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2024 RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER SEASON SUMMARY AND 2025 SEASON

Chris Schieble | Reef Fish Committee Meeting | April 8, 2025

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.
- 974,219 pounds (104.2%) were harvested by private recreational and state charter anglers.

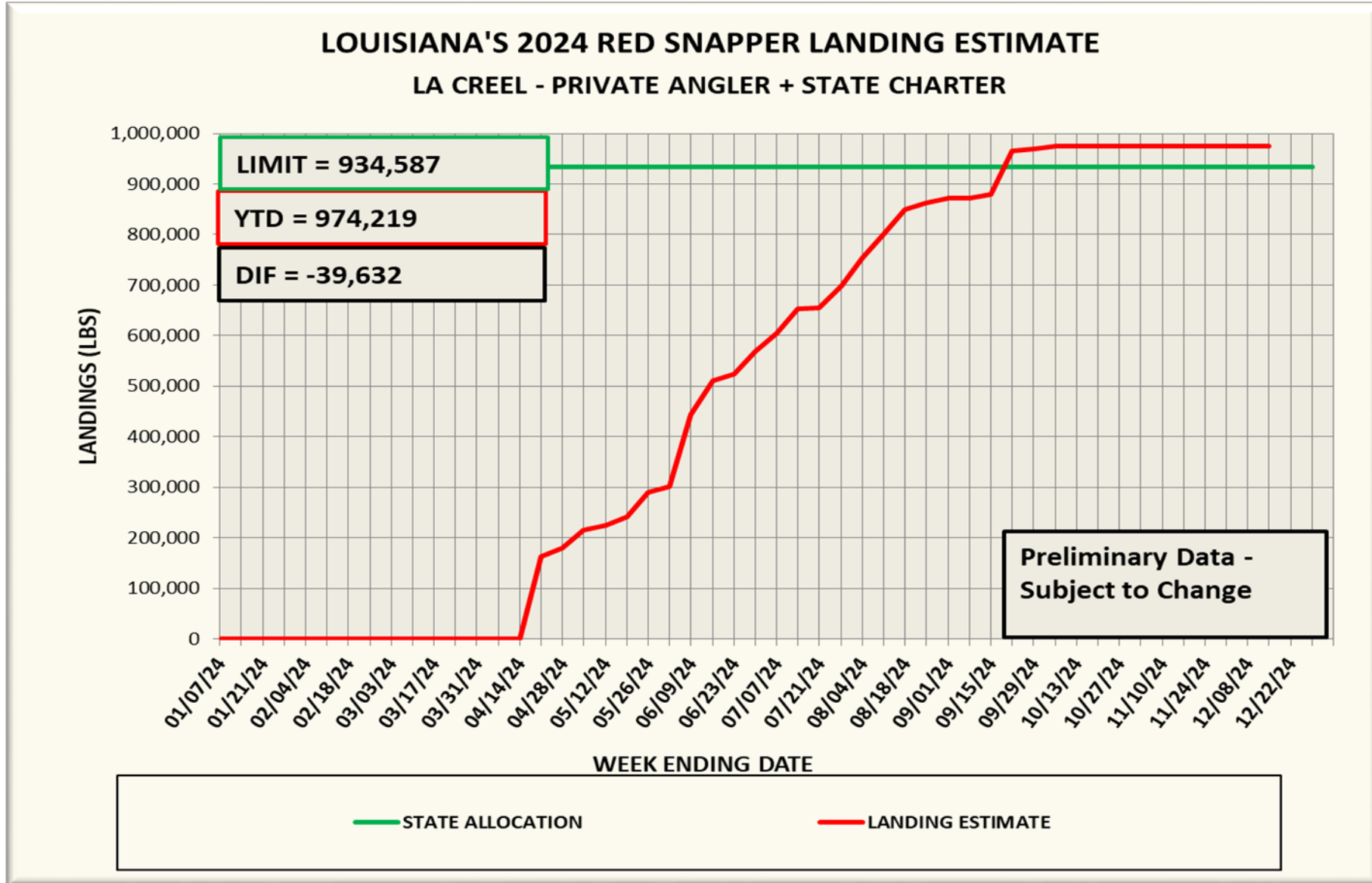


2024 Red Snapper Season

- Harvest by sector:
 - Private Recreational – 906,641 pounds
 - State Charter – 67,578 pounds
 - Federal Charter (not part of allocation) – 103,166 pounds (reopened from Nov. 18 through Dec. 31)
- Private Recreational and State Charter exceeded allocation by 39,632 pounds (4.2%).
- Payback for the exceeded amount will be deducted from 2025 allocation.

