



Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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SEASONAL PROHIBITION ON THE POSSESSION OF BLACK, BLACKFIN, VERMILION, AND SILK SNAPPER IN CARIBBEAN FEDERAL WATERS BEGINS AT 12:01 A.M., LOCAL TIME, OCTOBER 1, 2008

NOAA Fisheries Service would like to remind fishermen there is a seasonal prohibition on fishing for or possession of black, blackfin, vermilion, and silk snapper from 12:01 a.m., local time, October 1 through December 31 each year in U. S. Caribbean federal waters. Caribbean federal waters are those waters extending 200 nautical miles offshore from the nine-mile seaward boundary of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the three-mile seaward boundary of the territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

This action complies with regulations implemented under Amendment 3 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Fishery of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to address required provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and is necessary to protect these resources. The Caribbean Fishery Management Council, in cooperation with NOAA Fisheries Service, developed the amendment.

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