

2021 Alabama Recreational Red Snapper Season Update

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2021 Red Snapper Season Summary

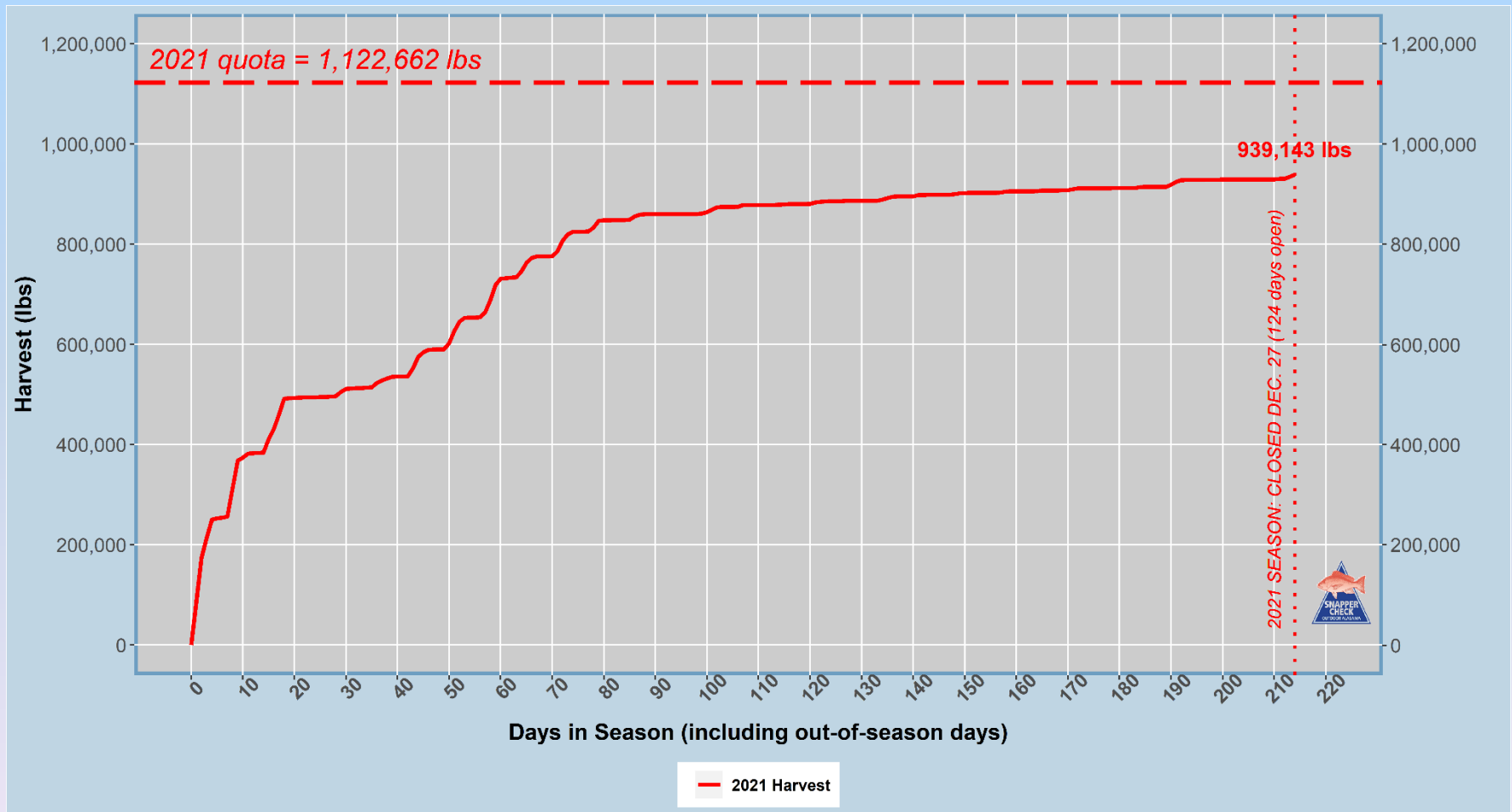
- Season opened Friday, May 28th
 - Season included extended weekends only (Fridays – Mondays)
 - Daily bag limit of 2 fish / person / day
 - 16” total length minimum size limit
 - Private recreational and state charter allocation was 1,122,622 pounds
- Season closed Monday, Dec. 27th
 - Season was open 124 days
 - Private recreational and state charter harvest was 939,143 pounds

*****NEW*****

- Mandatory reporting requirement for recreational anglers landing Gray Triggerfish and Greater Amberjack in Alabama
 - One landing report per vessel
 - Must report fish before landing



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Average weight (pounds) and number of red snapper weighed from private and state charter anglers.

Year	Private	Number Weighed	State Charter	Number Weighed
2018	8.20	797	6.64	42
2019	7.26	1,245	7.14	101
2020	6.77	1,154	5.97	197
2021	7.59	840	5.68	158



ALABAMA STATE MANAGEMENT SEASON HISTORY

Year	Open Date	Close Date	Structure	Reopen Date	Close Date	Re-Open Structure	Total Days
2018	June 1	July 22 ¹	Three-day weekends (Fri-Sun), 16" TL, 2 fish/person/day	NA	NA	NA	28
2019	June 1	August 5 ²	Three-day weekends (Fri-Sun), 16" TL, 2 fish/person/day	October 4	October 5	Weekend (Sat & Sunday)	35
2020	May 22	Jul 3	Four-day weekends (Fri-Mon), 16" TL, 2 fish/person/day	October 10	December 6	Weekends (Sat & Sunday) ³	44
2021	May 28	Dec 27	Four-day weekends (Fri-Mon), 16" TL, 2 fish/person/day	NA	NA	NA	124

¹ – Season included July 2-5 (Monday-Thursday)

² – Season included July 4 (Thursday)

³ – Season included October 10 (Friday)



2022 Red Snapper Season

Season will open Friday, May 27th.

- Season includes extended weekends only (Fridays – Mondays)
- Daily bag limit of 2 fish / person / day
- 16" total length minimum size limit
- Season will close when quota is projected to be met

Mandatory reporting of Red Snapper, Gray Triggerfish and Greater Amberjack by private recreational and state charter vessel owner/operators is required before fish are landed in Alabama.

- Owner/operators of federally-permitted charter boats and head boats are no longer required to report landings (must report to NOAA Fisheries)

Individual private recreational anglers and owner/operators of federally-permitted and state-licensed charter vessels and commercial vessels landing reef fish in Alabama must possess a Reef Fish Endorsement.



Questions??

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