We have been fishing offshore from Mayport,FL for the past 3 years. In that time we have seen the snapper population increase. We went from being lucky to catch 2 keepers to limiting out with 8. In that process we did catch some under sized fish. But we take every measure possible to release the fish alive. We have caught numerous fish in all sizes. That would indicate to me that the population is doing well. By closing the area to bottom fishing you will put many more businesses out of business. The recent interim closure has already put many charters out of business that have been around for over 20 years. The trickle down affect is hitting all the local bait and tackle stores as well. I realize that your primary concern is the marine life but human life has to be factored. In this time of recession and everyone struggling to make a living, what you are doing will make it impossible for thousands of Floridians. There has to be a way to reduce the impact to the species without a total ban. A 3 to 4 month closed season followed by a smaller bag limit and larger minimum size should have a significant effect. This would also lessen the financial impact to our state. Please consider other options besides a total ban.