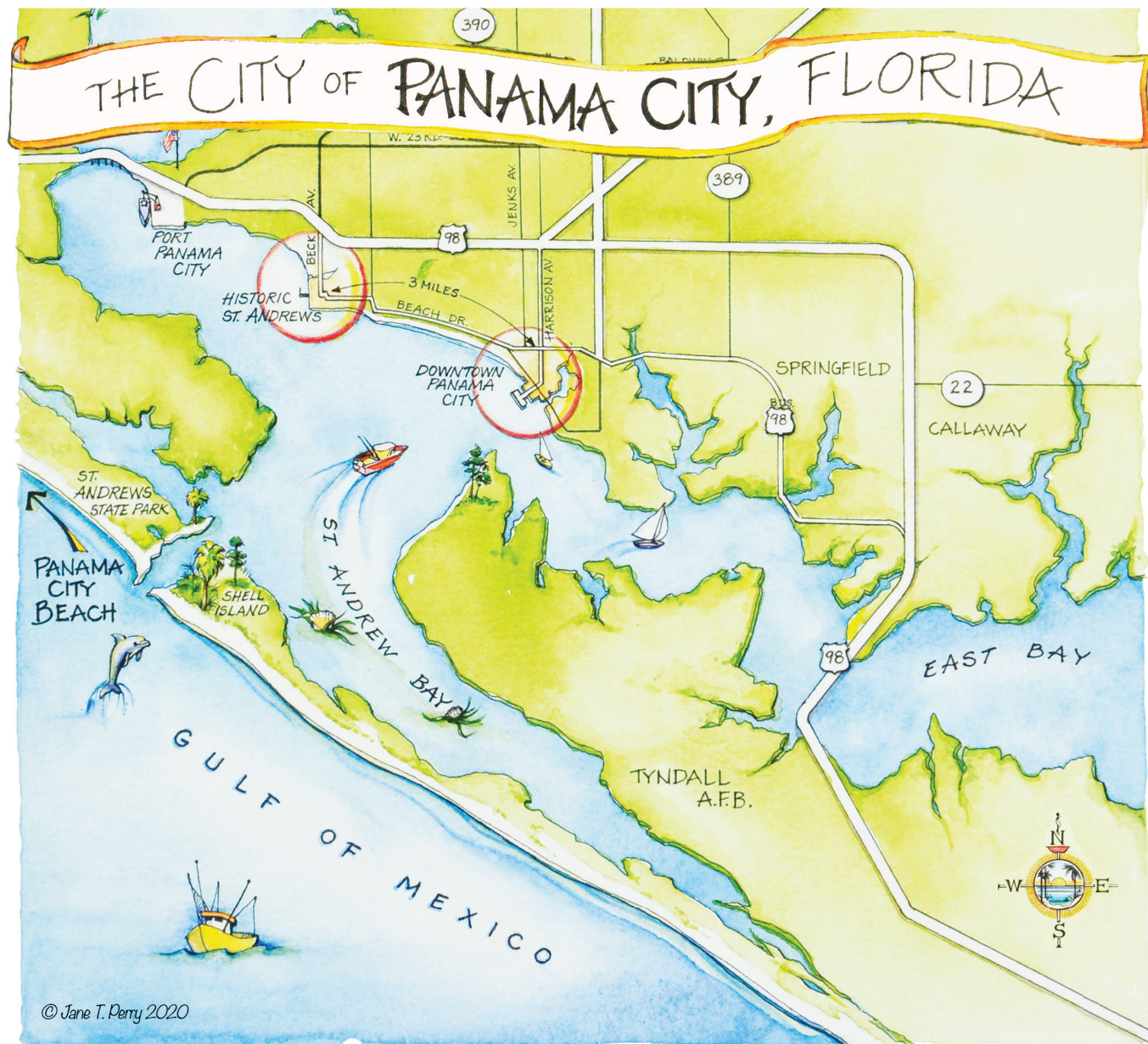
## WHERE FISHING SETS SAIL

## THE PERFECT DESTINATION FOR ADVENTURE ON AND OFF THE WATER.



Panama City is a perfect destination for fishing, thanks to our variety of aquatic habitats and fish species, scenic natural beauty, and thriving downtown areas. The city is located on the tranquil St. Andrews Bay, just minutes from Gulf waters and surrounded by numerous bayous, inlets, and freshwater environments.

# GAME FISH SPECIES



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## SPANISH MACKEREL



Spanish Mackerel migrate to our bays during early spring and can be commonly seen breaking the surface of the water in large numbers.

## SHEEPSHEAD



Sheepshead come to Gulf coast waters in early spring to feed and spawn and are typically more active earlier in the season.

## JACK CREVALLE



Averaging between 15 and 20 pounds, Jack Crevalle start moving into shallow waters in early spring. Schools are most often found around sandbars.

## POMPANO



The first pompano sightings are typically in early spring, a reliable indicator that warmer weather is on the way.

## BLUEFISH



Bluefish migration tends to follow that of Spanish Mackerel. Where you find one, you're likely to find the other.

## AMBERJACK



Amberjack are found offshore, typically in 60 to 240 feet of water, bottom-dwelling around rocky reefs and wrecks. This species requires a State Reef Fish Angler designation.

*seasonal*

## COBIA



Known locally as "Lemonfish," Cobia cruise the waters surrounding sandbars searching for their next meal.

## BLACKTIP SHARK



Three to five blacktips can be caught in the warm and shallow bay waters, often near bridges and channels.

## TRIPLETAIL



Tripletails can often be seen lying on their sides on the water's surface, attracting unsuspecting smaller fish to use their bodies as shelter.

## RED SNAPPER



Look for red snapper in deep waters, often near reefs and shipwrecks. This species requires a State Reef Fish Angler designation.

## TARPON



Tarpon migrate to northwest Florida waters as the weather becomes warmer and swim in-shore to their spawning grounds.

## KING MACKEREL



Kings can be caught in open waters where baitfish are plentiful, usually at a depth of between 20 and 250 feet.

*year-round*

## REDFISH



Juveniles are found in interior waterways and back bays, and 10- to 30-pound adults are in deeper passes.

## BONITO



Found in inshore bays during fall months and offshore throughout the year.

## SPECKLED TROUT



Large trout can often be found in inshore pockets of warmer water.

## FLOUNDER



Flounder gather in large numbers during the fall months, traveling with the tide, and are often caught near docks and inlets where the current is strong.

**For up-to-date season dates and catch limits, visit the website of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or download the Fish Rules app. The State Reef Fish Angler designation is available at no cost when purchasing your fishing license.**