



Exempted Fishing Permit Proposal

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Louisiana Habitat-Based Exempted Fishing Permit

- Red Snapper only
- Evaluate potential differences in effort and catch over types of hard structure offshore of Louisiana:
 - Oil and gas platforms
 - Artificial reefs
 - Natural bottom
- Test a state management concept
- Test the use and validation of near real-time landings data to manage and provide full accountability
- Includes:
 - Private anglers
 - State guides
 - Federal for-hire captains



Details

- Time frame: Two years (2018 and 2019)
- Location: Entire coast of LA out to 200 NM
- Start: Friday before Memorial Day (May 25, 2018)
- Quota:
 - Private – 743,000 pounds
 - For-Hire – 317,000 pounds
- Monitoring method: LA Creel, ROLP website and smartphone app, electronic logbook (federal for-hire captains)
- Season closure: By Commission or Secretarial action when LA Creel projects a recreational fishery component has either landed or is approaching quota
- Descending devices: use is encouraged for release of both undersized and out of season Red Snappers



Participation Details

- Participation is voluntary
- Requirements:
 - Valid Louisiana Saltwater Fishing License
 - Free Recreational Offshore Landing Permit (ROLP)
- Angler can be domiciled in states other than Louisiana
- Vessel registration is required per federal EFP guidelines



Reporting Details

This project will test real-time electronic data reporting.

- Reporting would be voluntary.
- Private anglers and state guides would report through the ROLP smartphone app or website.
- Federal for-hire captains would report through the LDWF Electronic Charter Pilot Logbook Program or the ROLP smartphone app or website.



Daily Restrictions

- Anglers must abide by existing federal size limit regulations, currently 16 inches for Red Snapper.
- The program will have a two fish per day bag limit.



Season Structure

- Private angling season: Either three day weekends beginning on May 25, 2018; will include Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, if applicable; will run until the private angling quota is met OR continuous days, TBD until the private angling quota is met.
- State guides can only fish in state waters during open private seasons beginning May 25, 2018 and holidays.
- State water seasons would run concurrently with the EFP seasons.
- Federal for-hire season: will begin on May 25, 2018 and run continuously on weekdays and weekend days until the federal for-hire quota is met.



Private Anglers – Angler in Charge Only

Voluntary

- The angler in charge is the angler that registers the trip and is responsible for reporting all data for all anglers on that trip and providing all information, such as vessel number and marina of departure.
- Prior to a trip, the angler in charge would register a trip date (can be up to 5 days in length) and indicate expected time and location of landing.
- Trips can be registered up until departure. (Oversight on application).



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Online Trip Reporting

As part of the LDWF EFP that allows you to fish for red snapper in federal waters, we are asking anglers and for-hire captains to voluntarily report their red snapper landings electronically. Would you like to report electronically?

Yes, I am interested

Description of Reporting:

Through this EFP, LDWF is attempting to test new methods of electronic reporting for the recreational sector. Opting into the electronic reporting program requires that before each red snapper trip, you log into your ROLP account, get a trip authorization number, and provide vessel and departure location information. This can be done up to 11:59 p.m. the day before a trip. After a trip, you would need to log into your ROLP account and report your catch. Only one angler needs to register the trip and report for the trip. Information that you will report for each trip will include:


- The total number of red snapper harvested
- The total number of red snapper discarded
- The average bottom depth fished
- Whether fishing occurred over natural bottom, over an artificial reef, or at a standing platform
- The general location fished (West Delta Block, Grand Isle Block, etc.) by oil lease block

Do you still wish to participate?

--SELECT--
Yes, Opt Me Into Reporting
No, I do not want to participate

SUBMIT REGISTRATION

By submitting this application, you agree to the terms set forth in the EFP agreement.



If you choose to participate in reporting you will be informed of the requirements and asked again if you still wish to participate.

