

Written Public Comment Summary

Modification to the Recreational For-Hire Red Snapper Fishing Season

Comments received between August 2024 and August 19, 2025

20 Comments received.

- Support for Alternative 1 – No Action
 - Wait until a federal for-hire reporting program is in place before increasing uncertainty by changing season dates.
 - For-hire operators should not be allowed to preseason fish ahead of the private anglers.
- Support for Alternative 2 – Open the federal for-hire red snapper season the Friday before Memorial Day.
 - August fishing is less desirable so opening early is better for business.
 - It would be great to fish a big holiday weekend.
- Support for Alternative 3 - Open the federal for-hire red snapper season May 15th.
 - Allows for more fishing early in the year, which is more desirable.
 - Higher discard mortality associated with fishing later in the year when it's hot, so an early start will benefit the stock.
 - Alternative 2, opening before Memorial Day will not always provide many more days and is inconsistent.
- Use caution in changing the season date if it may cause a quota overage.
- The charter and commercial season dates should mirror the private recreational season.