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[54] **FLORIDA FISHING TAPE**

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[57] CLAIM

The ornamental design for a Florida fishing tape, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a top view of the "Florida fishing tape" showing the design;

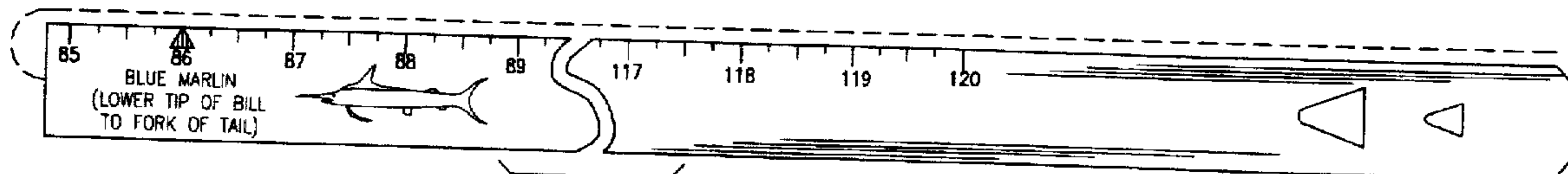
FIG. 2 is a view from the bottom thereof;

FIG. 3 is a side view (either left or right) thereof;

FIG. 4 is an end view from the front thereof; and,

FIG. 5 is an end view from the rear thereof.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets



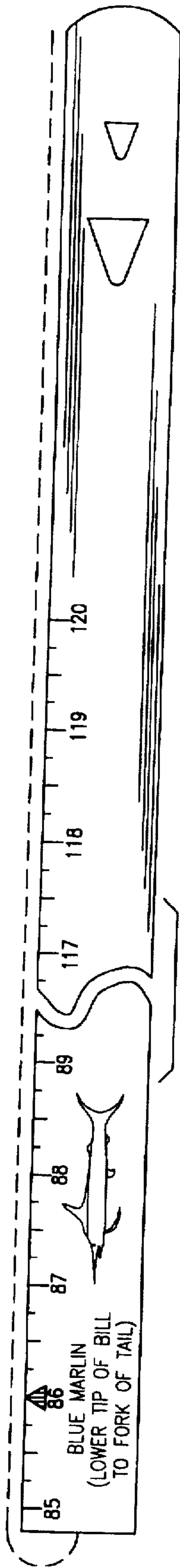


FIG. 1

<p>BASIC RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR FLORIDA CAUTION: THIS INFORMATION WAS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF PRINTING. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP INFORMED OF ANY CHANGES!! (JAN. 1, 1996)</p>		<p>▲: MUST REMAIN WHOLE UNTIL LANDED (R): RESTRICTED SPECIES MIN: MINIMUM MAX: MAXIMUM TL: TOTAL LENGTH AGGREGATE: SUM TOTAL</p>		<p>GREATER AMBERJACK 28" MIN. FORK NO SALES LESS THAN 36" ▲(R) BAG LIMIT 3</p>		<p>BILLFISH SAULFISH 57" MIN. BLUE MARLIN 86" MIN., OR WHITE MARLIN 62" MIN. (LOWER TIP OF BILL TO FORK OF TAIL) CANNOT BUY OR SELL BAG LIMIT 1</p>		<p>SEA BASS 8" MIN. TL ALL SEA BASSES</p>		<p>BLACK DRUM 14" MIN. - 24" MAX. TL MAY POSSESS 1 OVER 24" ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 5</p>					
<p>FLORIDA POMPANO AND PERMIT 10" MIN. - 20" MAX. FORK MAY POSSESS 1 OVER 20" ▲ (R) AGGREGATE BAG LIMIT 10</p>		<p>FLounder 12" MIN. FORK ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 10 AGGREGATE OF GROUPER</p>		<p>GROUPER 20" MIN. TL ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 5 AGGREGATE OF ALL SPECIES</p>		<p>SPECKLED HIND & WARSAW GROUPER (R) 1 PER PERSON OR VESSEL NOT IN GROUPER AGGREGATE BAG.</p>		<p>HOG FISH 12" MIN. FORK (R) BAG LIMIT 5</p>		<p>KING MACKEREL 20" MIN. FORK (R) BAG LIMIT 2 REDUCED TO 1 WHEN HARVEST IN FEDERAL WATERS CLOSED.</p>		<p>SPANISH MACKEREL 12" LT ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 10</p>		<p>BLACK MULLET CLOSED 10 DAYS STARTING NOON, FOURTH FRI. DEC. 50 PER PERSON OR VESSEL, WHICHEVER IS LESS</p>	
<p>VERMILION 8" MIN. TL (GULF) BAG LIMIT ** 10" MIN. TL (ATLANTIC) NOT IN AGGREGATE BAG WITH BAG LIMITS</p>		<p>RED SNAPPER 14" MIN. TL (GULF) BAG LIMIT 5 20" MIN. TL (ATLANTIC) ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 2</p>		<p>GRAY MANGROVE 10" MIN. TL ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 5</p>		<p>LANE 8" MIN. TL ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 10</p>		<p>MUTTON SNAPPER 16" MIN. TL (R) BAG LIMIT 10</p>		<p>SCHOOLMASTER 10" MIN. TL ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 10</p>		<p>CUBERA 12" MIN. - 30" MAX. TL 30" MAX. TL OR 2 AT 30" OR OVER. (R) BAG LIMIT 10</p>		<p>ALL OTHER SNAPPERS (BLACKFIN, MAHAGANY, DOG, QUEEN, YELLOW TAIL, SILK, & CUBERA UNDER 30") 12" MIN. TL ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 10</p>	
<p>RED DRUM (RED FISH) 18" MIN. - 27" MAX. TL CANNOT BUY OR SELL BAG LIMIT 1</p>		<p>RED PORGY 12" MIN. TL (ATLANTIC)</p>		<p>SHARK FINNING PROHIBITED 1 PER PERSON OR 2 PER VESSEL WHICHEVER IS LESS</p>		<p>SHEEPHEAD 12" MIN. FORK ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 10</p>		<p>SNOOK 24" MIN. - 34" MAX. TL (1 OVER) CLOSED DEC. 15 - JAN. 31 & JUNE, JULY, AND AUG. SNOOK STAMP REQUIRED BAG LIMIT 2</p>		<p>TARPON CANNOT BUY OR SELL. TARPON TAG REQUIRED BAG LIMIT 2</p>		<p>GRAY TIGER 12" TL</p>		<p>TRIPLETAIL FORK 15" MIN. ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 3</p>	

