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# South Atlantic Red Snapper 2022 Recreational Season Update

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# Background

- SEDAR-24 (2010) and SEDAR 41 (2016) determined stock is Overfished and Undergoing Overfishing.
- Amendment 28 (2013) set recreational season to only be open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and begins on second Friday in July. Recreational season prediction must be longer than 3 days or no season.
- Amendment 43 (2018) implemented new Annual Catch Limits (ACL). Recreational ACL is 29,626 fish.
- Regulatory Amendment 33 (2020) removed the requirement that the red snapper season must be 3 days or longer.



# Recreational Landings Data Sources in the South Atlantic

- State surveys and carcass programs
- Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) recreational survey
- Headboat landings from Southeast Region Headboat Survey (SRHS)



# What Recent Landings are Available to Predict 2022 July Landings?

The recreational season begins the second Friday in July each year if a recreational season is allowed.

- Recreational sector was open in July 2019, 2020, and 2021. Before 2019 it was last open in July in 2014.
- 2019: Recreational Season open 5 days. July 12, 13, 14, 19, and 20.
- 2020: Recreational Season open 4 days. July 10, 11, 12, and 17.
- 2021: Recreational Season open 3 days. July 9, 10, and 11.

# What July Recreational Landings Data Are Available?

## July 2019 Landings

Southeast Fisheries Science Center coordinated an ad-hoc group, which met in 2020 to review the 2019 data (SEDAR 73-WP-10).

| 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     |



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## July 2020 Landings

Available 2020 landings come from state surveys and SRHS (Headboat survey)

| Year | State   | Mode       |            |          |
|------|---------|------------|------------|----------|
|      |         | Charter    | Private    | Headboat |
| 2020 | NC      | NC Carcass | NC Carcass | SRHS     |
|      | SC      | SC Carcass | SC Carcass | SRHS     |
|      | GA      | GA Survey  | GA Carcass | SRHS     |
|      | East FL | FL Survey  | FL Survey  | SRHS     |



# What July Recreational Landings Data are Available?

## Preliminary July 2021 Landings

Available preliminary 2021 landings come from state surveys and SRHS (Headboat survey)

| Year | State   | Mode       |            |          |
|------|---------|------------|------------|----------|
|      |         | Charter    | Private    | Headboat |
| 2021 | NC      | MRIP       | MRIP       | SRHS     |
|      | SC      | SC Carcass | SC Carcass | SRHS     |
|      | GA      | GA Carcass | MRIP       | SRHS     |
|      | East FL | FL Survey  | FL Survey  | SRHS     |