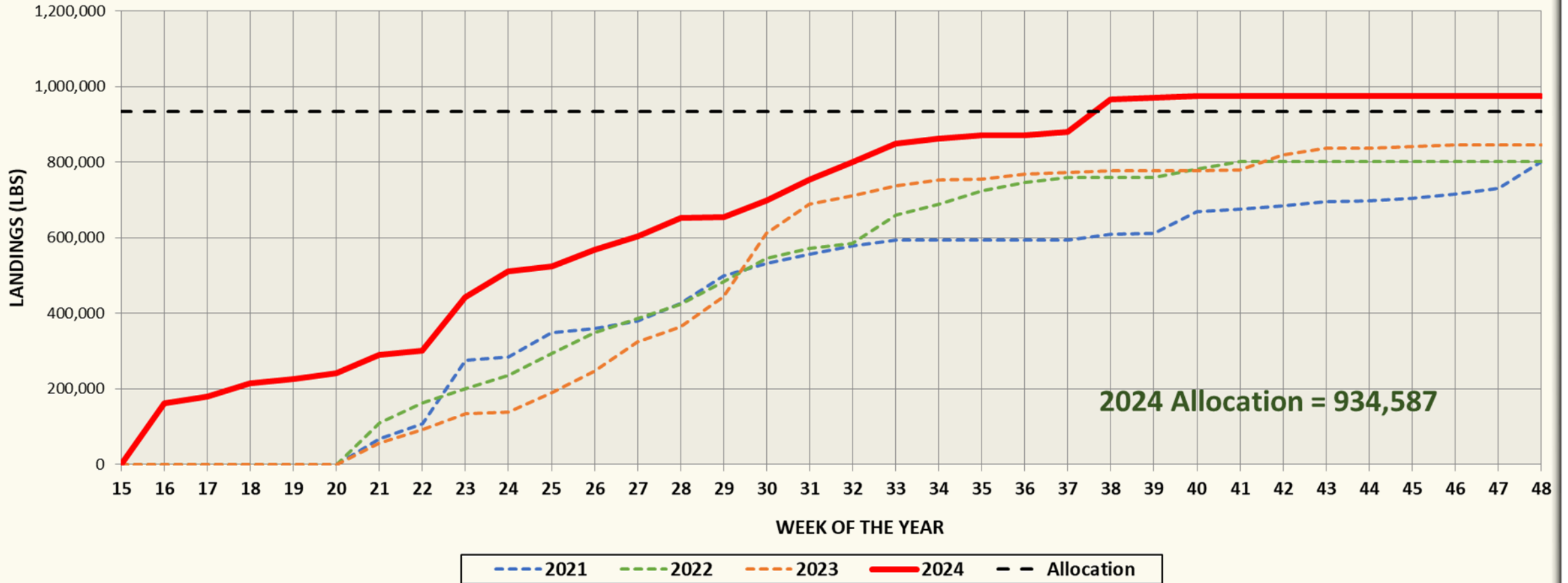


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LOUISIANA'S LA CREEL RED SNAPPER LANDING ESTIMATES
(LA CREEL - PRIVATE ANGLER AND STATE CHARTER)

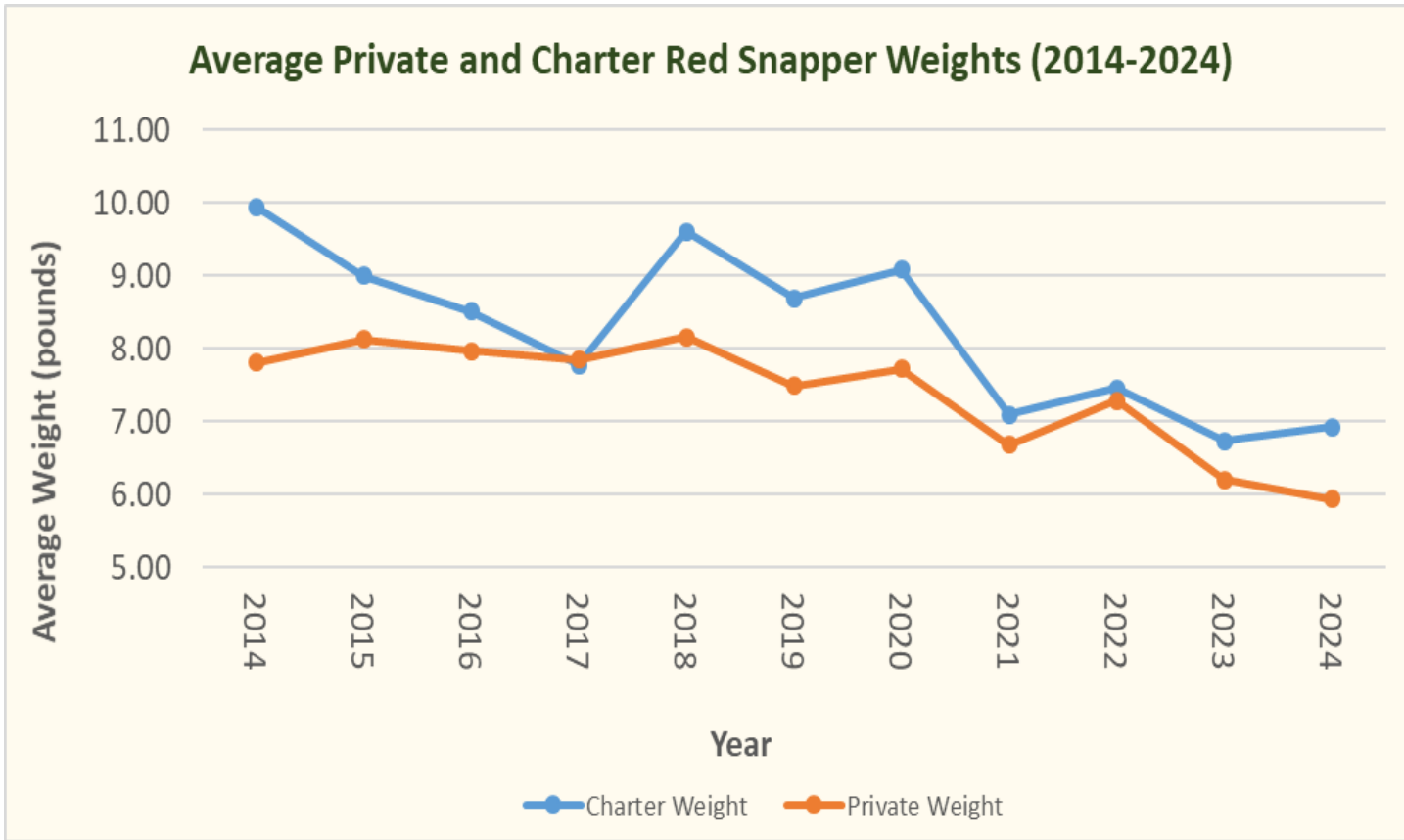


- 2024 Season started the Monday of Week 16, Week 28 was the switch to Weekends Only, and Week 34 resumed Daily season
- Memorial Day was Week 22
- July 4th was in Week 27
- Labor Day was Week 36

