### Seafood Availability Chart

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### Catch Your Limit
Southwest Louisiana is known for the size and quantity of redfish, speckled trout andounder caught in inshore saltwater or brackish areas. If you catch all three species in one day, it’s known as a Cajun Grand Slam. Calcasieu Lake is heralded as a trophy speckled trout paradise. Further north without the influence of the Gulf and where the water loses the salt base, crappie and catfish are what you’ll find.

### Cast a Wide Net
Using a cast net can also put seafood on your table. With a few tips on taming, you may produce a few pounds of white or brown shrimp. Take note that shrimpers need a basic and saltwater permit to catch these shrimp. To catch fresh blue crab, some strong–a dip net and mesh (the locals prefer chicken mesh) and all you’ve got’s need. Hot spots to partake in these outdoor activities include Calcasieu Lake, Blackberry Shrub and Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. Individuals

### Best Times To Fish
Southwest Louisiana’s subtropical climate leads to great fishing year-round. Peak times for speckled trout and redfish are March through October. Calcasieu Lake usually comes to its peak in the fall season, asounder run, schools of redfish are on the prowl, and speckled trout to survive the winter. Whether it’s inshore, saltwater, or that Cajun Grand Slam, fishermen find a good catch and catch a good time!
FISHING IN CALCASIEU AND CAMERON PARISHES

Bass, crappie and catfish are on the plankton for Calcasieu River, Sabine River, and other freshwater waterways. Spermaceti, hickory, tusk, catfish, micro-waters and coves will help anglers lose in the big game.

Brackish waters like Prien Lake and the southern portion of the Calcasieu River, offer a variety of catches such as croaker, redfish, specks, flounder and black drum. Lures used for saltwater fishing are usually the most attractive to fish in these waters.

Saltwater action is great at Saltwater Barrels Calcasieu Lake end of, of course, the Gulf of Mexico. Be sure and buy your line with plastic grubs, Johnson spoons and plastic sheet folding lures to catch yellowfin, mackerel or amberjack.

Common Species – Southwest Louisiana

All species of fish found from Louisiana’s Gulf Coast, from freshwater bass to saltwater mackerel, but the most prevalent fish found along the Southwest Louisiana coast are listed here:

1. Spotted Seatrout
2. Red Drum (Redfish)
3. Southern Flounder
4. Black Drum
5. Atlantic Croaker
6. Spotted Sunfish
7. Amberjack
8. Spanish Mackerel
9. Gafftopsail Catfish
10. Blue Catfish
11. Flathead Catfish
12. Louisiana Freshwater Bass
13. Alligator Gar
14. Crevalle Jack
15. Pompano
16. Amberjack
17. Spanish Mackerel
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With 619 square miles of water, the locations for fishing are plentiful.

Boat Launches in Southwest Louisiana

This list includes GPS coordinates, the bodies of water they access, and the type of water. While most launch sites are public, some are private and may have a fee to launch.

For a list of businesses that sell detailed fishing maps for local water, please contact the Lakes & Rivers Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau at 337-436-9588.

Boat Launches

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