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2024 RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER SUMMARY

Chris Schieble | Reef Fish Committee Meeting | November 5, 2024

2024 Red Snapper Season

- 2024 allocation for private recreational and state charter harvest is 934,587 pounds.
- The private recreational and state charter red snapper season opened as a 7 day a week season on April 15th in both state and federal waters with a 4 fish bag limit.
- The season was closed on July 7th and re-opened as a Weekends only season on July 12th, then closed again on August 18th and resumed as a daily season on August 19th.
- The season was open for 151 days and closed on October 6th.
- 974,385 pounds (104.3%) were harvested by private recreational and state charter anglers.

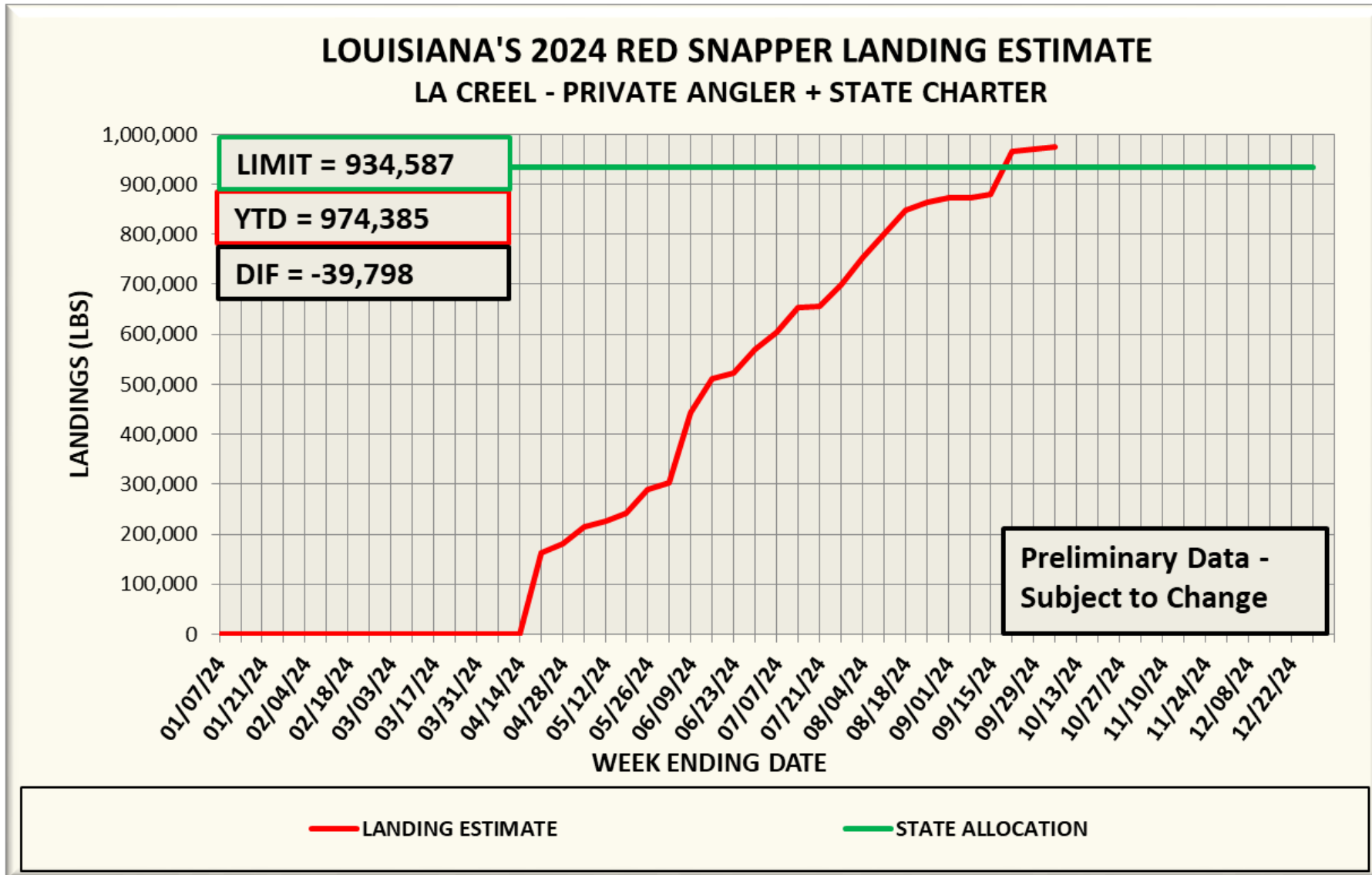


2024 Red Snapper Season

- Harvest by sector:
 - Private Recreational – 906,641 pounds
 - State Charter – 67,744 pounds
 - Federal Charter (not part of allocation) – 102,256 pounds
- Exceeded allocation by 39,798 pounds (4.3%).
- Payback for the exceeded amount will be deducted from 2025 allocation.

