

Red Grouper Emergency Action



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Gulf Council
Tampa, FL
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Council Request

- Request that the National Marine Fisheries Service develop an emergency rule for 2025 for red grouper, based on the results of the SEDAR 88 stock assessment and pending SSC approval of updated catch projections in May 2025.
- Additionally, the Council requested that the stock ACL established in the emergency rule be set equal to 90% of the ABC.
- Specifically, the Council requested that no other management measures, such as sector allocations, be modified through this requested emergency rule.

Red Grouper Catch Limits

	Current	Proposed for 2025	
Overfishing Limit (OFL)	5.99	10.64	
Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC)	4.96	8.28	
Stock Annual Catch Limit (ACL)	4.96	7.45	90% of Proposed ABC
Commercial ACL	2.94	4.44	59.6% of Stock ACL
Commercial Annual Catch Target (ACT)	2.79	4.22	5% buffer
Recreational ACL	2.02	3.01	40.4% of Stock ACL
Recreational ACT	1.84	2.74	9% buffer

Catch levels in million pounds gutted weight.

2024 Gulf Red Grouper

- 2024 Commercial ACL and ACT
 - ACT = 2,790,000 lbs
 - Final landings = 2,527,545 lbs (91% of quota)
- 2024 Recreational ACL and ACT
 - ACL = 2.02 mp gutted weight
 - ACT = 1.84 mp gutted weight
- January 1- June 30, 2024 season
- Private recreational landings monitored in MRIP-FES
- 2024 Recreational landings - 2,266,650 lbs
 - 112% of ACL



Projections: Predicting Landings for 2025

- Private recreational landings would be monitored in Florida SRFS units
- No closure projected in 2025 based on proposed 2025 recreational ACT.



Questions?

