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REMINDER ON THE USE AND TRANSFER OF GULF RED SNAPPER INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA (IFQ) ALLOCATION

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) would like to remind red snapper IFQ participants of the regulations regarding the use and transfer of IFQ allocation.

Regulations state that IFQ red snapper "can only be possessed or landed by a vessel with a Gulf red snapper IFQ vessel endorsement.... The person landing the red snapper must hold or be assigned IFQ allocation at least equal to the pounds of red snapper landed" (§622.16(c)(1)(i)).

Who can land my red snapper IFQ allocation?

The original intent of both the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and NOAA Fisheries Service was to allow only the vessel associated with the IFQ account to land the allocation held in that account. Shareholders may not use a different vessel to land the IFQ allocation in that shareholder's IFQ account. If a shareholder intends to use a different vessel, the allocation must be transferred into that vessel's associated IFQ account.

Can I transfer allocation while at sea?

Allocation transfers can occur before the vessel has landed but all transactions must be complete before the vessel has made landfall. The vessel landing IFQ red snapper must possess sufficient allocation before landing. Vessels cannot land red snapper with too little, or no allocation, then transfer needed allocation into the account after landing.

For more details regarding any of the information presented in this bulletin, please visit the IFQ Web site, <https://ifq.sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>, or contact IFQ Customer Support at 1-866-425-7627 or e-mail SER-IFQ.Support@noaa.gov.

The [2007 Annual Red Snapper IFQ Program Report](#) is also now available on the Web site.

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