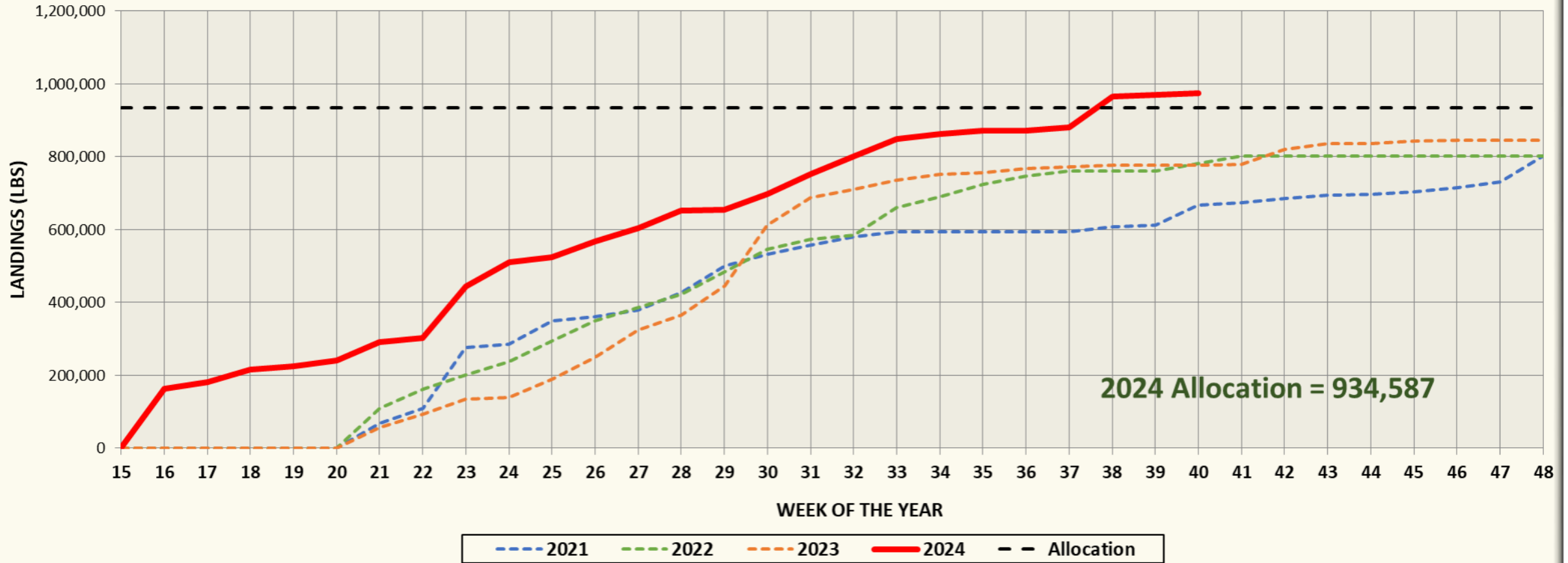


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LOUISIANA'S LA CREEL RED SNAPPER LANDING ESTIMATES
(LA CREEL - PRIVATE ANGLER AND STATE CHARTER)