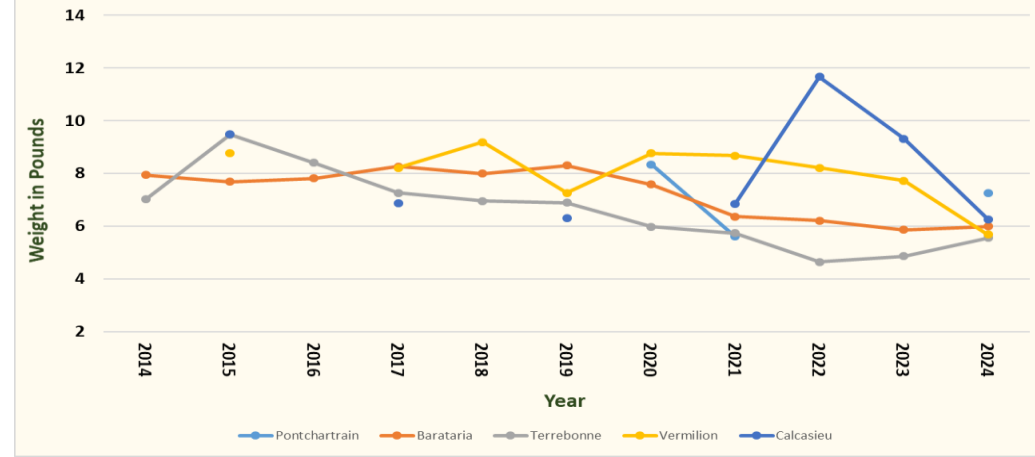


Red Snapper Weights (2014 – 2024)

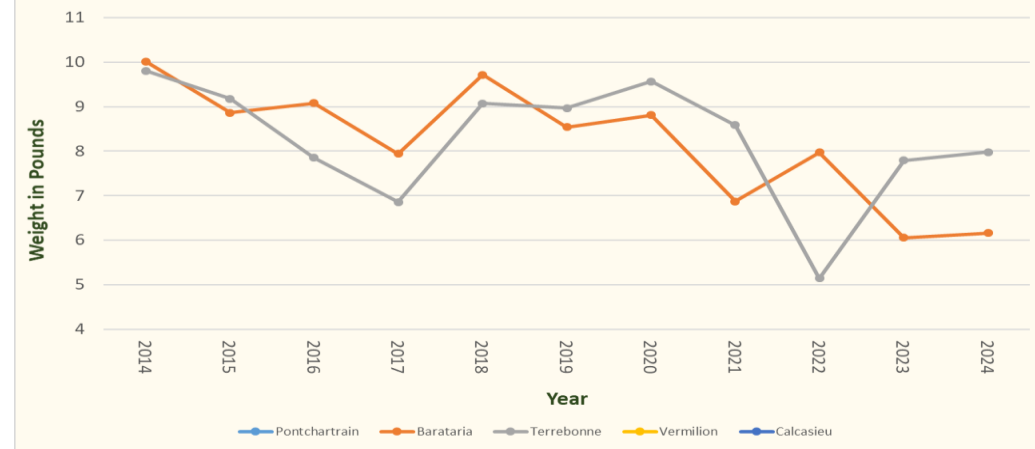
Average Private and Charter Red Snapper Weights (2014-2024)



