

COUNTING THE SPOTS

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Counting the spots on a redfish is harder than you think. The common practice among "count the spots" style redfish tournaments is to have one judge who is asked to judge the fish consistently. Written standards of how to objectively judge spots do not exist. The best I can do is offer the following examples of how spots will be judged.



These are two distinct spots. Easy to judge.



"2 Ball Snowman" shape. This counts as one spot.



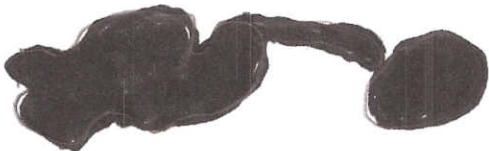
"3 Ball Snowman" shape. This counts as one spot.



"Figure 8" shape. This counts as two spots only if they are touching so slightly you can hardly tell they are touching. Anything more counts as a "2 ball snowman".



"Ameba" Shape. One spot.



"The Blob finding food" Two spots. You can kind-of tell this is two spots with a funky shape connecting the two. This is rare. There is a difference between two spots slightly connected and two spots with a funky connector.