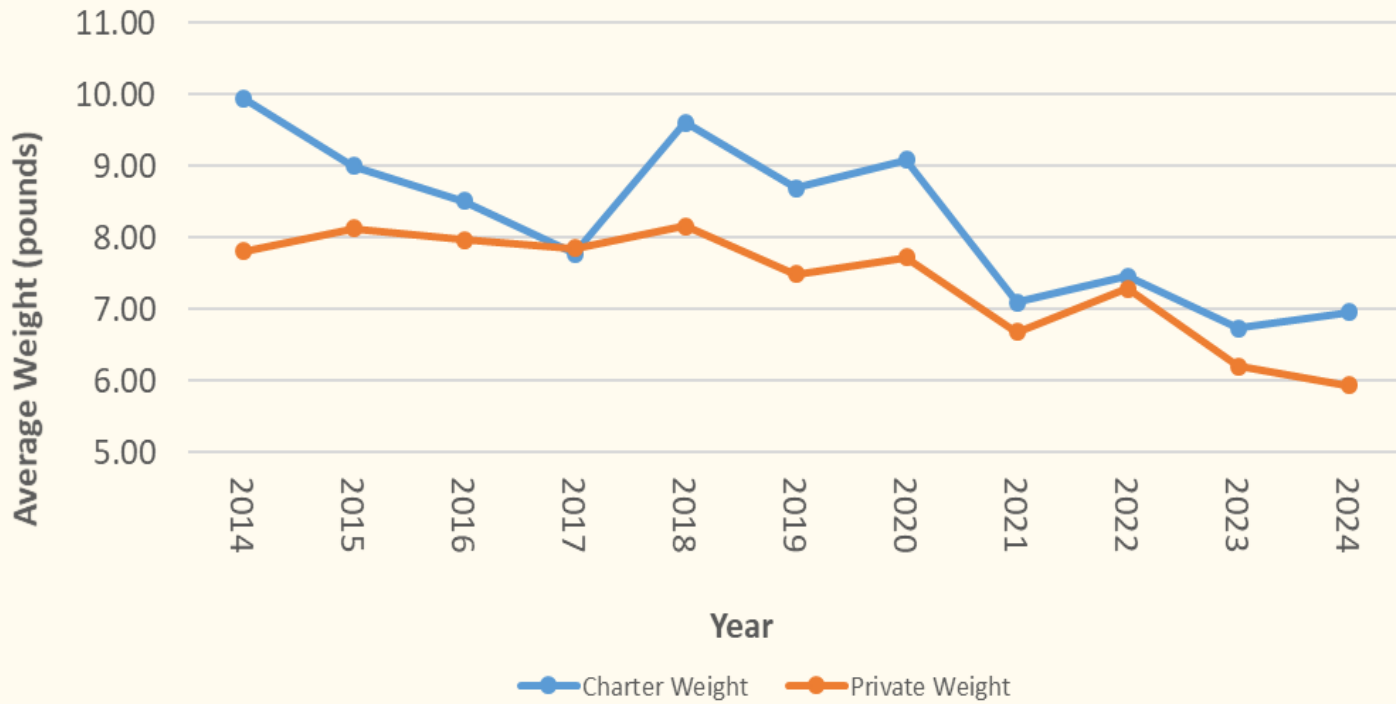


- 2024 Season started the Monday of Week 16, Week 28 was the switch to Weekends Only, and Week 34 resumed Daily season
- Memorial Day was Week 22
- July 4th was in Week 27
- Labor Day was Week 36

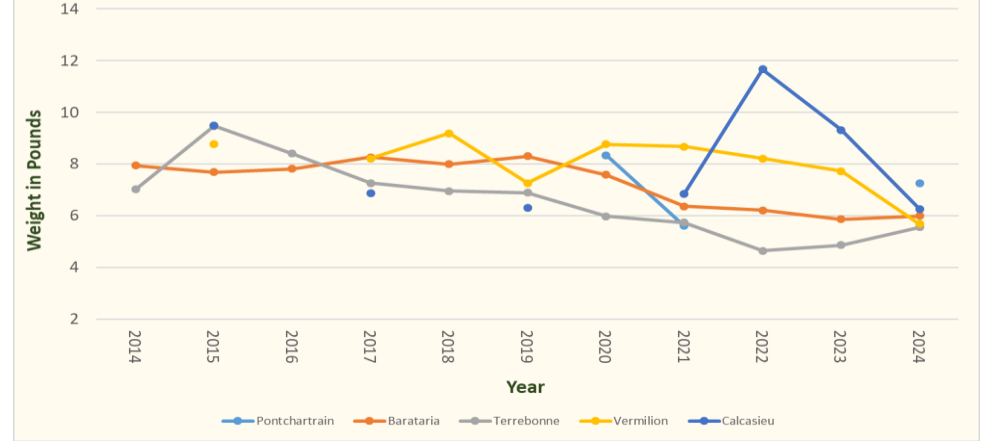


Red Snapper Weights (2014 – 2024)

