

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

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All 2019 landings reported on this page are considered preliminary.

Recreational landings reflected on this page are from MRFSS, MRIP, and headboat surveys (Recreational) and commercial dealer trip tickets reported to the Southeast Fisheries Science Center Accumulated Landings System (ALS) database (Commercial landings from ACL_FILES_08092019). Landings for the most recent fishing year will become available within the following fishing year.

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.

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Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings	Total Landings	Units	ACT	ACT %	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2018	Jan 1 - Dec 31	496,358	40,728	537,086	as reported	1,500,000	35.8	1,660,000	32.4		MRIP
2017		643,048	73,604	716,652		1,500,000	47.8	1,660,000	43.2		MRIP
2016		888,898	75,559	964,457		1,500,000	64.3	1,660,000	58.1		MRIP
2015		811,564	70,370	881,934		1,450,000	60.8	1,610,000	54.8		MRIP
2014		923,426	78,982	1,002,408		1,310,000	76.5	1,460,000	68.7		MRFSS
2013		1,211,101	82,508	1,293,609		1,310,000	98.7	1,460,000	88.6		MRFSS
2012		924,697	51,911	976,608		1,310,000	74.6	1,460,000	66.9		MRFSS
2011		1,683,588	69,168	1,752,756							MRFSS
2010		1,317,728	82,361	1,400,089							MRFSS
2009		996,105	62,239	1,058,344							MRFSS
2008		1,312,126	68,723	1,380,849							MRFSS
2007		1,685,402	73,208	1,758,610							MRFSS
2006		1,572,637	81,948	1,654,585							MRFSS
2005		1,461,039	87,582	1,548,621							MRFSS
2004		2,090,425	101,211	2,191,636							MRFSS
2003		2,060,423	111,436	2,171,859							MRFSS
2002		1,227,708	105,252	1,332,960							MRFSS
2001		1,555,656	92,108	1,647,764							MRFSS
2000		1,508,489	129,890	1,638,379							MRFSS

Cubera Snapper									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings	Total Landings	Units	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2018	Jan 1 - Dec 31	557	1,333	1,890	ww	5,065	37.3		MRFSS
2017		912	1,980	2,892		5,065	57.1		MRFSS
2016		245	1,508	1,753		5,065	34.6		MRFSS
2015		347	1,041	1,388		5,070	27.4		MRFSS
2014		421	1,590	2,011		5,070	39.7		MRFSS
2013		2,094	1,004	3,098		5,070	61.1		MRFSS
2012		378	1,172	1,550		5,065	30.6		MRFSS

Deep Water Grouper									
Deep Water Grouper: Warsaw grouper, snowy grouper, speckled hind, and yellowedge grouper									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings*	Total Landings	Units	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2018	Jan 1 - Dec 31	85,803	863,320	949,123	gw	1,105,000	85.9		MRFSS
2017		12,424	860,936	873,360		1,105,000	79.0		MRFSS
2016		23,848	889,965	913,813		1,105,000	82.7		MRFSS
2015		29,168	955,250	984,418		1,207,000	81.6		MRFSS
2014		111,916	1,081,145	1,193,061		1,207,000	98.8		MRFSS
2013		115,772	920,034	1,035,806		1,207,000	85.8		MRFSS
2012		58,801	966,100	1,024,901		1,216,000	84.3		MRFSS

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Gray Snapper									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings	Total Landings	Units	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2018	Jan 1 - Dec 31	1,599,975	110,762	1,710,737	ww	2,420,000	70.7		MRFSS
2017		1,822,026	137,342	1,959,368		2,420,000	81.0		MRFSS
2016		2,187,053	156,755	2,343,808		2,420,000	96.9		MRFSS
2015		1,792,496	165,121	1,957,617		2,420,000	80.9		MRFSS
2014		1,996,837	199,025	2,195,862		2,420,000	90.7		MRFSS
2013		1,836,186	143,644	1,979,830		2,420,000	81.8		MRFSS
2012		1,304,705	179,006	1,483,711		2,420,000	61.3		MRFSS

