

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Reopening of the 2021 Recreational Red Snapper Season and Bag Limit Adjustment

Louisiana's private recreational red snapper season was previously set by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular meeting on May 6, 2021 to be open on weekends only (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) including the Mondays of Memorial Day and Labor Day beginning on May 28, 2021. The season closed on September 6, 2021 as previously scheduled. LA Creel data indicate that there is remaining allocation that can be fished, and a re-opening is warranted.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953.1, which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency rules to set finfish seasons, R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, and the authority given to the secretary by the commission in LAC 76:VII.335.G.5 to modify red snapper recreational daily harvest limits and red snapper recreational seasons if deemed necessary, and the authority delegated to Louisiana in 50 C.F.R. § 622.23 to manage certain aspects of the recreational red snapper harvest by the private angling component in the Gulf Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), the Secretary hereby declares:

The season for the recreational harvest of red snapper in federal and state waters off Louisiana will re-open at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, September 24, 2021 and remain open every day of the week until further notice at a daily bag and possession limit of four fish per person. The size limit remains at the previously established minimum size limit of 16 inches total length.

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