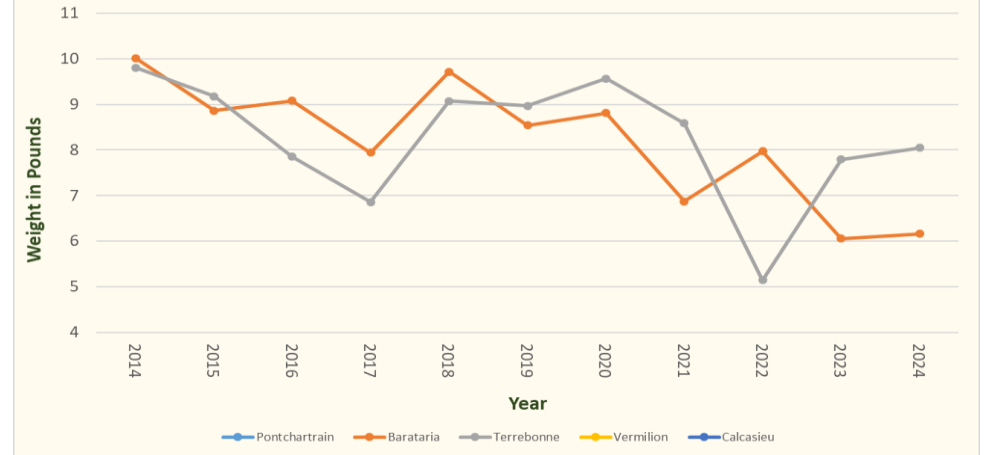
Average Private and Charter Red Snapper Weights (2014-2024)



Average Private Recreational Red Snapper Weight by Basin and Year



Average Charter Red Snapper Weight by Basin and Year



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Private	7.81	8.13	7.97	7.85	8.16	7.49	7.72	6.68	7.29	6.20	5.93
Charter	9.94	9.00	8.51	7.78	9.60	8.69	9.08	7.09	7.46	6.73	6.96

