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Red snapper comment received.

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Mr. Carmichael/Mr. Collier,

Gentlemen I am a resident of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and I am a Fifty Four (54) year old fisherman. My father was a commercial fisherman for Grouper/Snappers in the late 70' and 80's and I grew up working on his boats and I witnessed first hand the slump in the red snapper fishery. I have now seen the population off our coast explode especially from Charleston, SC to the NC/SC border where I do most of my fishing. I know explode isn't a scientific term but I am throwing back 20+ Red Snappers on a trip in the 80-120 foot water column. There are some places I don't try and fish anymore due to the numbers of fish.

I am sending this email due out Red Snapper season which is supposed to be for July 8th and 9th. We had a crew ready to go and were going to donate the carcasses like we always due to SC DNR. However. the weather forecast for the season is calling for 15-25kt winds and seas for 4-6 feet with a short interval. That makes bottom fishing almost impossible and not safe so we will not be going.

I am requesting that all areas that have unfishable weather like SC be given another weekend in August so we can collect the data you need to possibly open some areas to a bag limit for these fish.

Thank you for your service and for your consideration,

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