

# FWC Atlantic Red Snapper EFP Project

- 3 unique EFP Projects
- **Duration:** August 2024 – July 2025
- **Goals**
  - Collaborate with anglers to obtain catch and discard data
  - Test innovative strategies to reduce discards
  - Allow additional red snapper harvest
  - Develop reporting app and education course
  - Evaluate angler satisfaction



Photo courtesy of Osby Warren (SE Snapper Grouper Fleet)



# EFP Project Updates



	<b>Quarter 1</b>	<b>Quarter 2</b>	<b>Quarter 3</b>	<b>Quarter 4</b>
	Aug. – Oct.	Nov. – Jan.	Feb. – April	May – July
Applications Received	7,722	3,524	5,052	TBD
Participants Selected	410	410	410	--

*Final application period is April 4 – 14*



# Types of Data Collected

- Species catch and discard composition
  - Aggregate bag limit
- Fishing location and effort
- Biological data
- Fishing behavior and angler satisfaction
- Validation methods
  - Reporting app
  - Dockside intercepts
  - Camera system or at-sea observers



# Quarter 2: Project Statistics

- November – January
- 192 completed Fleet trips
- 132 dockside intercepts
- 1,572 red snapper harvested
  - 1,320 red snapper sampled



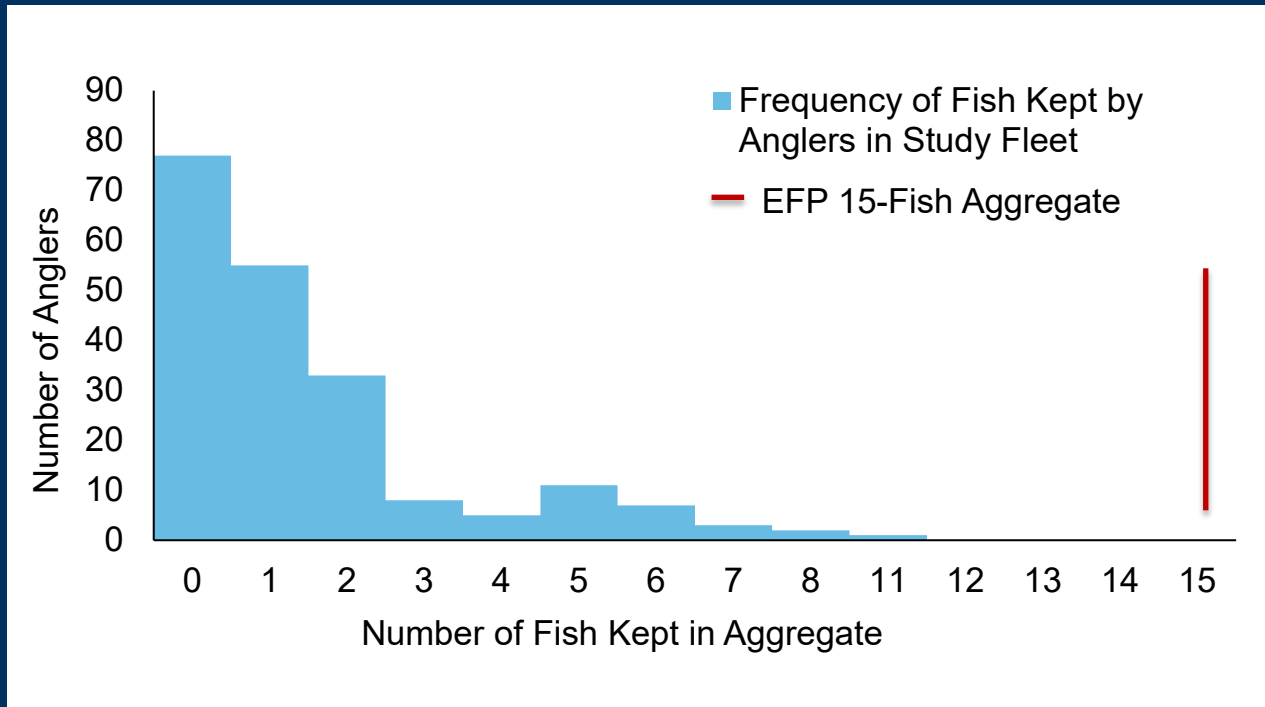
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Data as of February 20, 2025



# EFP Project Takeaways



- Positive feedback with high interest
  - For years, anglers have wanted to give data directly to FWC (EFP app)
- Most anglers limiting out on red snapper before reaching aggregate bag limit
- Anglers prefer FWC's EFP management over closures