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	6.92

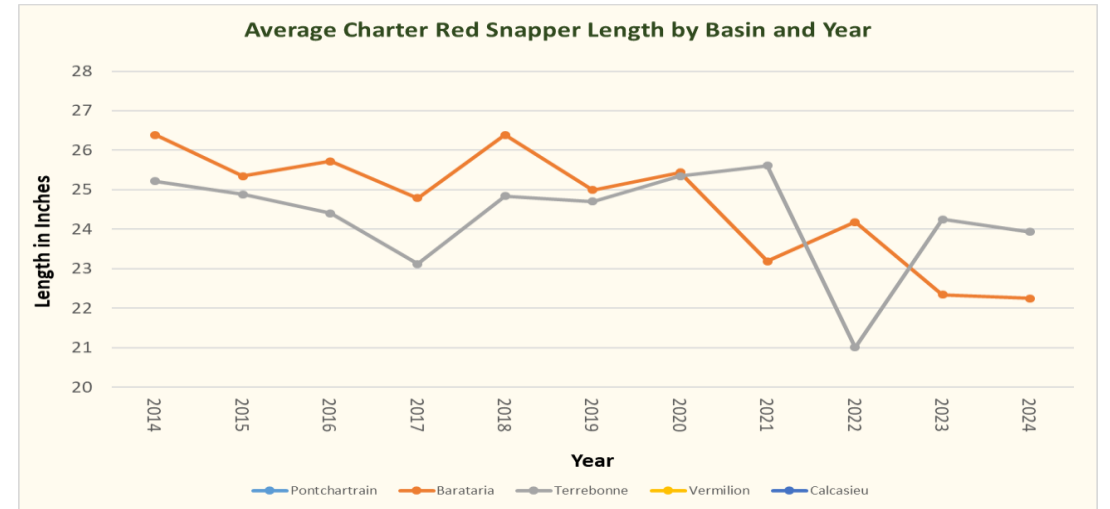
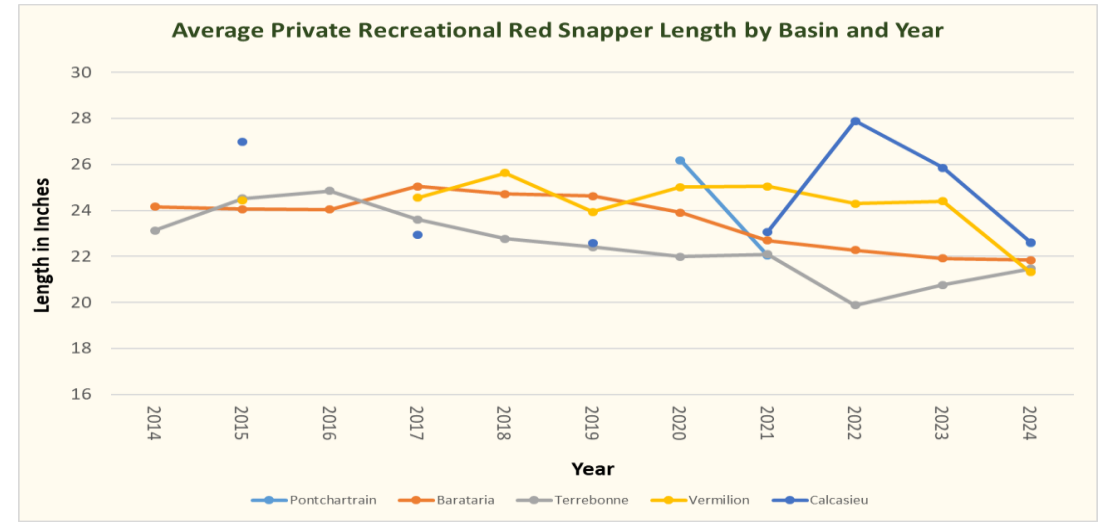
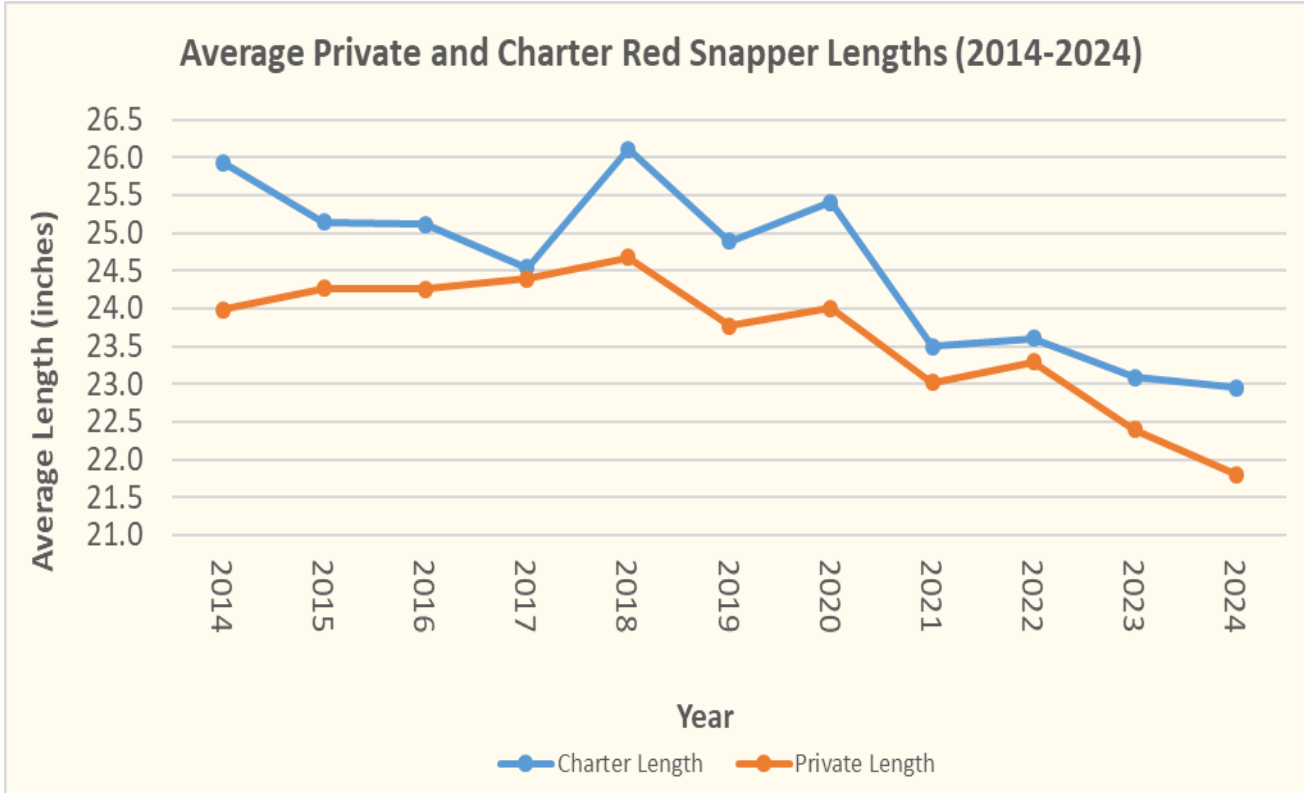
Weights are in Pounds

2024 Data through the end of the season (747 Charter and 1391 Private weight samples)

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



Red Snapper Lengths (2014 – 2024)

