

Please see the correspondence below from Gary Nichols, a commercial fisherman from the Florida Keys, regarding the closure of the porgy complex.

Thank you,
Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Gary Nichols [<mailto:lifeforce171@aol.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:03 PM

To: Kim Iverson

Subject: Re: Porgies

Thanks Kim. I would appreciate that. We're still in recovery mode from the storm. I hope all is well with you. Thanks

Sent from my

On Sep 10, 2012, at 8:48 AM, "Kim Iverson" <kim.iverson@safmc.net> wrote:

> Gary,
> I understand your concerns about porgies and the closure. The Council
> is mandated to set annual catch limits for all species under its
> jurisdiction, and that includes porgies. Because stock assessments
> have not been done for individual porgies species such as whitebone
> porgies, or jolthead porgies, the Council decided to create species "groups".
> Those groups are assigned an annual catch limit based on the
> recommendations from the Scientific and Statistical Committee. The
> SSC looks at historic landings and other factors when considering its
> recommendations for the limits. Ideally, each species of porgy would
> have its own stock assessment and limit, but that isn't likely to
> happen for some time.
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> Information on the species groupings and ACLs is included in the
> latest issue of the SA Update Newsletter on page 4
> <http://www.safmc.net/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=BxRHqR7qN4Q%3d&tabid=13>
> 9 (if the direct link to the newsletter doesn't work, a copy of the
> newsletter is available from the homepage at www.safmc.net by clicking
> the link in the "Announcements" section on the right-hand side of the
> page).
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> I will be glad to forward your comments to Council members. Just let
> me know, and I'll send them on today.
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> Kim
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> Kim Iverson

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> From: Gary Nichols [<mailto:lifeforce171@aol.com>]

> Sent: Sunday, September 09, 2012 7:16 PM

> To: Kim Iverson

> Subject: Porgies

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> I can't believe they would close down Porgies as I've been using them
> for lobster bait for over 40 years. I sell them to ethnic groups
> donate to churches and friends. they are more abundant than grunts and
> very few are recreationally or commercial targetted species. I catch
> and use more porgies than the entire commercial acl . Thanks Gary
> Nichols