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# South Atlantic Red Snapper 2021 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 recreational 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 2021 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 and 2020. 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.

# 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

# What July Recreational Landings Data are Available?

## July 2020 Landings

Due to COVID-19 MRIP landings from March to December of 2020 are not available at this time, but will be available in May, 2021

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



State	2019 Landings	Preliminary 2020 Landings*	Average 2019 and 2020 Landings
<b>Landings (Numbers of Fish)</b>			
<b>NC</b>	150	206	178
<b>SC</b>	3,168	524	1,846
<b>GA</b>	2,243	381	1,312
<b>East FL</b>	44,113	36,363	40,238
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,674</b>	<b>37,474</b>	<b>43,574</b>
<b>Catch Rates (Fish per Day)</b>			
<b>NC</b>	30	52	41
<b>SC</b>	634	131	383
<b>GA</b>	449	95	272
<b>East FL</b>	8,823	9,091	8,957
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,936</b>	<b>9,369</b>	<b>9,653</b>

\*MRIP landings for July of 2020 are not available at this time but will be available in May, 2021

# What next?

- Expect full calendar year of 2020 MRIP landings from the Southeast Region Fisheries Science Center in May of 2021
- Announcement of the 2021 recreational red snapper season expected to be released end of May





Questions?