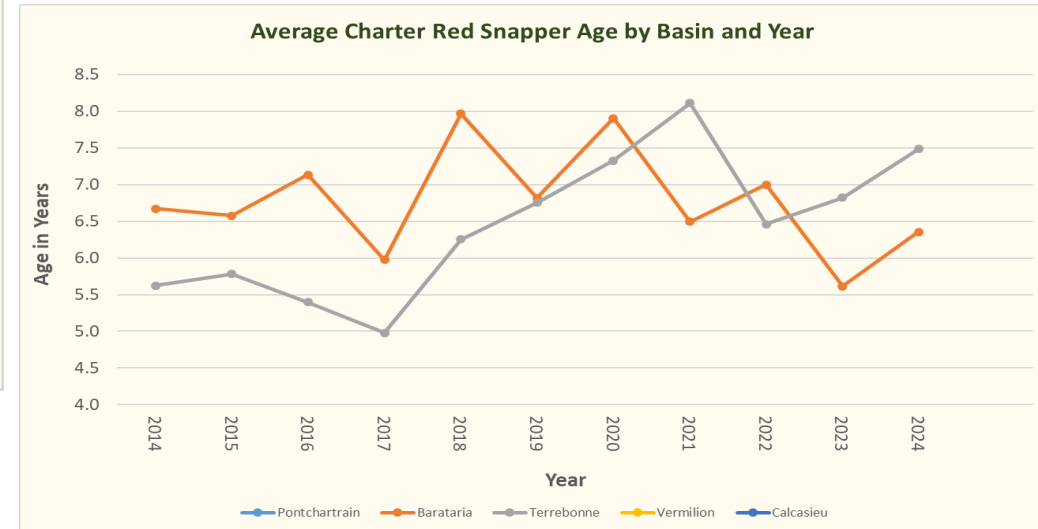
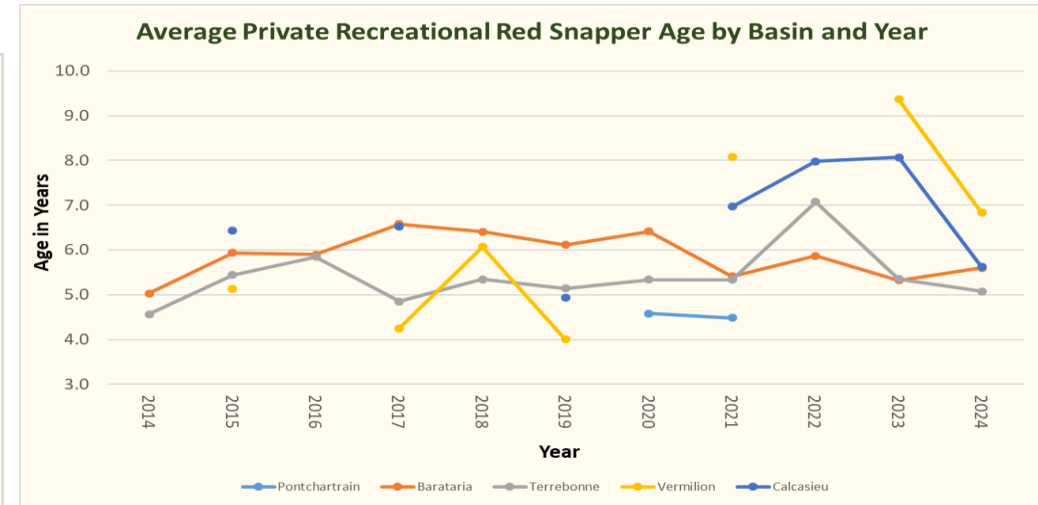
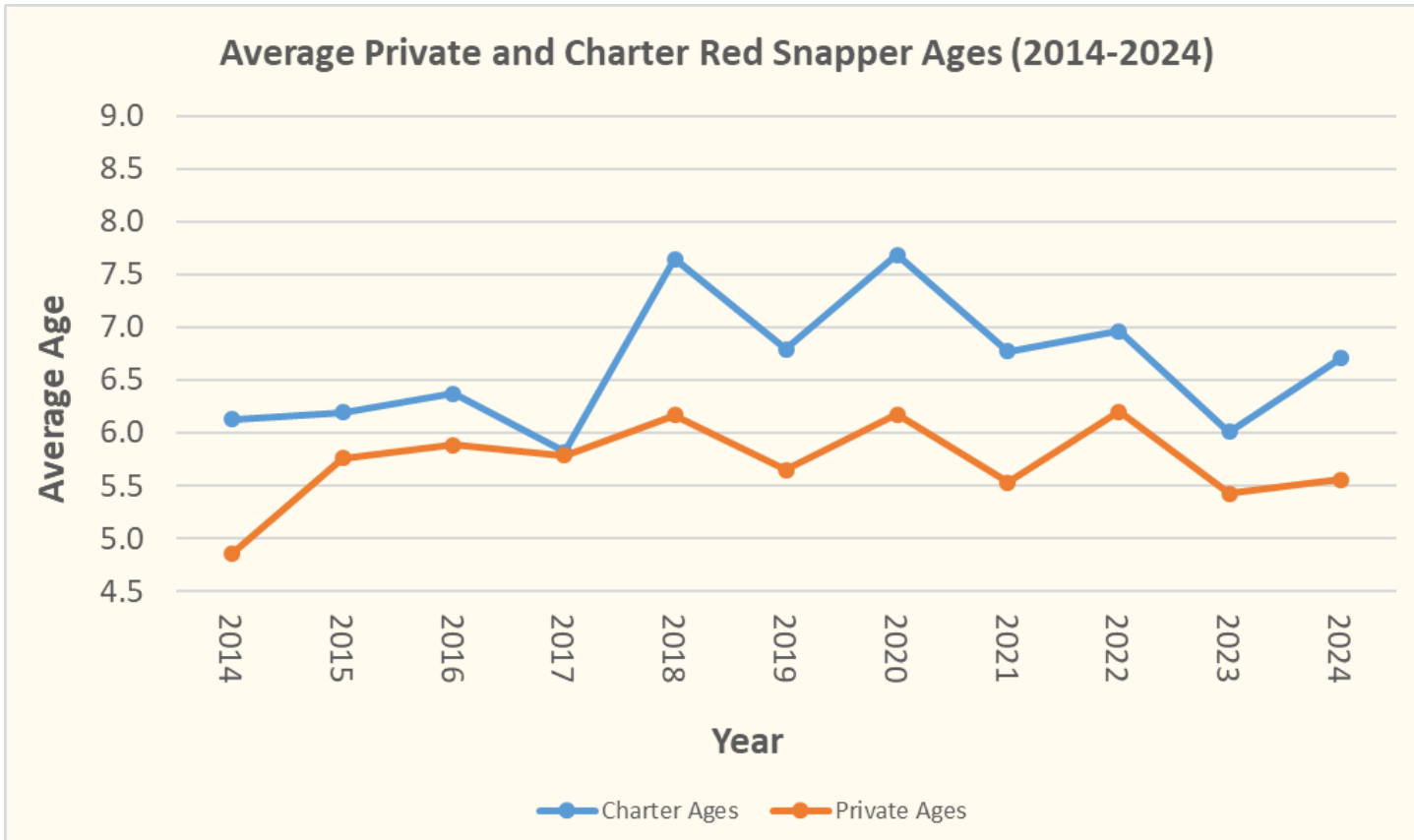


