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South Atlantic Red Snapper 2020 Recreational Season

South Atlantic Council Meeting
Jekyll Island, Georgia

March 2020

Background

- Amendment 43 (2018) implemented a South Atlantic red snapper recreational sector ACL of 29,656 fish



2019 Season: 5 Days

(July 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20)

2019 Recreational Landings Data Sources

Year	State	Mode		
		Charter	Private	Headboat
2019	NC	MRIP	MRIP	SRHS
	SC	SC Survey	MRIP	SRHS
	GA	GA Survey	MRIP	SRHS
	East FL	FL Survey	FL Survey	SRHS



Preliminary 2019 Recreational Landings

***landings are in numbers of fish**

State	Preliminary 2019 Landings
North Carolina	150
South Carolina	3,168
Georgia	2,243
East Florida	44,113
Total	49,674 fish

Preliminary 2019 Recreational Landings = 49,674 Fish which exceeds the Recreational ACL of 29,656 fish. 2019 recreational season was 5 days



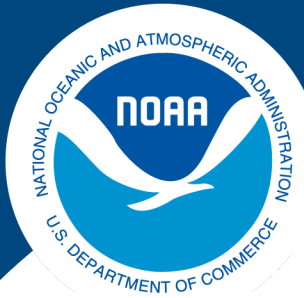
2020 Recreational Red Snapper Season Calculation

- Assume 1,000 red snapper are harvested in the recreational sector outside of the federal season.
29,656 Fish ACL reduced to 28,656 Fish
- Preliminary 2019 landings (49,674 Fish) during the 2019 five day season converts to a catch rate of 9,935 fish a day
- $28,656 \text{ fish} / 9,935 \text{ fish a day} = \text{a possible 3 day season}$
- Since NOAA Fisheries projects that the recreational ACL in 2020 will be met in three days, there will not be a recreational fishing season for red snapper unless Regulatory Amendment 33 is implemented.



A close-up photograph of a red snapper fish, characterized by its vibrant red scales and prominent eye. The fish is shown from the side, with its mouth open, revealing a dark fishing hook. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly water, with numerous white splashes and droplets surrounding the fish, suggesting it has just been caught or is in motion. The lighting highlights the texture of the scales and the details of the fish's face.

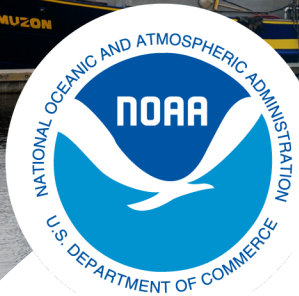
Questions?



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Year	State	Mode		
		Charter	Private	Headboat
2019	NC	0	0	150
	SC	243	2,650	275
	GA	204	2,039	0*
	East FL	3,227	37,750	3,136

*To protect confidentiality the Georgia headboat landings are pooled with east Florida headboat landings



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		Charter	Private	Headboat
2019	NC	0	0	150
	SC	243	2,650 (SE=9,530)	275
	GA	204	2,039 (SE=6,200)	0*
	East FL	3,227 (SE=218)	37,750 (SE=6,292)	3,136

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2018 Catch Rate: 6,386 fish/day

2019 Catch Rate: 9,935 fish/day