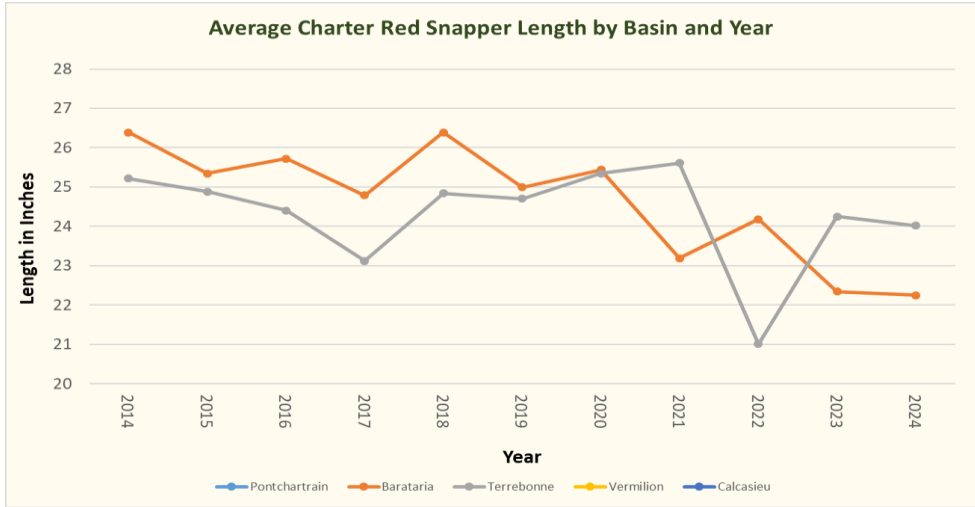
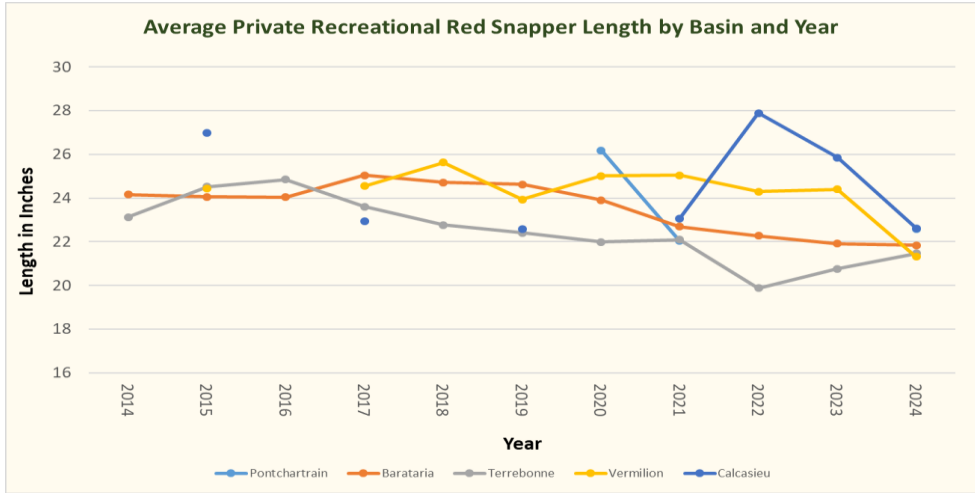
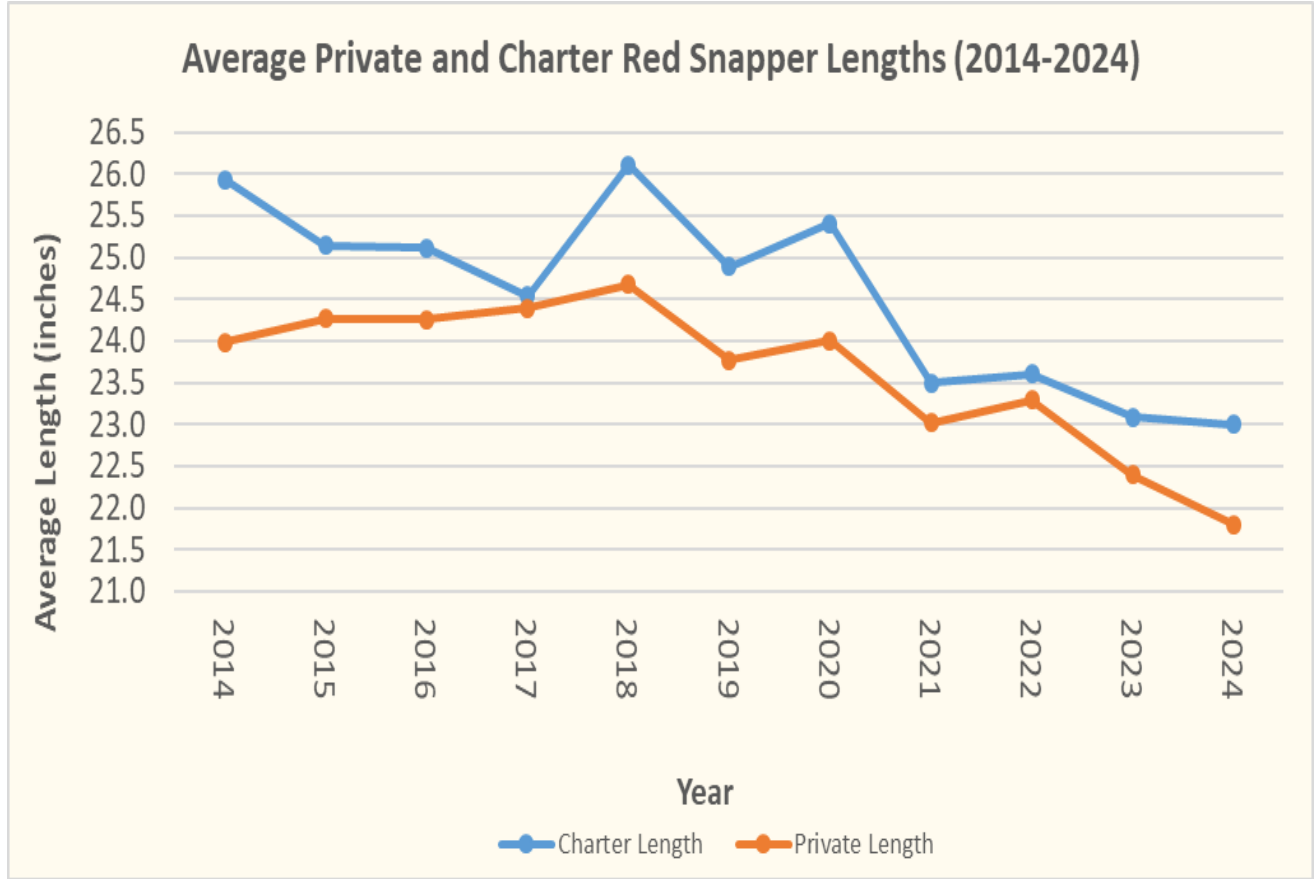
Weights are in Pounds

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Number of Private weight samples increased by over 100% beginning in 2021



Red Snapper Lengths (2014 – 2024)



