

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2022 Recreational Red Snapper Season Reopening 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 April 7, 2022 to be open on weekends only (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) including the Mondays of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day beginning on May 27, 2022 with a 3 fish bag limit. The season closed on September 19, 2022 based on harvest estimates and projections at that time. 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. 49:962, 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, 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, October 7, 2022 and remain open until 11:59 p.m. on October 14, 2022 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.

Jack Montoucet
Secretary

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