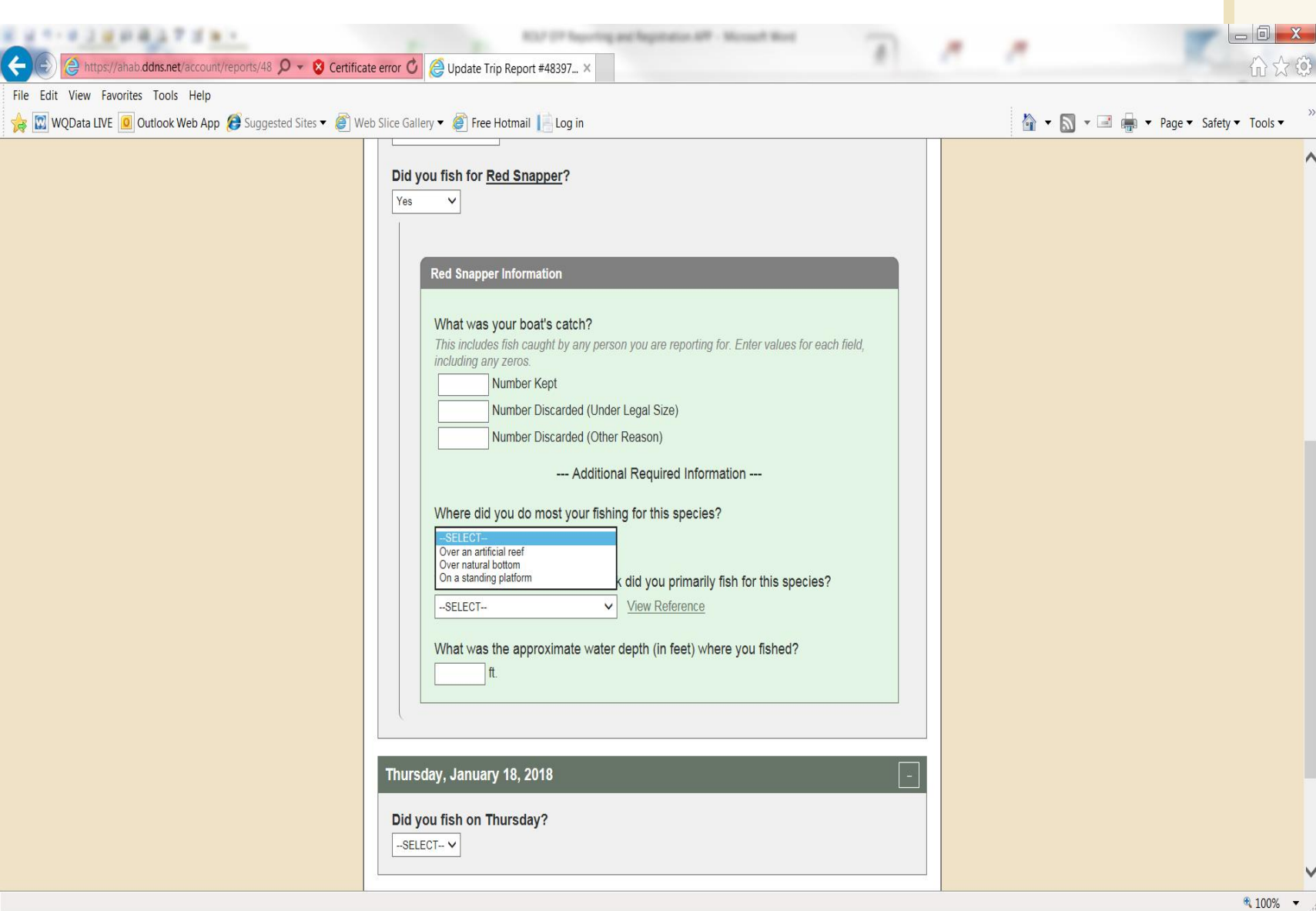
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After a trip, the angler in charge would report the following:

- Number of anglers on the trip
- The number of Red Snapper landed during the trip
- The number of undersized Red Snapper released by all anglers on the trip
- The number of Red Snapper released NOT due to being undersized
- Location (oil field area, e.g. West Delta WD, Ship Shoal SS, East Cameron EC, etc.) of fishing activity
- Average bottom depth of water
- Whether Red Snapper harvest came from an artificial reef, natural bottom, or standing platform.





When the angler is reporting red snapper they will be asked the number kept and the number discarded as well as whether they fished over artificial reef, natural bottom, or near a standing platform. Anglers will also indicate the bottom depth fished and lease area

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Red Snapper Information

What was your boat's catch?
This includes fish caught by any person you are reporting for. Enter values for each field, including any zeros.

Number Kept
 Number Discarded (Under Legal Size)
 Number Discarded (Other Reason)

--- Additional Required Information ---

Where did you do most your fishing for this species?
--SELECT--

Which offshore fishing lease block did you primarily fish for this species?
[View Reference](#)

depth (in feet) where you fished?


Thursday

Did you

--SELECT--

SAVE CHANGES

(You will have the opportunity to review your information before submitting.)



Showing drop down of lease areas to choose.

Federal For-Hire Captains Voluntary

Would report the following through the LDWF Electronic Charter Pilot Logbook Program (if using the ROLP app, details similar to private anglers):

- Vessel information, name, registration, license and permit numbers
- Date and time of trip
- Departure and return location and if public or private facility
- Number of anglers and crew
- Number of hours fished
- Region fished
- Target species
- Hours fished
- Declaration of species, species and number landed and discarded alive and dead.



Trip Report #48397207

This trip report has not yet been submitted. Please verify your responses below and click the submit button at the bottom of the page once you're finished.

Registree	[REDACTED]
ROLP	1231231231-1055109
Trip Confirmation No.	48397207
Status	Ready To Submit
Declared	Mon, January 22, 2018
Trip Start Date	Wed, January 17, 2018
Trip End Date	Thu, January 18, 2018
Fishing Red Snapper?	Yes
In EEZ under EFP?	Yes
Departing From	Bank Along Hwy 1 Roadside
Vessel Registration No.	LA-1234-PU

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Departed From	Bank Along Hwy 1 Roadside
Vessel Registration No.	LA-1234-PU
Number of Anglers	5

Report Summary

Snappers

Red Snapper

Fished **over an artificial reef** in 150-ft. water.
Fished primarily in **East Cameron**.
10 captures were Kept.
15 captures were Discarded (Under Legal Size).
12 captures were Discarded (Other Reason).



Once the angler completes the reporting they will receive a summary page to acknowledge it is correct or they can go back and make edits.

To Be Clear

- Private anglers and for-hire captains must indicate on their ROLP application that they wish to participate in this Habitat Based EFP.
- Private anglers and for-hire captains must include the vessel number they will be fishing from when prompted on their ROLP app.
- A copy of the ROLP or Trip ID number must be on the vessel while fishing under the EFP. If enforcement stops a vessel fishing for red snapper during the EFP season and a copy of the ROLP or Trip ID number indicating the anglers are participating in the EFP is not on board, the anglers may be deemed as fishing out of season.



Analysis

- LDWF and LSU will analyze the utility of user supplied data furnished through an online smartphone application.
- LDWF will analyze the utility of the CLS America logbook program we are conducting under grants.
- LDWF will analyze the data associated with different habitat types under the EFP.



QUESTIONS?

