



Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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REMINDER TO COMMERCIAL FISHERIES PERMIT HOLDERS REGARDING LANDINGS HISTORY AND CONTROL DATES

NOAA Fisheries Service advises fishermen who are purchasing Federal permits required to participate in the commercial fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) or South Atlantic for reef fish, coastal migratory pelagics, stone crab, shrimp (including rock shrimp), spiny lobster, wreckfish, or the snapper/grouper complex be aware that there is a landings history associated with each permit in these fisheries.

If a fisherman wishes to obtain landings data specific to their vessel/permit, a landings data request form can be downloaded from the following Web site: <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/permits.htm>. Fishermen requesting landings history from previous permit holders must provide original signed waivers from all of the previous permit holders that authorize the release of the previous permit holders' landings data. Please submit the original request forms to:

NOAA Fisheries Service
NMFS Permit Branch
263 13th Avenue South
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NOAA Fisheries Service can provide a history of landings data associated with those permits from logbooks required for commercial fisheries prosecuted in the federal exclusive economic zone. Specifically:

1) Gulf reef fish; 2) coastal migratory pelagics; 3) wreckfish; and 4) South Atlantic snapper/grouper complex. While a history of landings data associated with the respective permit may be provided upon submission and approval of the landings history request form, the purchase (or other legally binding agreements) for the landings history from the previous owner(s) is the responsibility of the fishermen purchasing the permit. Additionally, a history of landings data associated with those fisheries for shrimp, stone crab, and spiny lobster do not have a federal logbook-reporting requirement and

must be obtained by the fisherman from other sources (e.g., State trip tickets).

NOAA Fisheries Service also reminds fishermen of limited access programs and existing control dates for commercial and recreational for-hire fisheries in the Gulf and South Atlantic that may limit their participation in these fisheries in the future. A control date may be used by a fishery management council or by NOAA Fisheries Service in establishing eligibility criteria for determining levels of future access to fisheries, or sectors of fisheries. Control date notices are used to promote awareness of potential eligibility criteria for future access and are intended to discourage speculative entry into a fishery. Control dates and current limited access programs are summarized below with a reference to their publication in the *Federal Register* (FR). If no date of publication is listed behind the FR citation, then the date is identical to the bolded control or effective date.

March 5, 1992 - Effective date for a limited entry program for the wreckfish sector of the South Atlantic snapper grouper fishery. [57 FR 7886]

October 16, 1995 - Control date for the commercial fishery for king and Spanish mackerel in the Gulf. [60 FR 53576]

December 14, 1998 - Effective date of a limited entry system for the South Atlantic commercial snapper grouper fishery, as specified in Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region. [63 FR 38298, July 16, 1998]

May 21, 1999 - Control date for the commercial fisheries for dolphin (*Coryphaena hippurus*) and wahoo (*Acanthocybium solandri*) in the South Atlantic states. [64 FR 27750]

May 24, 1999 - Control date for the commercial gillnet fishery for Atlantic group king mackerel north of Cape Lookout, North Carolina. [64 FR 27951]

April 27, 2000 - Effective date of a moratorium on the issuance of gillnet endorsements for Gulf migratory group king mackerel as specified in the final rule for Amendment 9 to the FMP for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic (CMP) Resources of the Gulf and South Atlantic. [65 FR 16336, March 28, 2000]

July 12, 2000 - Control date for participation by gear type in the commercial reef fish fisheries in the EEZ of the Gulf. [65 FR 42978]

December 2, 2002 - Effective date of a trap limitation program for the commercial stone crab fishery in federal waters off west Florida. [67 FR 61990, October 3, 2002]

July 15, 2003 - Effective date of a limited access program for the rock shrimp fishery in the EEZ off Georgia and off the east coast of Florida as specified by Amendment 5 to the FMP for the Shrimp Fishery off the Southern Atlantic States. [68 FR 2188, January 16, 2003]

December 10, 2003 - Control date for the South Atlantic commercial penaeid shrimp fishery. [69 FR 10189]

June 15, 2004 - Control date for the commercial fishery for Spanish mackerel in the South Atlantic EEZ. [70 FR 67985] Additionally, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council has also approved this control date for the commercial fishery for king mackerel in the South Atlantic EEZ.

October 15, 2004 - Control date for eligibility of catch histories for the possible implementation of an individual fishing quota program for the Gulf grouper fishery. [69 FR 67106, November 16, 2004]

August 8, 2005 - Effective date of a limited access program for king mackerel in the EEZ under the jurisdiction of the Gulf, South Atlantic, and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils as specified in Amendment 15 to the FMP for CMP Resources in the Atlantic and Gulf. [70 FR 39187, July 7, 2005]

August 17, 2005 - Effective date for a limited access system for the commercial reef fish fishery in the Gulf, as specified in Amendment 24 to the FMP for Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf. [70 FR 41161, July 18, 2005]

October 14, 2005 - Control date for an additional limited access program for the commercial snapper grouper fishery (excluding wreckfish) in the EEZ off the southern Atlantic states. [70 FR 60058]

June 15, 2006 - Effective date of a limited access system for the Gulf charter vessel/ headboat permits for the reef fish and CMP fisheries in the EEZ of the Gulf, as specified in Amendment 17 to the FMP for the CMP Resources of the Gulf and South Atlantic and Amendment 25 for the Reef Fish Resource of the Gulf. [71 FR 28282, May 16, 2006]

October 26, 2006 - Effective date of a 10-year moratorium on the issuance of new commercial penaeid shrimp vessel permits as specified in Amendment 13 to the FMP for the shrimp fishery of the Gulf. [71 FR 56039, September 26, 2006]

