



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## Reminders Regarding the Individual Fishing Quota Programs in the Gulf of Mexico

### End of Year Landing Transactions

NOAA Fisheries will shut down the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) online system for maintenance beginning 6 p.m. EST, December 31, 2014, through 2 p.m. EST January 1, 2015. Dealers and IFQ fishers are reminded that all electronic transactions for the 2014 fishing year must be completed before this time. Online IFQ functions will resume at 2 p.m. EST on January 1, 2015. You may still submit an advanced notice of landing during the 20-hour maintenance window by using your vessel monitoring system or by calling Catch Share Customer Service (866) 425-7627 (Option 1). However, only landing transactions completed prior to 6 p.m. EST will count toward your 2014 allocation.

### Quotas for 2015 Fishing Year

Quotas for IFQ species are listed below.

IFQ Share Category	Quota (lbs gw)
Deep Water Grouper	1,101,000
Gag Grouper	939,000
Other Shallow Water Grouper	525,000
Red Grouper	5,720,000
Red Snapper	5,054,054
Tilefish	582,000

### Transfer 2015 Allocation to Your Vessel Account after January 1

On January 1, allocation will be issued to your shareholder account, not your vessel account. To harvest this allocation, you must transfer sufficient allocation to your vessel account prior to completing your landing transaction. To transfer allocation to your vessel, log in to your IFQ account. On the menu bar select **Allocation** then select **Transfer Allocation** and follow the instructions.

### Accept Share Transfers

Please remember that a share transfer is a two step process requiring shares to be transferred by the transferor, and then accepted by the transferee. The transferee must log into his/her shareholder account,

select the **Receive Transferred Shares** tab, and then accept the share transfer. Share transfers must be complete prior to December 31, 2014, at 6 p.m. EST, to receive allocation associated with the shares in 2015.

### Multi-Use Allocation

The gag and red grouper multi-use allocation percentages can change each year based on the annual catch limit and quotas for red grouper and gag. For 2015, red grouper multi-use allocation will be 4.8 percent of your total red grouper allocation, while gag grouper multi-use allocation will be 33.0 percent of your total gag allocation.

### How your new Gulf and South Atlantic Dealer Permit affects your IFQ Endorsement

As of August 7, 2014, a new Gulf and South Atlantic Dealer permit is required to purchase reef fish and other federally managed species. Dealers that currently have a Reef Fish Dealer permit may continue to use their existing permit until it expires. When you renew your permit and receive the new Gulf and South Atlantic Dealer permit, please ensure that you log into your IFQ dealer account and print a copy of your new IFQ Dealer Endorsement, which reflects this permit change.

### Pre-Landing Notifications

As a reminder, if you do not have IFQ fish onboard, you do not need to make a pre-landing notification. Only trips in which IFQ species are being landed are required to provide at least 3, but no more than 24 hours' notice of landing.

### Cost Recovery Fees (CRF)

IFQ fishers are charged a cost recovery fee to recover a portion of the costs required to administer, manage, and enforce the IFQ programs. The current cost recovery fee is 3 percent of the ex-vessel value of the landed fish before any deductions are made for the transferred (leased) allocation and goods and services (e.g., bait, ice, fuel, repairs, machinery replacement, etc.). At the end of each calendar quarter, the dealer is responsible for

submitting the cost recovery fee to NOAA Fisheries via the online system. The dealer has 30 days to submit the cost recovery fee. Dealer accounts will be suspended after 30 days pending payment of applicable fees. The payment schedule is listed below so that dealers may mark their calendars as a reminder.

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>CRF available</b>	<b>CRF due on or before</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	April 1	May 1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	July 1	July 31
3 <sup>rd</sup>	October 1	October 31
4 <sup>th</sup>	January 1	January 31

### **Please Send Your Feedback**

As the online system continues to change, please provide your suggested changes and additions by e-mail [nmfs.ser.catchshare@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.ser.catchshare@noaa.gov), or call Catch Share Support at (866) 425-7627 (Option 2) Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, excluding federal holidays. We will review the suggested changes and if possible, incorporate your suggestions into the program.