

FWC's Atlantic Red Snapper Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Project Year 2 Proposals



SAFMC Meeting: June 2025

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



FWC Atlantic Red Snapper EFP Project: Year 2

- 3 unique EFP Projects
- **Duration:** September 2025- August 2026
- **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

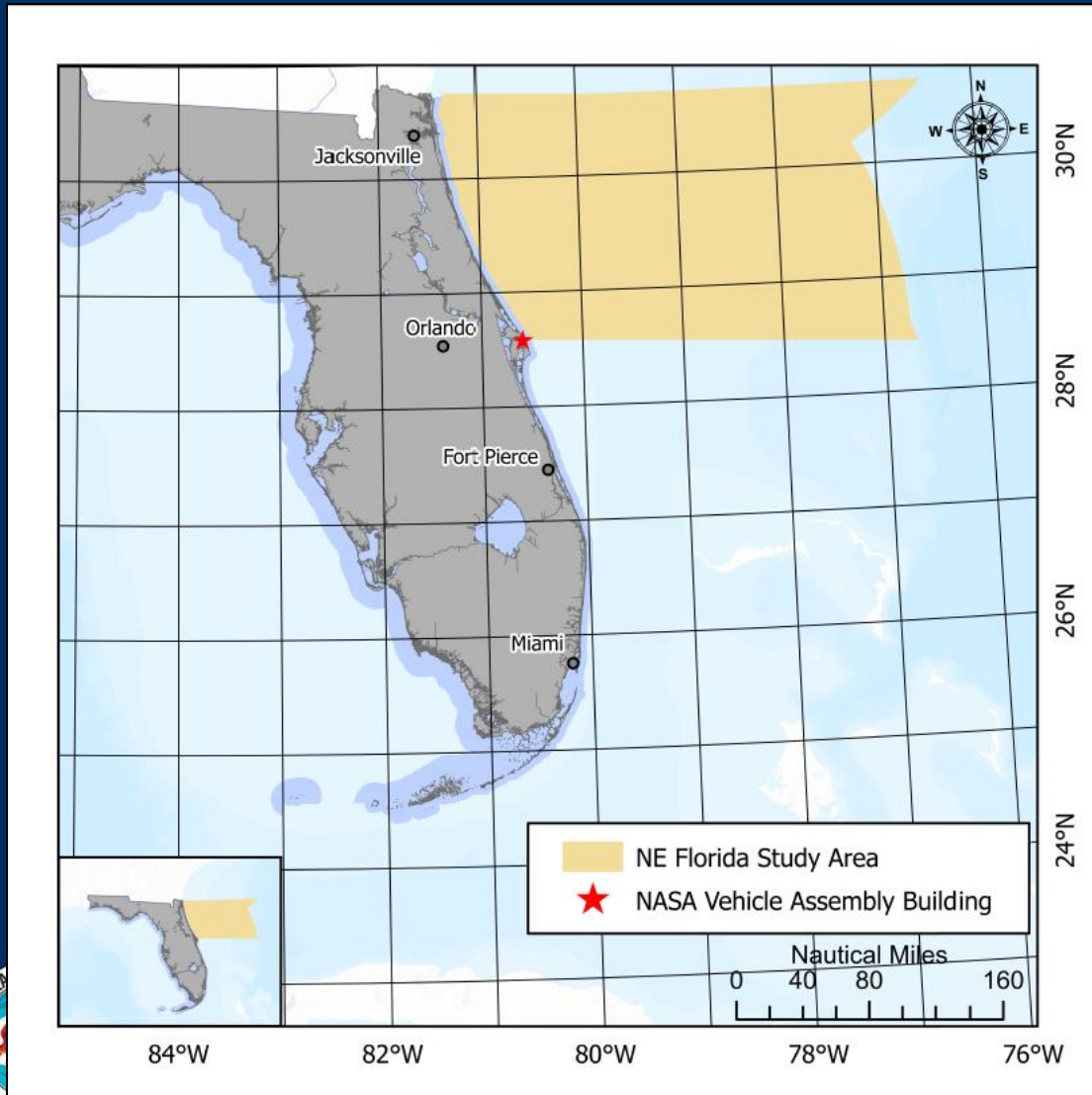


Photo courtesy of Osby Warren (SE Snapper Grouper Fleet)