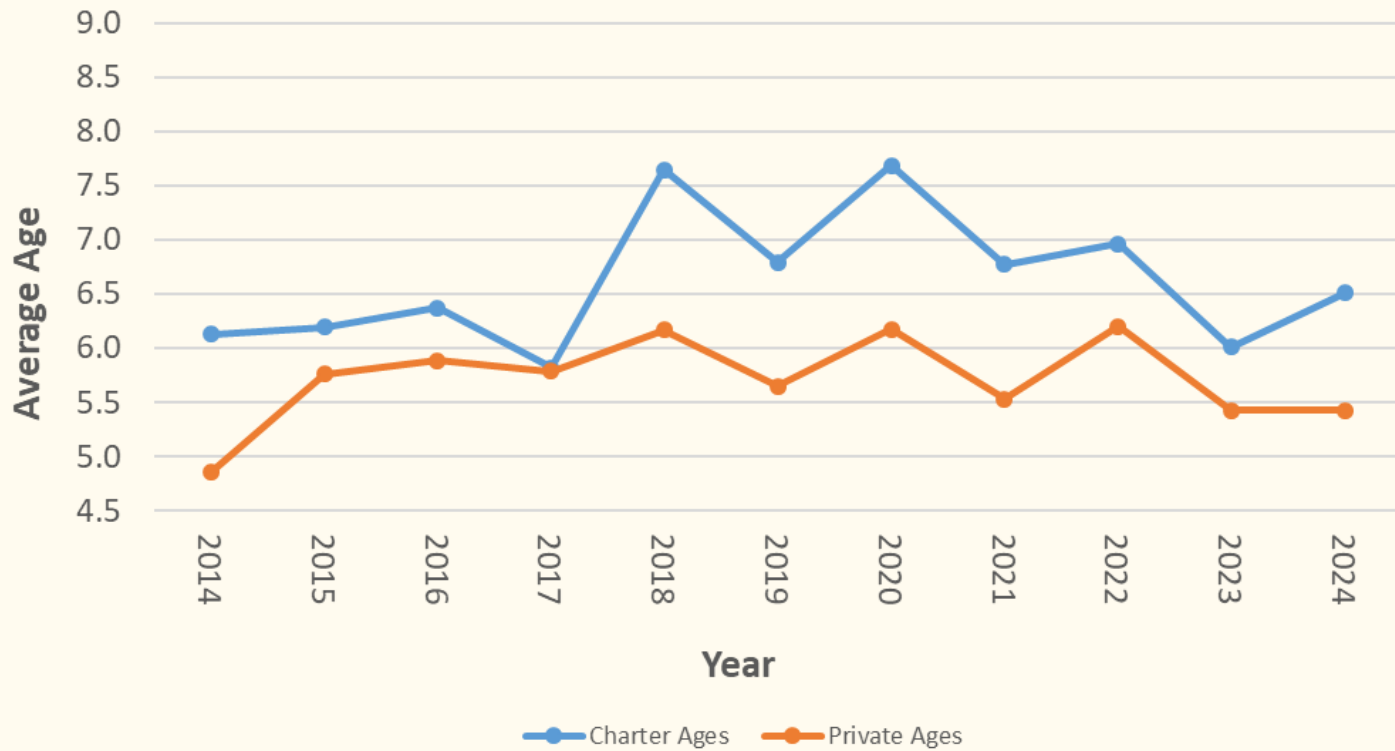
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Private	24.0	24.3	24.3	24.4	24.7	23.8	24.0	23.0	23.3	22.4	21.8
Charter	25.9	25.1	25.1	24.5	26.1	24.9	25.4	23.5	23.6	23.1	23.0

Lengths are in Inches Total Length
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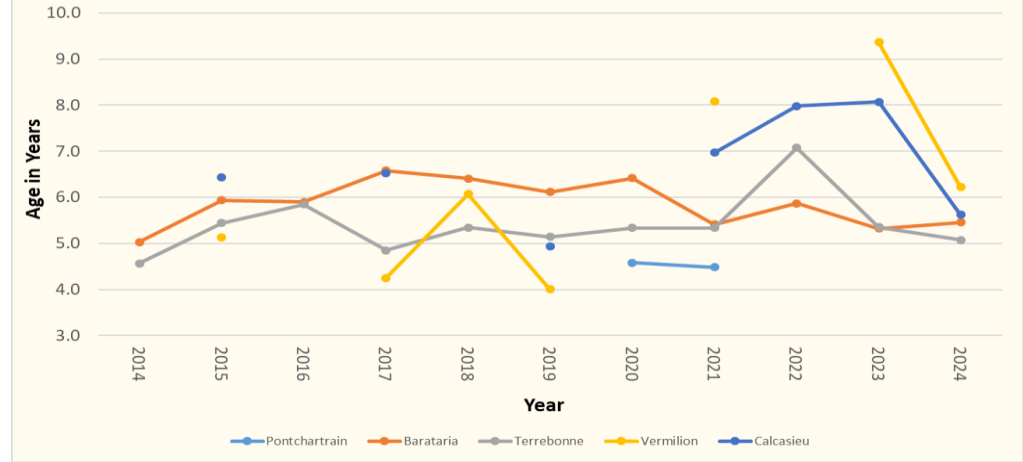


