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South Atlantic Red Snapper 2019 Recreational Season

South Atlantic Council Meeting
Jekyll Island, Georgia

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Background

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

2018 Season: 6 Days

(August 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19)

2018 Recreational Landings Data Sources

Year	State	Private and Charter Landings Data Source	Headboat Landings Data Source
2018	NC	MRIP	SRHS
	SC	SC Survey	SRHS
	GA	GA Survey	SRHS
	FL	FL Survey	SRHS



Preliminary 2018 Recreational Landings

***landings are in numbers of fish**

State	Data Source	Preliminary 2018 Landings
North Carolina	MRIP	402
South Carolina	State Survey	96
Georgia	State Survey	405
Florida	State Survey	33,234
Headboat	Headboat Survey	4,181
Total		38,318 fish

Preliminary 2018 Recreational Landings = 38,318 Fish which exceeds the Recreational ACL of 29,656 fish. 2018 recreational season was 6 days



2019 Season Calculation

- Assume 1,000 red snapper are harvested in the recreational sector outside of the federal season.
29,656 Fish reduced to 28,656 Fish
- Preliminary 2018 landings (38,318 Fish) during the 2018 six day season converts to a catch rate of 6,386 fish a day
- $28,656 \text{ fish} / 6,386 \text{ a day} = 5 \text{ day season}$



A close-up photograph of a red snapper fish, characterized by its vibrant red scales and large, prominent eyes. The fish is shown from a side profile, facing right, with its mouth slightly open. A fishing hook is visible, hooked into the lower lip of the fish. The background is a dark, textured surface, likely water, with numerous white water droplets and splashes surrounding the fish, suggesting it has just been caught or is being moved. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the scales and the details of the fish's face.

Questions?