Hogfish									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings	Total Landings	Units	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2018	Jan 1- Dec 31	66,682	10,986	77,668	ww	219,000	35.5		MRIP
2017		92,710	17,841	110,551		208,000	53.1		MRIP
2016		250,879	30,695	281,574		208,000	135.4		MRFSS
2015		164,444	28,424	192,868		208,000	92.7		MRFSS
2014		159,982	36,064	196,046		208,000	94.3		MRFSS
2013		217,759	24,874	242,633		208,000	116.7	12/2/13	MRFSS
2012		250,128	42,989	293,117		208,000	140.9		MRFSS

Jacks									
Jacks: Almaco jack, banded rudderfish, and lesser amberjack									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings	Total Landings	Units	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2018	Jan 1- Dec 31	138,664	29,680	168,344	ww	312,000	54.0		MRFSS
2017		177,332	30,211	207,543		312,000	66.5		MRFSS
2016		206,726	35,351	242,077		312,000	77.6		MRFSS
2015		98,860	33,549	132,409		312,000	42.4		MRFSS
2014		141,487	57,795	199,282		312,000	63.9		MRFSS
2013		263,136	77,515	340,651		312,000	109.2		MRFSS
2012		224,126	75,746	299,872		312,000	96.1		MRFSS

Lane Snapper									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings	Total Landings	Units	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2018	Jan 1- Dec 31	333,577	26,600	360,177	ww	301,000	119.7		MRFSS
2017		536,396	42,831	579,227		301,000	192.4		MRFSS
2016		266,733	34,913	301,646		301,000	100.2		MRFSS
2015		233,702	46,163	279,865		301,000	93.0		MRFSS
2014		234,729	30,249	264,978		301,000	88.0		MRFSS
2013		226,136	23,189	249,325		301,000	82.8		MRFSS
2012		149,233	28,928	178,161		301,000	59.2		MRFSS

Mid-water Snapper									
Mid-water Snapper: Silk snapper, wenchman snapper, blackfin snapper, and queen snapper									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings	Total Landings	Units	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2018	Jan 1- Dec 31	1,691	101,301	102,992	ww	166,000	62.0		MRFSS
2017		8,795	41,167	49,962		166,000	30.1		MRFSS
2016		28,822	78,688	107,510		166,000	64.8		MRFSS
2015		2,728	52,091	54,819		166,000	33.0		MRFSS
2014		4,323	87,815	92,138		166,000	55.5		MRFSS
2013		1,291	65,613	66,904		166,000	40.3		MRFSS
2012		11,144	122,233	133,377		166,000	80.3		MRFSS

Mutton Snapper									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings	Total Landings*	Units	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2018	Jan 1- Dec 31	16,125	140,307	156,432	ww	156,265	52.8		?
2017		2,951	127,000	129,951		203,000	62.2		MRFSS
2016		3,712	78,756	82,468		203,000	62.2		MRFSS
2015		2,154	124,161	126,315		203,000	62.2		MRFSS
2014		5,039	130,793	135,832		203,000	66.9		MRFSS
2013		4,960	107,814	112,774		203,000	55.6		MRFSS
2012		7,156	88,695	95,851		203,000	47.2		MRFSS

*All mutton snapper landings reported in Monroe County were assigned to the South Atlantic.

Shallow Water Grouper									
Shallow Water Grouper: Black grouper, red grouper, scamp, yellowmouth grouper, and yellowfin grouper*									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings*	Total Landings	Units	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2018	Jan 1- Dec 31	116,412	178,293	294,705	ww	710,000	41.5		MRFSS
2017		115,456	200,009	315,465		710,000	44.4		MRFSS
2016		103,123	335,238	438,361		710,000	61.7		MRFSS
2015		137,890	238,427	376,317		700,000	53.8		MRFSS
2014		79,639	230,248	309,887		700,000	44.3		MRFSS
2013		195,318	300,735	496,053		700,000	70.9		MRFSS
2012		134,840	298,102	432,942		688,000	62.9		MRFSS