Red Snapper Ages (2014 – 2024)

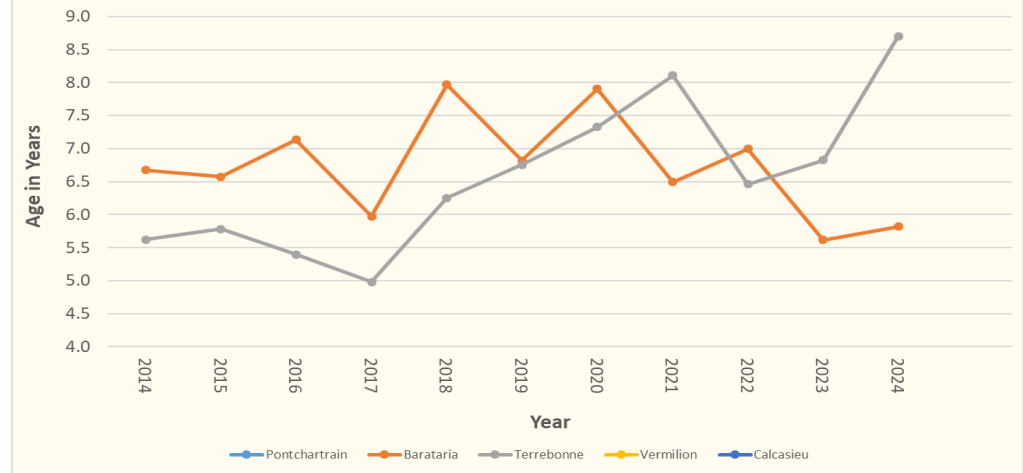
Average Private and Charter Red Snapper Ages (2014-2024)



Average Private Recreational Red Snapper Age by Basin and Year



Average Charter Red Snapper Age by Basin and Year



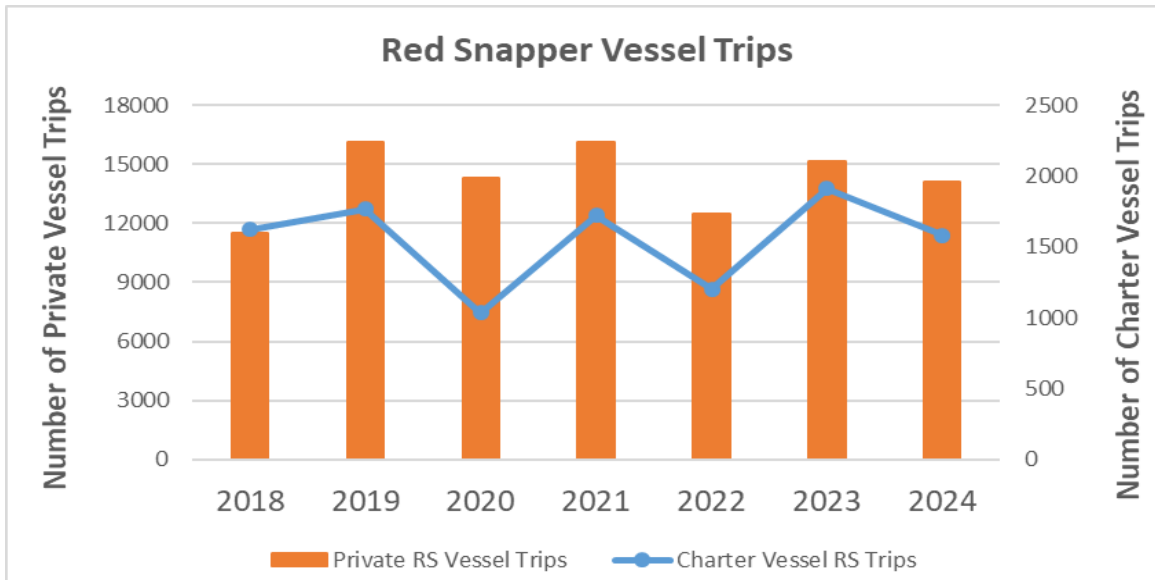
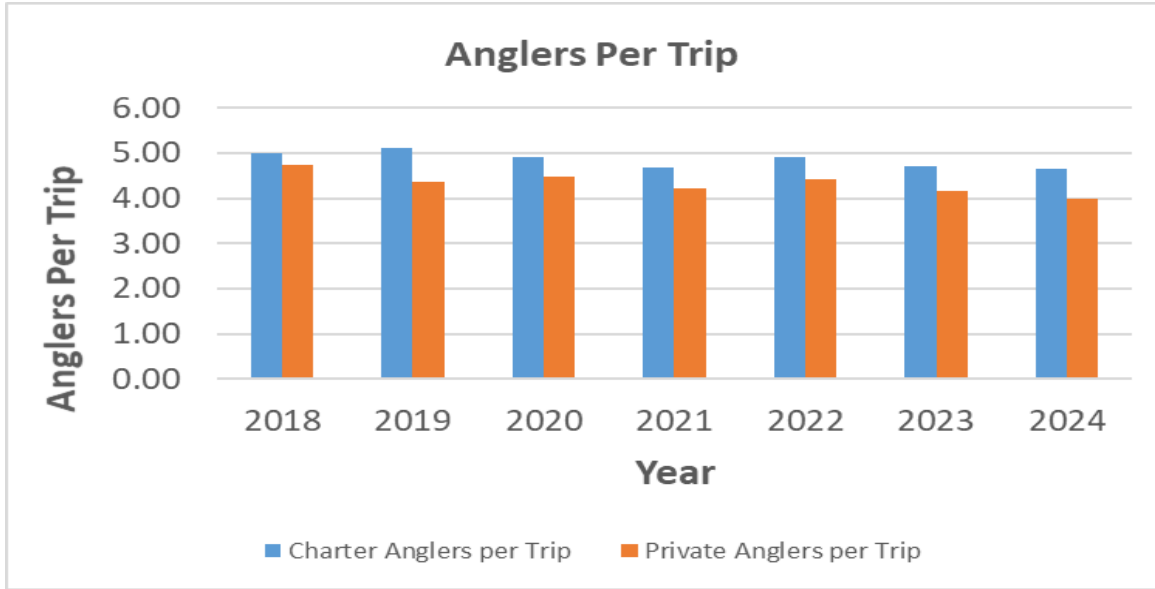
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Private	4.9	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.2	5.7	6.2	5.5	6.2	5.4	5.4
Charter	6.1	6.2	6.4	5.8	7.6	6.8	7.7	6.8	7.0	6.0	6.5

