



# 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, 2009**

NOAA Fisheries Service reminds 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 to regulate fishing mortality.

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