

Senate Bill 347

By: Senators Williams of the 6th and Kemp of the 3rd

**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-4-130.1, relating to open seasons, creel and possession limits,  
2 and minimum size limits for certain finfish species, so as to provide that trawlers shall be  
3 exempt from the creel and possession limits for flounder, whiting, spot, and Atlantic croaker;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 27-4-130.1, relating to open seasons, creel and possession limits, and minimum  
8 size limits for certain finfish species, is amended by striking in its entirety subsection (c) and  
9 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "(c) It shall be unlawful to take the following salt-water finfish species at any time except  
11 during the open seasons so established for such species or to take or possess the following  
12 salt-water finfish species except in accordance with the creel and possession limits and  
13 minimum sizes so established for such species; provided, however, that trawlers fishing for  
14 shrimp for human consumption pursuant to Code Section 27-4-133 shall be exempt from  
15 the creel and possession limits for whiting, spot, and Atlantic croaker:

16	<u>Species</u>	<u>Maximum Open Season</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Range of</u>
17			<u>Daily Creel</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
18			<u>And</u>	<u>Sizes</u>
19			<u>Possession</u>	
20			<u>Limit</u>	
21	(1) Spotted seatrout	All year	15	13 inches
22	(2) Weakfish	All year	6	13 inches
23	(3) Black drum	All year	15	10 inches

1	(4) Flounder (Paralichthys	All year	15	12 inches
2	spp.)			
3	(5) Whiting (Menticirrhus	All year	35	10 inches
4	spp.)			
5	(6) Spot	All year	25	8 inches
6	(7) Atlantic croaker	All year	25	8 inches
7	(8) Tripletail	All year	5	18 inches"

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.