

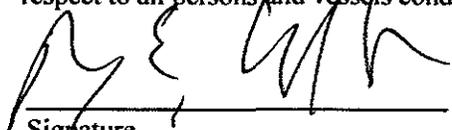
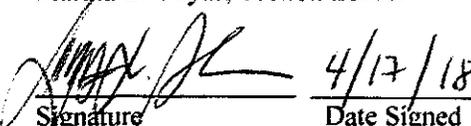
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP)
PERMIT NO.: 18-SERO-01

Management of the Harvest of Red Snapper by the Private Recreational Component in
the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Florida's Gulf Coast for 2018 and 2019

This EFP is issued to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in accordance with procedures established at 50 CFR 600.745(b). The EFP establishes a specific allocation of red snapper, as described in the attached "Terms and Conditions" (Appendix 1), to be harvested during the 2018 and 2019 fishing years by private anglers who sign up for FWC's Gulf Reef Fish Survey (GRFS) and state-licensed charter operations who sign up for the Gulf Reef Fish State For-Hire Pilot Program and land red snapper in Florida. The EFP exempts private anglers, who hold a valid recreational fishing permit issued by the State of Florida and who are in compliance with all other Florida requirements for landing red snapper in that state, from regulations at 50 CFR § 622.34(b) (recreational season closure for red snapper) and 50 C.F.R. 622.41(q)(2)(i) (private angler component in-season closure). Private anglers will be able to land red snapper harvested from state and federal waters during seasons announced by FWC. Persons aboard state-licensed charter boats are not exempt from these, or any other federal regulations. FWC will account for FWC's allocation of red snapper in its projections of when the catch target will be met and will verify these landings through estimates from GRFS and the For-Hire Telephone Survey for Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). This EFP does not exempt the FWC's participating anglers from Section 407(d) (16 U.S.C. 1883) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Section 407(d) requires that if the National Marine Fisheries Service determines the Gulf of Mexico red snapper recreational quota has been met, harvest must be prohibited for the remainder of the fishing year, even if FWC had allocation remaining.

The EFP is valid through December 31, 2019, when signed by both the Regional Administrator and the authorized representative of the FWC, and becomes effective on the later of the two signature dates.

As specified in 50 C.F.R. § 600.745(b)(9), failure to comply with any of the attached conditions in Appendix 1 may be grounds for revocation, suspension, or modification of the EFP with respect to all persons and vessels conducting activities under the EFP.

	<u>4/14/18</u>		<u>4/16/18</u>
Signature	Date Signed	Signature	Date Signed
Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D. Regional Administrator National Marine Fisheries Service		Martha L. Guyas, Section Leader	
			<u>4/17/18</u>
		Signature	Date Signed
		Luiz R. Barbieri, Section Leader	

By signing this document, the EFP holder agrees that anglers exempt from the specified regulations understand, and will comply with, the intent and the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix 1 of this permit.