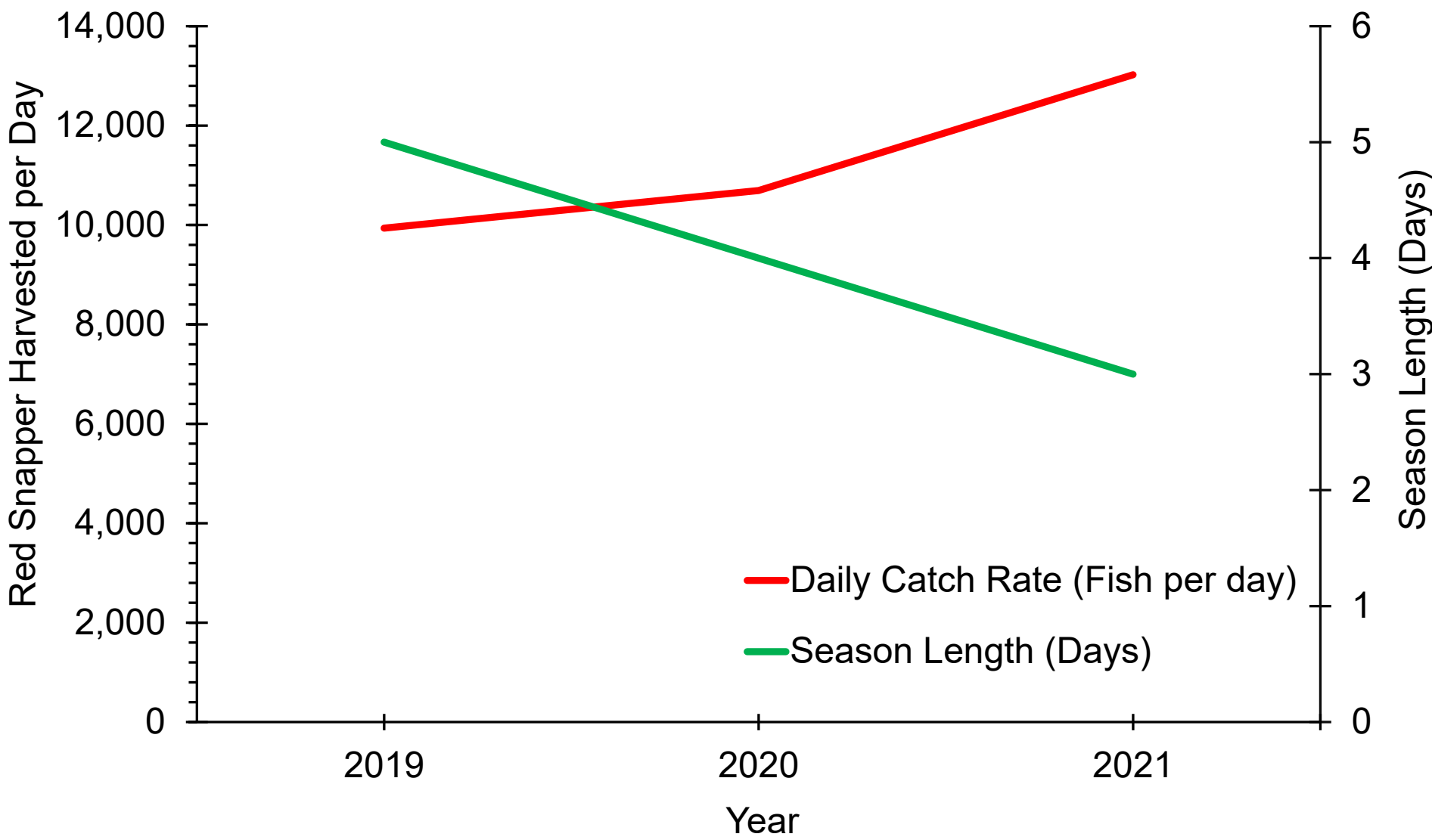


| <b>State</b>                      | <b>2019 Landings</b> | <b>2020 Landings</b> | <b>2021 Landings</b> | <b>Average 2019, 2020, and 2021 Landings</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>Landings (Numbers of Fish)</b> |                      |                      |                      |  |
| NC                                | 150                  | 678                  | 1,877                | 902  |
| SC                                | 3,168                | 3,840                | 332                  | 2,447  |
| GA                                | 2,243                | 1,891                | 807                  | 1,647  |
| East FL                           | 44,113               | 36,363               | 36,053               | 38,843                                       |
| Total                             | 49,674               | 42,772               | 39,069               | 43,838                                       |
| <b>Catch Rates (Fish per Day)</b> |                      |                      |                      |  |
| NC                                | 30                   | 170                  | 626                  | 275  |
| SC                                | 634                  | 960                  | 111                  | 568  |
| GA                                | 449                  | 473                  | 269                  | 397  |
| East FL                           | 8,823                | 9,091                | 12,018               | 9,977  |
| Total                             | 9,936                | 10,693               | 13,023               | 11,217                                       |

\*includes State Survey data or MRIP to represent charter and private landings, and also includes Headboat landings.



# South Atlantic Red Snapper Catch Rate versus Season Length



# What next?

- Announcement of the 2022 recreational red snapper season expected to be determined at the end of May 2022



Questions?