The following are Frequently Asked Questions for the July 2014 opening of red snapper in the South Atlantic.

**Will red snapper harvest be allowed in 2014?**

- Yes, there will be limited commercial and recreational fishing seasons for red snapper in 2014.

**When will the limited red snapper seasons be in 2014?**

- The **commercial** red snapper season opens at 12:01 a.m., local time, on July 14, 2014. The commercial season will end when the annual catch limit is projected to be met; NOAA Fisheries will announce the closure in a Fishery Bulletin.
- The **recreational** red snapper 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.

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**Is it possible the red snapper fishing season dates will change if severe weather conditions occur?**

- NOAA Fisheries may change the commercial and recreational season dates if tropical storm or hurricane conditions exist, or are projected to exist during the currently scheduled seasons.
- If severe weather conditions exist, NOAA Fisheries will file a notification to that effect with the Office of the Federal Register, and announce via NOAA Weather Radio and a Fishery Bulletin any change in the red snapper fishing seasons.

**What are the regulations for the commercial sector in 2014?**

- Elimination of the current 20 inch minimum size limit during the fishing season.
- Commercial trip limit of 75 pounds gutted weight.

**What are the regulations for the recreational sector in 2014?**

- Elimination of the current 20 inch minimum size limit during the fishing season.
• A recreational bag limit of one fish per person per day.

What are the regulations after the South Atlantic red snapper fishing seasons end?

• After the fishing seasons, red snapper may not be harvested or possessed in federal waters of the South Atlantic or in state waters for vessels holding federal snapper-grouper permits.

Where can I find more information on the 2014 fishing season?

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