

Modifications to the Recreational Red Snapper Accountability Measures



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Timeline



April 2024 Motion: Request staff develop a document to adjust the for-hire red snapper season and **private recreational red snapper accountability measures.**

January 2025: PPT to Council on private recreational red snapper AMs

Spring 2025: IPT to develop alternatives and request analysis

Red Snapper Accountability Measure



AM 50A: Effective February 6, 2020; implemented state-specific AMs

Recreational sector (Private and For-Hire Vessels)

In season: Close the season for remainder of the year when harvest is projected reach the component ACL.

Post Season: When harvest exceeds the ACT it triggers a reduction in the recreational ACL and ACT for that following year by the amount of the ACL overage in the prior fishing year, unless the best scientific information available determines that a greater, lesser, or no overage adjustment is necessary. Payback overage amounts are component specific and for the private component payback overages are state-specific dependent on the amount of state-specific ACL exceeded in the previous year.

State Season Duration in Days



Year	Florida	Alabama	Mississippi	Louisiana	Texas
2018	40	28	75	60	81
2019	40	36	78	109	61
2020	55	44	46	41	62
2021	55	124	119	146	64
2022	57	126	192	62	94
2023	87	72	73	220	93

State Specific Landings vs State ACL



Florida

Year	Rec ACL	Private ACL	FL ACL CHTS	FL ACL adj with payback CHTS	FL Landings SRFS	FL Landings CHTS Calibrated
2020	7,399,000	4,269,000	1,913,451	1,913,451	1,512,387	1,512,387
2021	7,399,000	4,269,000	1,913,451	1,913,451	2,169,739	2,169,739
2022	7,399,000	4,269,000	1,913,451	1,664,873	1,605,799	1,605,799
2023	7,992,000	4,611,000	2,066,742	2,066,742	2,204,136	2,078,981*
2024	7,992,000	4,611,000	2,066,742	2,054,504	Unavailable	Unavailable

* Indicates years in which landings exceeded state ACL and triggered a payback (post season AM)

State Specific Landings vs State ACL



Alabama

Year	Rec ACL	Private ACL	AL ACL CHTS	AL ACL adj with payback CHTS	AL Landings Snapper Check Units	AL Landings CHTS Calibrated
2020	7,399,000	4,269,000	1,122,662	1,113,319	1,106,679	1,106,679
2021	7,399,000	4,269,000	1,122,662	1,122,662	937,280	937,280
2022	7,399,000	4,269,000	1,122,662	1,122,662	423,851	423,851
2023	7,992,000	4,611,000	1,212,601	1,212,601	596,083	1,222,734*
2024	7,992,000	4,611,000	1,212,601	1,202,467	570,867 <small>PRELIM</small>	1,041,708 <small>PRELIM</small>

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State Specific Landings vs State ACL



Mississippi

Year	Rec ACL	Private ACL	MS ACL CHTS	MS ACL adj with payback CHTS	MS Landings Tails N Scales Units	MS Landings CHTS Calibrated
2020	7,399,000	4,269,000	151,550	151,550	142,044	142,044
2021	7,399,000	4,269,000	151,550	151,550	143,043	143,043
2022	7,399,000	4,269,000	151,550	151,550	129,057	129,057
2023	7,992,000	4,611,000	163,691	163,691	80,792	210,396*
2024	7,992,000	4,611,000	163,691	117,290	60,004	119,292*

* Indicates years in which landings exceeded state ACL and triggered a payback (post season AM)

State Specific Landings vs State ACL



Louisiana

Year	Rec ACL	Private ACL	LA ACL CHTS	LA ACL adj with payback CHTS	LA Landings LA Creel Units	LA Landings CHTS Calibrated
2020	7,399,000	4,269,000	816,233	784,126	777,259	777,259
2021	7,399,000	4,269,000	816,233	816,233	823,176	823,176*
2022	7,399,000	4,269,000	816,233	809,290	801,911	801,911
2023	7,992,000	4,611,000	881,623	881,623	864,653	815,710
2024	7,992,000	4,611,000	881,623	881,623	974,218	919,074*

* Indicates years in which landings exceeded state ACL and triggered a payback (post season AM)

State Specific Landings vs State ACL



Texas

Year	Rec ACL	Private ACL	TX ACL CHTS	TX ACL adj with payback CHTS	TX Landings LA Creel Units	TX Landings CHTS Calibrated
2020	7,399,000	4,269,000	265,105	223,105	229,725	229,725*
2021	7,399,000	4,269,000	265,105	258,485	211,373	211,373
2022	7,399,000	4,269,000	265,105	265,105	158,452	158,452
2023	7,992,000	4,611,000	286,343	286,343	267,721	267,721
2024	7,992,000	4,611,000	286,343	286,343	Unavailable	Unavailable

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Points for Consideration



2020- present: All Gulf States have exceeded state ACL, but Gulf-wide private recreational ACL has not been exceeded.

- States are still mandated to manage to state ACL.
- Which ACL should be used to trigger payback provisions?
 - State-specific ACL (Status Quo)
 - Total Private angler ACL
 - Total Recreational ACL
- What would this look like from an implementation standpoint?

Next Steps



- Using Council feedback and discussion from Jan 2025, IPT to develop draft alternatives
- Determine timing

Questions?

