

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

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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
2017	Jan 1 - Dec 31	297,007	as reported	710,000	41.8	860,000	34.5		MRIP
2016		447,026		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
2017	Jan 1 - Dec 31	Jan 1 - May 31	832,960	gw	1,708,000	48.8	1,903,000	43.8		MRIP
2016			796,430		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				1,495,000	96.0		MRFSS
2012		Jan 1 - June 30 & Nov 1 - Dec 31	938,547		NA	NA	1,232,000	76.2		MRFSS
2011			660,287				964,000	68.5		MRFSS
2010			1,664,257				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
2017	Jan 1 - Dec 31	June 1 - July 31	62,731	ww	0	0.0	19,987	313.9	1/1/17	MRFSS
2016			432,641		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	10/15/13	MRFSS
2012			277,720		NA	NA	217,100	127.9	6/11/12	MRFSS
2011			461,549				457,000	101.0		MRFSS
2010			296,360				457,000	64.8		MRFSS

Greater Amberjack									
Year	Fishing Year	Total Reported*	Units	ACT	ACT %	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Data Source
2017/2018	Aug 1 - July 31	622,011		716,173	86.9	862,860	72.1		MRIP
2017	Jan 1 - Dec 31	794,202		385,413	206.1	548,641	144.8	3/24/17	MRIP
2016	June 1 - July 31	1,962,559		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		MRFSS
2012		1,322,788		NA	NA	1,368,000	96.7		MRFSS
2011		1,032,063				1,315,224	78.5		MRFSS
2010		1,316,291				1,243,184	105.9		MRFSS

Greater amberjack landings exclude Monroe County, Florida.

\*The rule implementing the January through June closure went into effect January 27, 2018. The rule that modified the seasonal closure to be November through April and June through July, as well as

King Mackerel									
Year	Fishing Year	Total Reported	Units	ACT	ACT %	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Data Source
2017/2018	Jul 1 - Jun 30	2,344,872	as reported	NA	NA	6,040,000	38.8		MRIP
2016/2017		2,778,688				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
2017	Jan 1 - Dec 31*	807,085	gw	2,370,000	34.1	2,580,000	31.3		MRIP
2016		1,403,236		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		MRFSS
2012		1,752,930		NA	NA	1,900,000	92.3		MRFSS
2011		643,745				1,510,000	42.6		MRFSS
2010		635,680				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			
2017	Jan 1 - Dec 31	Jan 1 - May 31*	Private Angler	6,590,221	ww	3,004,075	219.4	3,755,094	175.5	6/4/17	MRIP			
			For-Hire	2,272,549		2,278,000	99.8	2,848,000	79.8	7/20/17	MRIP			
2016			Private Angler	5,293,635		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						Recreational	3,835,365					6/9/14	MRIP (2/28/18)	
2013							9,702,901							
2012							5,802,491		NA	NA				MRFSS (2/28/18)
2011							4,602,553					7/19/11		
2010							2,238,908					3,403,000	65.8	

\*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.