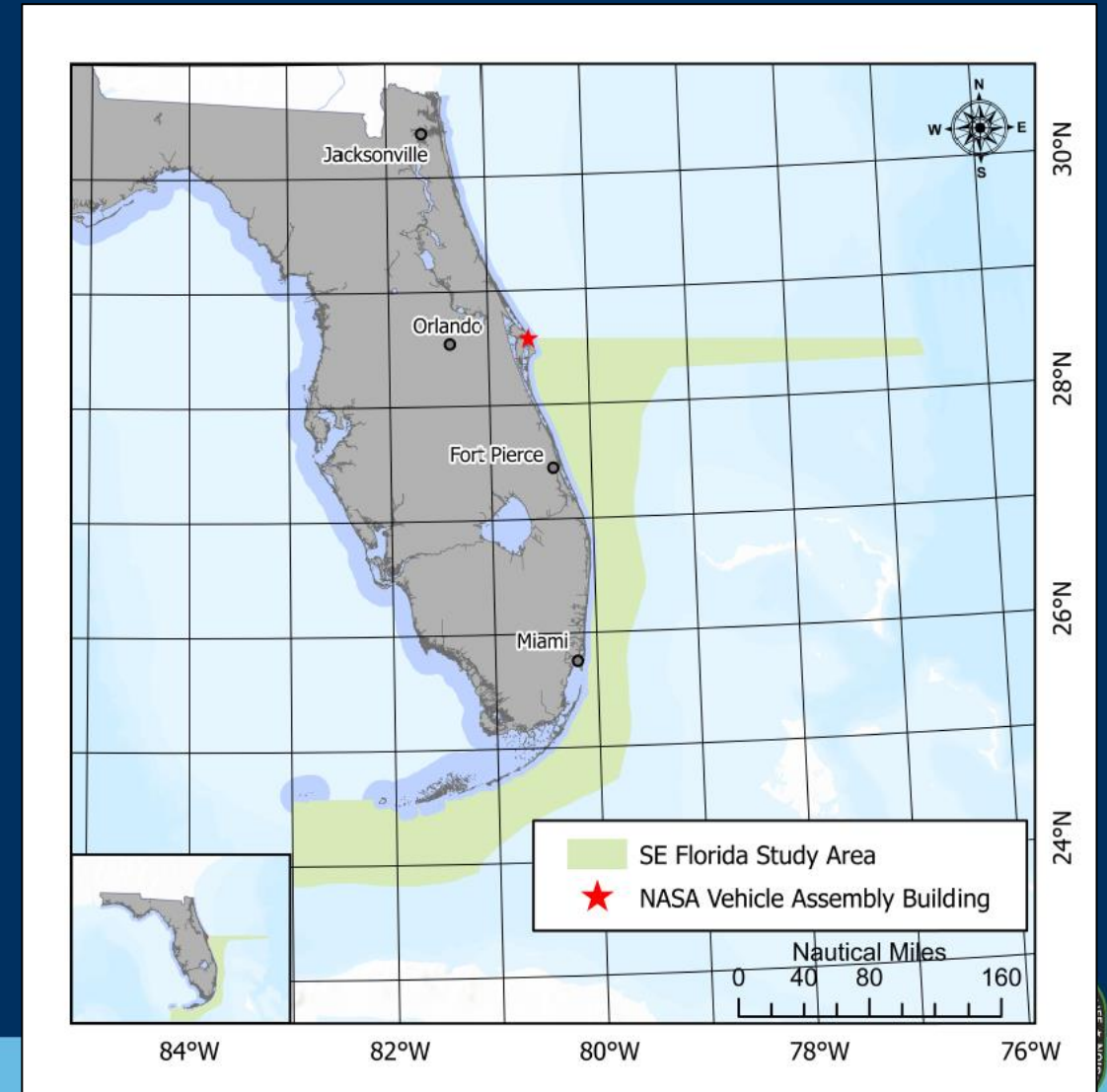


Study Area

NE Florida



SE Florida



Hot Spot Fleet



Project Period	Snapper Grouper Aggregate	Number of Participants	Number of Trips	Max. Red Snapper Harvested	Gear
Year 1	15-fish (RS NOT included)	Experimental: 100 per quarter	3 trips per quarter per angler	Experimental: 3 per trip, 9 per quarter	Multi hook rigs allowed
		Control 100 per quarter		Control: No Harvest	
Year 2	10-fish (RS is included)	No control group 100 per quarter	3 trips per quarter/angler	4 per trip, 12 per quarter	Single hook rig with a circle hook when fishing with natural bait



Reminders: ■ Angler-based ■ Location: NE Florida



SE FL Snapper Grouper Fleet



Project Period	Snapper Grouper Aggregate	Number of Participants	Number of Trips	Max. Red Snapper Harvested	Gear
Year 1	15-fish (RS NOT included)	Experimental: 100 per quarter	2 trips per quarter per angler	Experimental: 3 per trip, 6 per quarter	Multi hook rigs allowed
		Control: 100 per quarter		Control: No Harvest	
Year 2	10-fish (RS is included)	No control group 100 per quarter	2 trips per quarter/ angler	3 per trip, 6 per quarter	Multi hook rigs allowed

Reminders: ■ Angler-based ■ Location: SE Florida



Study Fleet



Project Period	Snapper Grouper Aggregate	Number of Participants	Number of Trips	Max. Red Snapper Harvested
Year 1	15-fish (RS NOT included)	<u>Private Vessels:</u> 5 vessels per quarter	4 trips per quarter per vessel	<u>Private Vessels:</u> 36 per trip, 144 per quarter
		<u>Charter Vessels:</u> 5 vessels per quarter		<u>Charter Vessels:</u> 36 per trip, 144 per quarter
Year 2	10-fish (RS NOT included)	<u>Private Vessels:</u> 6 per quarter	4 trips per quarter per vessel	<u>Private Vessels:</u> 24 per trip; 96 per quarter per vessel
		<u>Charter Vessels:</u> 6 per quarter		<u>Charter Vessels:</u> 24 per trip; 96 per quarter per vessel
		<u>Headboat Vessel:</u> 1 per quarter		<u>Headboat Vessels:</u> 36 per trip, 144 per quarter per vessel



Reminders: ■ Vessel-based ■ Location: NE Florida





Questions?



Back pocket Slides



Proposed Year 2 Project Timeline



	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
	Sept.- Nov.	Dec- Feb.	March- May	June- Aug.
Max. # of Participants	213	213	213	213



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