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Spanish Mackerel									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings	Total Landings	Units	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2017 - 2018	Apr 1 - Mar 31	2,184,055	702,700	2,886,755	as reported	11,300,000	25.5		MRIP
2016 - 2017		2,607,122	1,088,212	3,695,334		11,300,000	32.7		MRIP
2015 - 2016		2,616,377	1,214,888	3,831,265		11,800,000	32.5		MRIP
2014 - 2015		1,946,040	914,834	2,860,874		12,700,000	22.5		MRIP
2013 - 2014		5,232,534	1,464,381	6,696,915		5,150,000	130.0		MRFSS
2012 - 2013		3,578,421	1,413,904	4,992,325		5,150,000	96.9		MRFSS
2011 - 2012		2,677,119	1,347,945	4,025,064		9,100,000	44.2		MRFSS
2010 - 2011		2,964,208	1,248,711	4,212,919		9,100,000	46.3		MRFSS
2009 - 2010		1,890,078	942,501	2,832,579		9,100,000	31.1		MRFSS
2008 - 2009		2,525,545	2,360,043	4,885,588		9,100,000	53.7		MRFSS
2007 - 2008		2,724,709	902,827	3,627,536		9,100,000	39.9		MRFSS
2006 - 2007		2,845,319	1,534,040	4,379,359		9,100,000	48.1		MRFSS
2005 - 2006		1,595,371	1,221,294	2,816,665		9,100,000	31.0		MRFSS
2004 - 2005		2,665,254	1,986,512	4,651,766		9,100,000	51.1		MRFSS
2003 - 2004		2,742,259	941,702	3,683,961		9,100,000	40.5		MRFSS
2002 - 2003		3,171,267	1,745,064	4,916,331		9,100,000	54.0		MRFSS
2001 - 2002		3,453,003	810,099	4,263,102		9,100,000	46.8		MRFSS
2000 - 2001		2,787,759	1,054,259	3,842,018		9,100,000	42.2		MRFSS

Tilefish									
Tilefish: Golden tilefish, goldface tilefish, and blueline tilefish*									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings**	Total Landings	Units	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2018	Jan 1 - Dec 31	13,545	386,138	399,683	gw	608,000	65.7		MRFSS
2017		2,755	484,895	487,650		608,000	80.2		MRFSS
2016		27,263	429,003	456,266		608,000	75.0		MRFSS
2015		241,736	537,512	779,248		608,000	128.2		MRFSS
2014		25,821	517,268	543,089		608,000	89.3		MRFSS
2013		122,826	440,091	562,917		608,000	92.6		MRFSS
2012		7,896	451,121	459,017		608,000	75.5		MRFSS

*Anchor and blackline tilefish were removed in 2012.

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Vermilion Snapper									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings	Total Landings	Units	ACL	ACL%	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2018	Jan 1 - Dec 31	1,792,250	1,418,870	3,211,120	ww	3,110,000	103.3		?
2017		1,507,360	1,636,048	3,143,408		3,420,000	91.9		MRFSS
2016		1,021,924	1,588,256	2,610,180		3,420,000	76.3		MRFSS
2015		886,587	1,369,645	2,256,232		3,420,000	66.0		MRFSS
2014		1,160,951	1,764,716	2,925,667		3,420,000	85.5		MRFSS
2013		1,118,790	1,418,401	2,537,191		3,420,000	74.2		MRFSS
2012		756,052	2,441,360	3,197,412		3,420,000	93.5		MRFSS

Yellowtail Snapper									
Year	Fishing Year	Recreational Landings	Commercial Landings	Total Landings*	Units	ACL	ACL %	Closure Date	Rec Data Source
2017 - 2018	Aug 1 - Jul 31	41,690	590,895	632,585	gw	901,125	70.2		MRFSS
2016 - 2017		105,113	576,337	681,450		901,125	75.6		MRFSS
2016	Jan 1 - Dec 32	27,148	318,454	345,602		901,125	38.4		MRFSS
2015		78,127	507,196	585,323		901,125	65.0		MRFSS
2014		21,536	468,259	489,795		901,125	54.4		MRFSS
2013		6,991	734,112	741,103		901,125	82.2		MRFSS
2012		5,007	630,984	635,991		725,000	87.7		MRFSS

*All yellowtail snapper landings reported in Monroe County were assigned to the South Atlantic.