*June 1 used as birthday and fractional ages calculated based upon edge codes

*2024 ages are still being processed and table currently includes 366 charter age samples and 385 private samples (about 60% of annual private age samples)



Red Snapper CPUE (2018 – 2024)



Mode	Year	Average Anglers Per Boat Trip	Estimated Targeted RS Angler Trips	Estimated RS Boat Trips
Charter	2018	4.99	8,104	1,624
Charter	2019	5.13	9,058	1,766
Charter	2020	4.92	5,084	1,034
Charter	2021	4.69	8,082	1,723
Charter	2022	4.93	5,917	1,201
Charter	2023	4.72	9,011	1,910
Charter	2024	4.65	7,507	1,614
Private	2018	4.73	54,665	11,546
Private	2019	4.38	71,059	16,220
Private	2020	4.49	64,115	14,285
Private	2021	4.22	68,790	16,303
Private	2022	4.41	59,700	13,524
Private	2023	4.17	63,040	15,124
Private	2024	3.98	56,506	14,192



LA Recreational Red Snapper Seasons History

Year	Open Date	Close Date	Structure	Re-Open Date	Re-Close Date	Structure	Total Days	Allocation (lbs) (Over, Under, or Payback)
2018	May 25	July 8	Daily - 2 fish	July 13	August 12	Weekends -2 fish	60	743,000 (6,286 Under Harvest)
2019	May 24	September 3	Weekends – 2 fish	September 27 November 28	November 24 December 31	Weekends – 2 fish Daily – 2 fish	109	816,439* (31,901 Over Harvest)
2020	May 22	August 10	Weekends – 2 fish	September 4	September 7	Daily – 2 fish	41	784,332 (31,901 Payback)
2021	May 28	September 6	Weekends – 2 fish	September 24	December 31	Daily – 4 fish	146	816,233* (6,943 Over Harvest)
2022	May 27	September 18	Weekends – 3 fish	October 7	October 14	Daily – 4 fish	62	809,315 (6,943 Payback)
2023	May 26	N/A	Daily – 3 fish 4 fish – July 17	N/A	N/A	N/A	220	943,587 (78,934 Under Harvest)
2024	April 15	July 7	Daily – 4 fish	July 12 August 19	August 18 October 6	Weekends – 4 fish Daily – 4 fish	151	934,587* (39,798 Over Harvest)

- Weekend Seasons are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and include the Mondays of Memorial Day and Labor Day and July 4 on whatever day it may fall unless the season closed prior to any of those days.
- * Overage occurred, Payback is shown in following year.
- Under harvests are noted.



Questions

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