

2025 Gag Recreational Season Projection



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2024 Gulf Gag Recreational Season + AMs

- Rec ACL: 163,376 lbs
- ACT: 105,376 lbs
- Season: September 1 to 12:01 am September 16
- Landings: 252,367 lbs
- ACL Overage: 88,991 lbs
- Accountability Measures
 - AM – payback amount of ACL overage unless best scientific information available determines lesser, greater or no overage adjustment is necessary



2025 Gulf Gag Recreational Closure Analysis

- Uses recent landings (2024)
- Private recreational landings tracked in SRFS
- For-hire landings in MRIP-FES
- Elevated fishing effort experienced in 2023 and 2024 due to shortened seasons



2025 Gulf Gag Projected Recreational Season

- ACL: 399,000 lbs
 - Reduced ACL: 310,009 lbs
- ACT: 319,000 lbs
 - Reduced ACT: 230,009 lbs
- Projected Season: 14 days (2024)
20 days (2023-24 avg)
- Season will overlap with federal for-hire red snapper season



Questions?