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Private	24.0	24.3	24.3	24.4	24.7	23.8	24.0	23.0	23.3	22.4	21.8
Charter	25.9	25.1	25.1	24.5	26.1	24.9	25.4	23.5	23.6	23.1	23.0

Lengths are in Inches (Total Length)
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Red Snapper Ages (2014 – 2024)

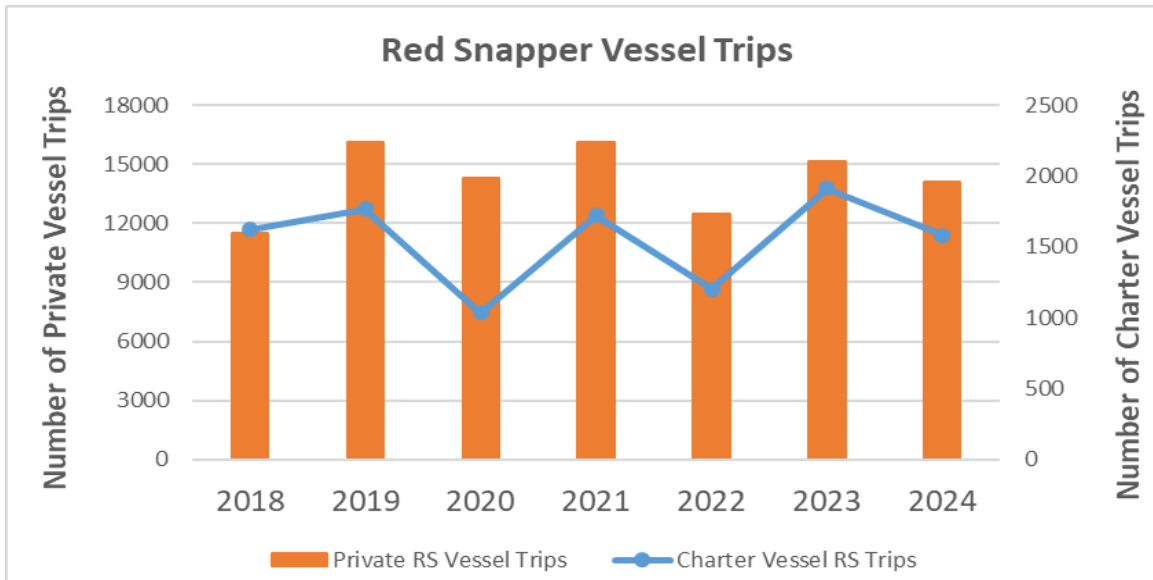
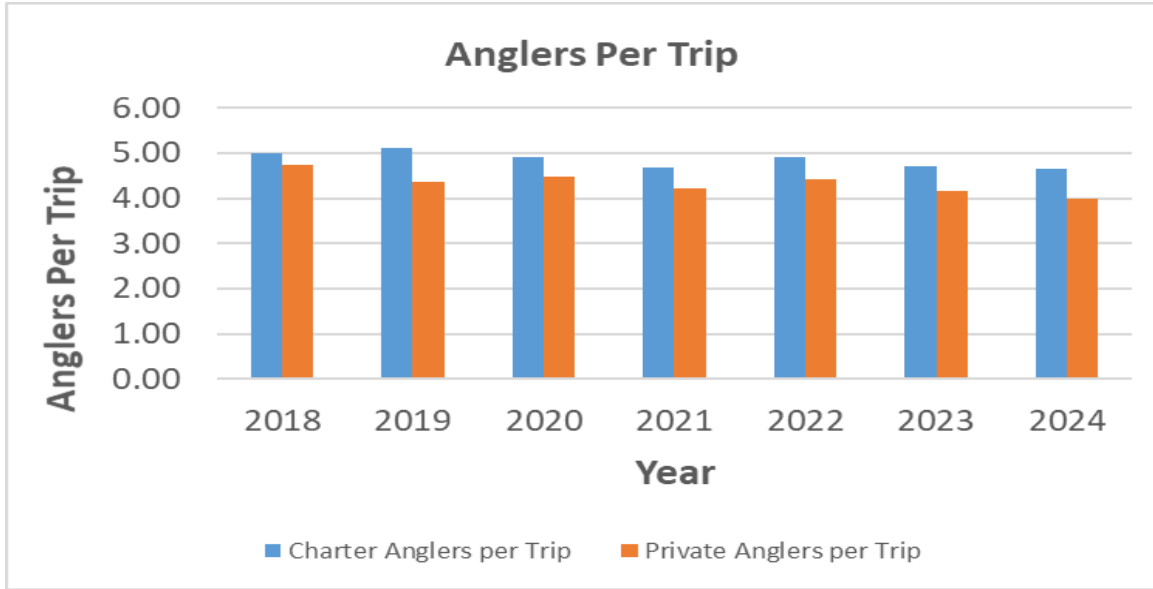


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Private	4.9	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.2	5.7	6.2	5.5	6.2	5.4	5.6
Charter	6.1	6.2	6.4	5.8	7.6	6.8	7.7	6.8	7.0	6.0	6.7

June 1 used as birthday and fractional ages calculated based upon edge codes
 2024 ages processed included 525 charter age samples and 537 private 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	December 31	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	943,587* (39,632 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.



