

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Gulf State Park Saltwater Pier
Managed Shark Fishing Permit

Provisions and Rules

- Managed Shark Fishing events will take place on the Gulf State Park Pier, on designated dates, times and locations as approved by the State Parks Director, as provided under Regulation 220-5-19 and Regulation 220-5-13.
- Managed Shark Fishing events will be limited to 15 anglers per occasion, with one rod/reel per angler in use. Further each angler may involve one assistant in the actual Managed Shark Fishing event during the specified date, time and location.
- During the events, a specified area of the pier will be designated for the exclusive use of the participating anglers and their designated assistants. No other anglers or pier guests will be allowed within the specified area during these periods.
- Anglers will be provided “first come, first serve” options for online registration of specific fishing dates, as well as a waiting list should advance notice of participant cancellations occur. In that automated process, registrants will also be able to identify their availability for short notice opportunities associated with participant cancellations. Numerous reasonable and practical provisions are being managed to support the participation of 15 anglers for each managed fishing event.
- Angler gear will remain the same with the exception they may choose to bring a larger rod/reel that our current pier rules allow. Gaffs are allowed, but sharks that do not satisfy the minimum size limits may not be gaffed.
- All participating anglers must provide a photo ID to gain access to the designated fishing area during the designated Managed Shark Fishing events, and must sign a Managed Shark Fishing Permit.
- Anglers and the assistant constitute an Angler Group. The participating angler named on the permit is responsible for the compliance and conduct of the parties inclusive to their respective Angler Group. Participating anglers and assistant agree to abide by the pier rules, the provisions stated, and all fishing regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural resources, and other fishing laws which are in force in the State of Alabama. Failure to comply with the provisions of this permit may result in the expulsion of any parties within an Angler Group.
- Park management reserves the authority to locate and place participating anglers based on daily circumstances and related adaptive management strategies.
- No chumming is allowed during Managed Shark Fishing events or at any other time from the Gulf State Park Pier.