



Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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NOAA Fisheries Announces the Opening of the 2014 Commercial and Recreational Red Snapper Fishing Seasons in the South Atlantic Federal Waters

NOAA Fisheries announces the opening of the 2014 commercial and recreational red snapper fishing seasons in South Atlantic federal waters. NOAA Fisheries may change the commercial and recreational season dates if tropical storm or hurricane conditions exist, or are projected to exist, in the South Atlantic. If severe weather conditions exist, NOAA Fisheries will announce via NOAA Weather Radio and a Fishery Bulletin any change in the red snapper fishing seasons.

Commercial

The commercial 2014 catch limit is set at 50,994 pounds gutted weight. The commercial red snapper season opens at 12:01 a.m., local time, on July 14, 2014. During the open commercial season, the daily trip limit is 75 pounds gutted weight and there is no minimum size limit for red snapper. The commercial season will end when the annual catch limit is projected to be met. Commercial landings are updated on the Southeast Regional Office's Web site:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/acl_monitoring/commercial_sa/index.html. Another *Federal Register* notice and Fishery Bulletin will be published if and when the commercial annual catch limit for red snapper is projected to be met.

Recreational

The recreational 2014 catch limit is set at 22,576 fish. The recreational fishing season will open for two weekends made up of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and one weekend of Friday and Saturday. The dates and times that the recreational red snapper season will be open are listed in the table below. During the open recreational season, the bag limit is one fish per person per day and there is no minimum size limit for red snapper.

	Recreational Opening Date/Time	Recreational Closure Date/Time
Weekend 1	Friday, July 11 (at 12:01 a.m.)	Monday, July 14 (at 12:01 a.m.)
Weekend 2	Friday, July 18 (at 12:01 a.m.)	Monday, July 21 (at 12:01 a.m.)
Weekend 3	Friday, July 25 (at 12:01 a.m.)	Sunday, July 27 (at 12:01 a.m.)

For additional information regarding the South Atlantic red snapper annual catch limits and recreational season length projection report, please visit:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/s_atl/sg/documents/pdfs/sa_rs_acl_season_projections.pdf. For more information, refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

This bulletin provides only a summary of the existing regulations. Full regulations can be found in the *Federal Register*.