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## **Recreational Harvest of Jolthead Porgy, Knobbed Porgy, Whitebone Porgy, Saucereye Porgy, and Scup in Federal Waters of the South Atlantic Will Close on September 3, 2016**

Recreational harvest of the other porgies complex (jolthead porgy, knobbed porgy, whitebone porgy, saucereye porgy, and scup) in federal waters of the South Atlantic will **close at 12:01 a.m. (local time) September 3, 2016**. Recreational harvest will reopen at 12:01 a.m. (local time) on January 1, 2017. The recreational annual catch limit for the other porgies complex is 106,914 pounds whole weight. Landings data and projections indicate that recreational harvest of the other porgies complex has reached the annual catch limit. As a result, recreational harvest of species in the other porgies complex in federal waters of the South Atlantic will be closed. Note that the other porgies complex does not include red porgy.

During the closure:

- Recreational harvest or possession of any of the species in the other porgies complex is prohibited.
- These bag and possession limits apply in the South Atlantic on board a vessel for which a valid federal charter vessel/headboat permit for South Atlantic snapper grouper has been issued without regard to where such species are caught, i.e., in state or federal waters.

This closure is necessary to protect the other porgies complex by limiting the amount of landings that exceed the recreational annual catch limit.