2025 Season



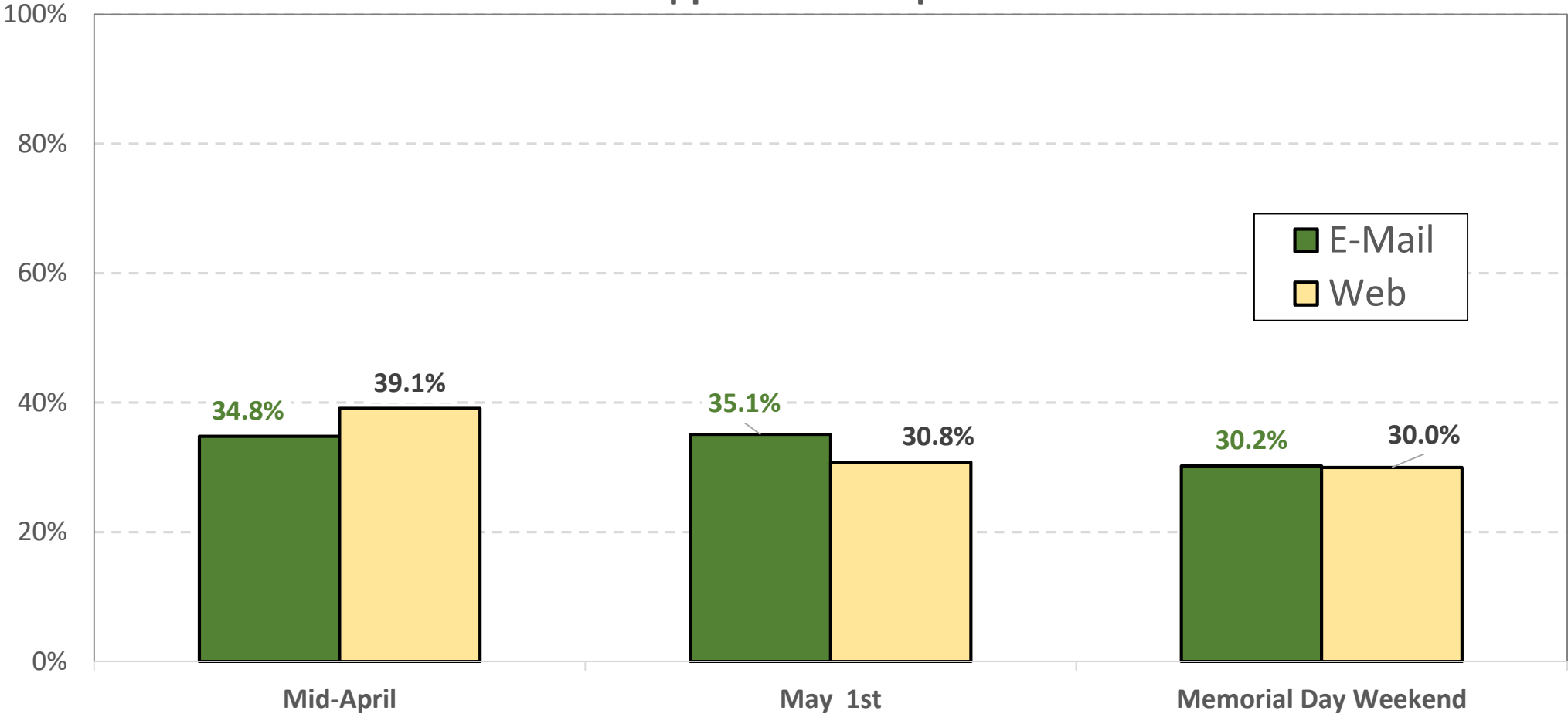
2025 Red Snapper Season Survey

- Sent e-mails to 13,628 Louisiana Residents Who Held Valid R.O.L.P.
- Email survey sent Feb. 5
 - Two Reminders
 - Closed Feb. 17
 - 3,667 Responses (27.8% of adjusted sample)
- Web survey open to anyone Feb. 11
 - Results through Feb. 28 Analyzed Here
 - 952 Responses



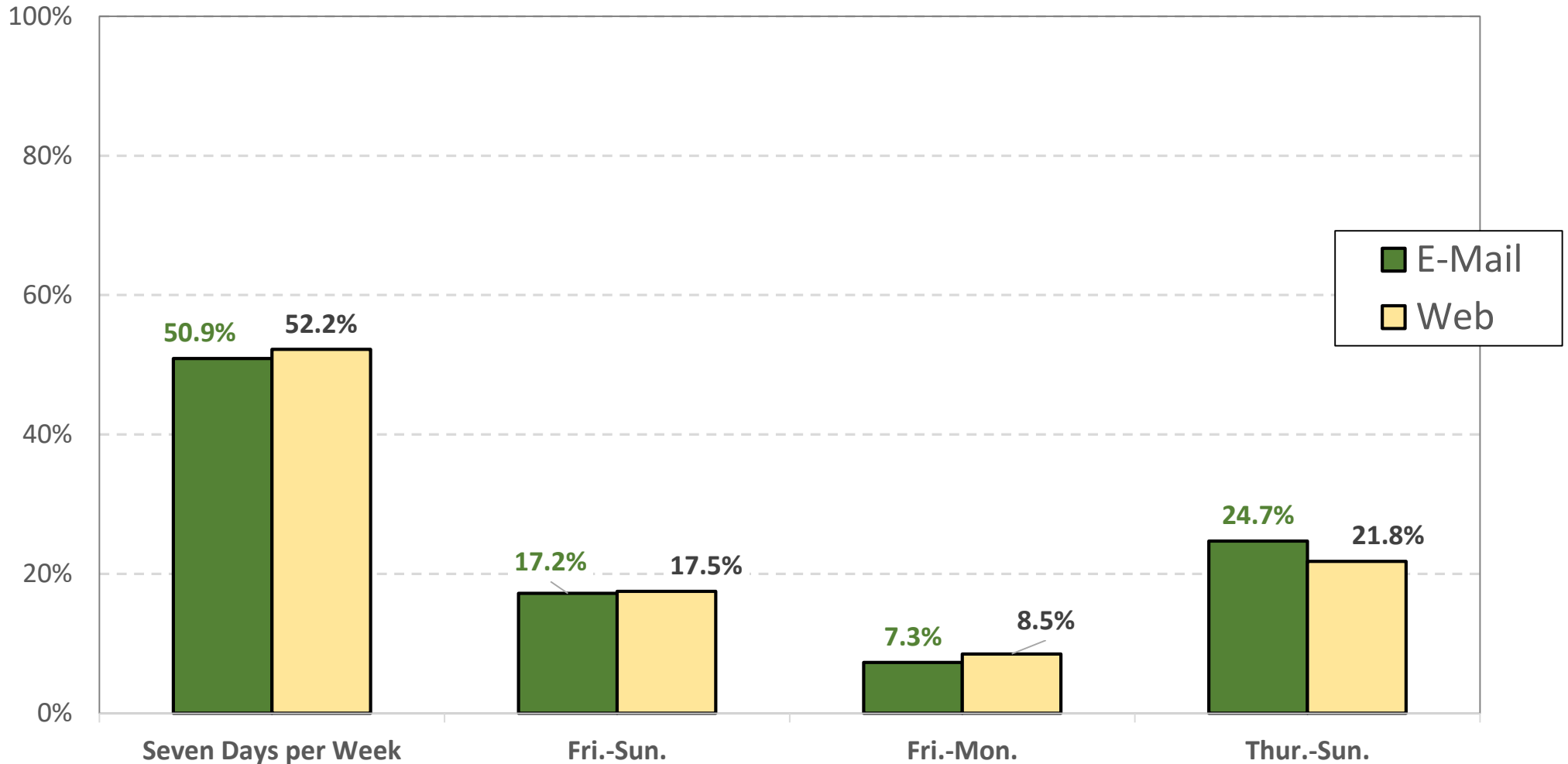
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Percentage of Offshore Anglers Who Preferred the Following As
2024 Red Snapper Season Opener



