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Recreational Harvest of Lesser Amberjack, Almaco Jack, and Banded Rudderfish in Federal Waters of the South Atlantic will Reopen on December 2, 2016

Recreational harvest of the other jacks complex (lesser amberjack, almaco jack, and banded rudderfish) in federal waters of the South Atlantic will **reopen beginning 12:01 a.m. (local time) on December 2, 2016**. NOAA Fisheries closed recreational harvest of the other jacks complex on August 9, 2016, as it was projected the catch limit (267,799 pounds whole weight) would be reached by that date. However, a landings update indicates the catch limit for the other jacks complex has not yet been met and recreational harvest may reopen.

Recreational harvest will not close again in 2016 unless the catch limit is reached or projected to be reached. NOAA Fisheries will announce any future closures. Note that the other jacks complex does not include greater amberjack, and the 2017 fishing season reopens at 12:01 a.m. (local time) on January 1, 2017.