

# Gulf of Mexico Historical Recreational Landings and Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)

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All 2017 landings reported on this page are considered preliminary.

This page provides only a summary of the information regarding the existing regulations. Any discrepancies between this information and the regulations as published in the *Federal Register* will be resolved in favor of the *Federal Register*.

There are no seasonal closures unless otherwise noted. For a list of current seasonal closures, see the [Gulf of Mexico Seasons and Closures page](#).

Goliath Grouper and Nassau Grouper are closed to harvest.

**Definitions:**

ACL = Annual Catch Limit

ww = whole weight; gw = gutted weight

NA = not applicable

Species and species groups are listed below in alphabetical order.

Cobia East Florida									
Year	Fishing Year	Total Reported	Units	ACT	ACT %	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Data Source
2016	Jan 1 - Dec 31	447,026	as reported	710,000	63.0	860,000	52.0		MRIP
2015		425,266		680,000	62.5	830,000	51.2		MRIP

Gag										
Year	Fishing Year	Seasonal Closure	Total Reported*	Units	ACT	ACT %	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Data Source
2016	Jan 1 - Dec 31	Jan 1 - May 31	796,430	gw	1,708,000	46.6	1,903,000	41.9		MRIP
2015			823,940		1,708,000	48.2	1,903,000	43.3	12/3/15	MRFSS
2014		Jan 1 - June 30	862,101		1,519,000	56.8	1,720,000	50.1	12/4/14	MRFSS
2013			1,435,421		NA	NA	1,495,000	96.0		MRFSS
2012		Jan 1 - June 30 & Nov 1 - Dec 31	938,547		1,232,000	76.2	1,232,000	76.2		MRFSS
2011			660,287		964,000	68.5	964,000	68.5		MRFSS
2010			1,664,257		2,640,000	63.0	2,640,000	63.0		MRFSS

\*Gag landings exclude Monroe County, Florida.

Gray Triggerfish										
Year	Fishing Year	Seasonal Closure	Total Reported	Units	ACT	ACT %	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Data Source
2016	Jan 1 - Dec 31	June 1 - July 31	432,641	ww	177,123	244.3	201,223	215.0	6/1/16	MRFSS
2015			94,174		30,107	312.8	54,207	173.7	2/7/15	MRFSS
2014			217,891		217,100	100.4	241,200	90.3	5/1/14	MRFSS
2013			453,251		241,200	187.9	241,200	187.9	10/15/13	MRFSS
2012			277,720		217,100	127.9	217,100	127.9	6/11/12	MRFSS
2011			461,549		457,000	101.0	457,000	101.0		MRFSS
2010			296,360		457,000	64.8	457,000	64.8		MRFSS

Greater Amberjack										
Year	Fishing Year	Seasonal Closure	Total Reported*	Units	ACT	ACT %	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Data Source
2016	June 1 - July 31		1,962,559	ww	1,034,442	189.7	1,197,670	163.9	6/1/16	MRIP
2015			1,352,930		1,130,000	119.7	1,299,000	104.2	9/28/15	MRFSS
2014			912,254		894,538	102.0	1,063,538	85.8	8/24/14	MRFSS
2013			1,534,462		1,299,000	118.1	1,299,000	118.1		MRFSS
2012			1,322,788		1,368,000	96.7	1,368,000	96.7		MRFSS
2011			1,032,063		1,315,224	78.5	1,315,224	78.5		MRFSS
2010			1,316,291		1,243,184	105.9	1,243,184	105.9		MRFSS

\*Greater amberjack landings exclude Monroe County, Florida.

King Mackerel									
Year	Fishing Year	Total Reported	Units	ACT	ACT %	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Data Source
2016/2017	Jul 1 - Jun 30	2,778,688	as reported	NA	NA	6,260,000	44.4		MRIP
2015/2016		2,353,611				7,344,000	32.0		MRFSS
2014/2015		4,615,150				7,344,000	62.8		MRFSS
2013/2014		2,807,447				7,344,000	38.2		MRFSS
2012/2013		4,102,846				8,092,000	50.7		MRFSS
2011/2012		2,806,173				8,092,000	34.7		MRFSS

Red Grouper									
Year	Fishing Year	Total Reported	Units	ACT	ACT %	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Data Source
2016	Jan 1 - Dec 31*	1,403,236	gw	2,370,000	59.2	2,580,000	54.4		MRIP
2015		1,847,573		1,730,000	106.8	1,900,000	97.2	10/8/15	MRFSS
2014		1,600,475		1,730,000	92.5	1,900,000	84.2	10/4/14	MRFSS
2013		2,377,111		1,900,000	125.1	1,900,000	125.1		MRFSS
2012		1,752,930		1,900,000	92.3	1,900,000	92.3		MRFSS
2011		643,745		1,510,000	42.6	1,510,000	42.6		MRFSS
2010		635,680		1,850,000	34.4	1,850,000	34.4		MRFSS

\*There is a shallow-water grouper seasonal closure beyond the 20-fathoms break from February 1-March 31

### Red Snapper

Year	Fishing Year	Seasonal Closure	Component	Total Reported	Units	ACT	ACT %	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Data Source
2016	Jan 1 - Dec 31	Jan 1 - May 31*	Private Angler	5,293,635	ww	3,320,000	159.4	4,150,000	127.6	6/12/16	MRIP
			For-Hire	2,142,815		2,434,000	88.0	3,042,000	70.4	7/16/16	MRIP
2015			Private Angler	3,806,474		3,234,000	117.7	4,043,000	94.1	6/11/15	MRIP
			For-Hire	2,153,677		2,371,000	90.8	2,964,000	72.7	7/15/15	MRIP
2014			3,835,365	4,312,000		88.9	5,390,000	71.2	6/9/14	MRIP (2/28/18)	
2013			9,702,901				5,390,000	180.0			
2012			5,802,491	NA		NA	3,959,000	146.6			
2011			4,602,553				3,870,000	118.9	7/19/11	MRFSS (2/28/18)	
2010			2,238,908				3,403,000	65.8	7/24/10**		

\*Landings prior to June 1 are from Texas state waters. Red snapper Charter landings outside the federal season are included against the Private angler component quota.

\*\*Fishery was reopened on weekends (Fri-Sun), between 12:01 a.m. October 1 through 12:01 a.m. November 22, 2010.