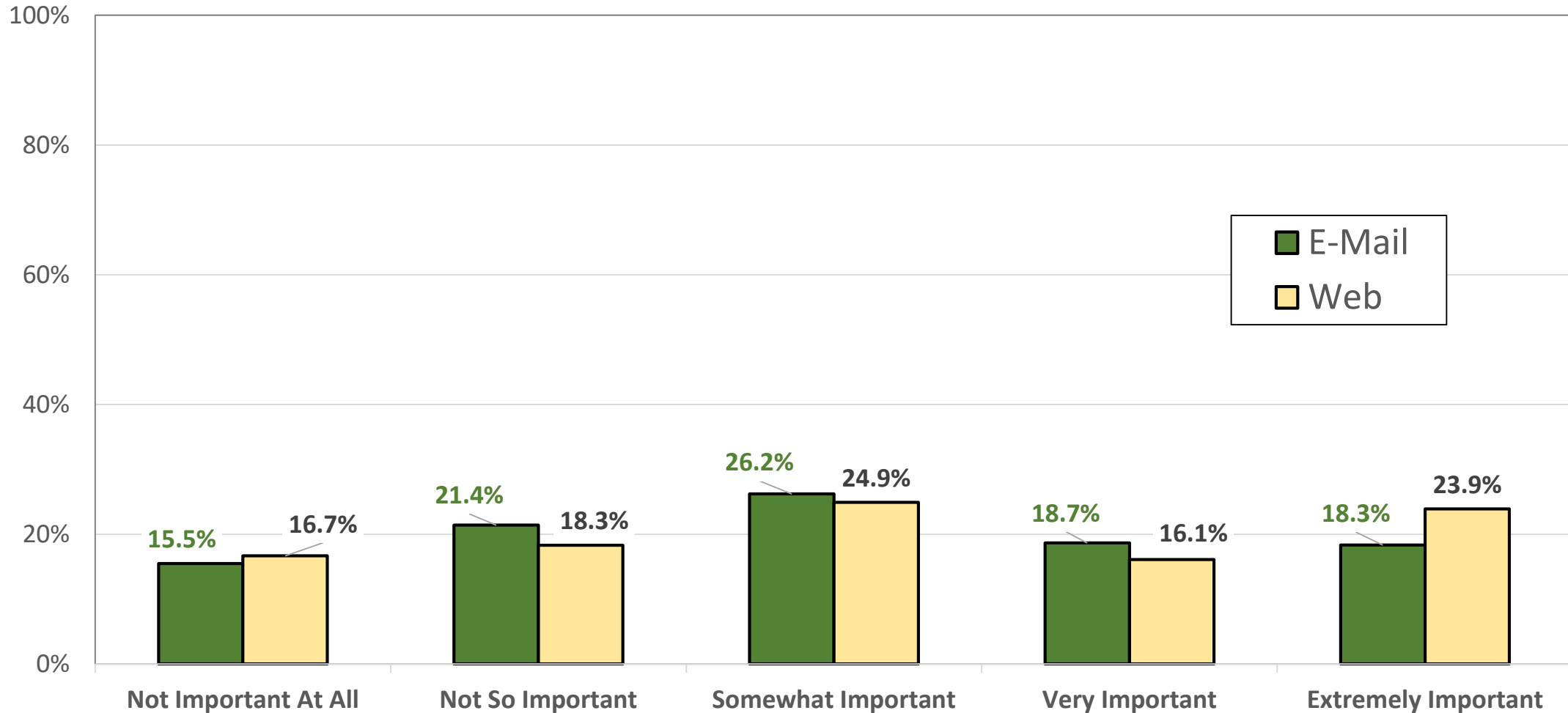
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Percentage of Offshore Red Snapper Anglers Who Preferred the Following 2024 Weekly Schedule



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Relative Importance to Offshore Red Snapper Anglers of Including Labor Day in 2024 Red Snapper Season



2025 Red Snapper Season

- Season will open on Thursday, May 1, 2025 and be open 7 days per week.
- Season will be open until further notice or December 31, 2025.
- Bag limit of 4 fish per person at 16 inches minimum length limit.



Questions

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