<p>SPOTTED SEA TROUT 15" MIN. - 20" MAX. TL MAY POSSESS 1 OVER 20" ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 5</p>	<p>SPOTTED SEA TROUT PIN./PASCO CO. TO FLA./ALA. CLOSED FEB. 15" MIN. - 24" MAX. TL ONLY ONE OVER 24" ▲ (R) BAG LIMIT 7</p>	<p>UNLAWFUL TO HARVEST, POSSESS, LAND, PURCHASE, SELL, OR EXCHANGE: JEWFISH, MASSAU GROUPEL, SAW SHARK, SAWFISH, BASKING SHARK, WHALE SHARK, SPOTTED EAGLE RAY, OR STURGEON.</p>	<p>BLUE CRABS 5" CARAPACE. NO MORE THAN 5 TRAPS WITHOUT PERMIT. HARVEST OF EGG BEARERS PROHIBITED (R) 10 GALS. WHOLE</p>	<p>HARD CLAMS 1" THICK. APPROVED AREAS ONE 5 GALLON BUCKET PER PERSON OR TWO PER VESSEL, WHICHEVER IS LESS.</p>	<p>CRAWFISH GREATER THAN 3" CARAPACE CLOSED APRIL 1 - AUG. 5 CRAWFISH STAMP REQUIRED 6 PER PERSON OR 24 PER VESSEL WHICHEVER IS GREATER.</p>	<p>OYSTERS 3" CHECK LAWS FOR YOUR AREA & SEASON. 2 BAGS PER PERSON OR VESSEL PER DAY WHICHEVER IS LESS. IS LESS PER DAY.</p>																																									
<p>SCALLOPS SEPT. 1 - JUNE 30, CALL FMP FOR LATEST INFO. 2 GALLONS WHOLE, OR 1 PINT MEAT.</p>	<p>STONE CRABS 2 3/4" CLAW, CANNOT POSSESS WHOLE CRAB CLOSED MAY 15 - OCT. 15. TRAPS WITH PERMITS ONLY.</p>	<p>SHRIMP 5 GALS. PER PERSON OR VESSEL WHICHEVER IS LESS ▲</p>	<p>FISH MEASURING GAUGE G = GIRTH, FRONT OF PECTORAL FIN L = LENGTH, TIP OF NOSE TO FORK OF TAIL. (BILLFISH - LOWER TIP OF JAW TO FORK OF TAIL). W = WEIGHT OF FISH</p>	<p>GIRTH SQUARED TIMES LENGTH DIVIDED BY 800 EQUALS WEIGHT (G² x L ÷ 800 = W)</p>	<p>QUICK WEIGHT REFERENCE CHART THESE CALCULATIONS ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST POUND. FOR MORE ACCURATE WEIGHT, USE FORMULA</p>	<p>BLUE MARLIN</p> <p>G - L - W -</p>																																									
82	80	78	72	66	60	58	50	40	35	32	SAILFISH OR WHITE MARLIN	G - 32	28	28	30	28	24	22	21	20	20	19	G - 41	36	34	32	30	28	27	25	25	24	22	18	15												
120	115	110	105	95	91	88	86	80	75	70	68	L - 72	64	62	60	58	56	54	50	54	50	50	L - 52	50	48	45	44	43	40	38	32	26	22	19	16												
1009	920	837	680	517	410	370	289	172	123	96	W - 92	79	67	54	45	36	32	28	27	23	23	23	W - 109	81	69	57	50	42	36	30	25	19	13	8	5												
												<p>TARPON G - 42 L - 72 W - 159</p>			<p>18 21 22</p>			<p>26 22 21</p>			<p>30 34 36</p>			<p>38 40 42</p>			<p>40 58 64</p>			<p>60 58 52</p>			<p>64 48 41</p>			<p>84 59 41</p>			<p>97 84 27</p>			<p>116 97 22</p>			<p>136 116 14</p>		
												<p>OTHER FISH WITH THE SAME MEASUREMENTS WILL WORK</p>																																			
												<p>FOR LONGER LIFE: KEEP CLEAN!</p>																																			

FIG. 2

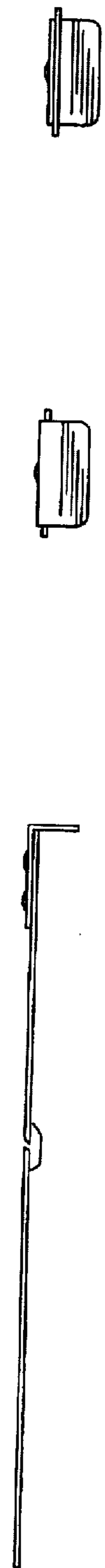


FIG. 3



FIG. 4

FIG. 5