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Texas Exempted Fishing Permit 2018 & 2019 Seasons



Timeline

- Present to the Gulf Council week of January 29th.
- Late February – publish in Federal Register for 30 day comment period.
- Target approval date of April 15th.
- Provided this timeline would allow for any required changes to present to Commission in March and adopt in May.

Draft Texas EFP proposal

- Requested 16% of overall recreational quota based on the past selected preferred alternative in Amendment 39 – Regional Management.

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Quota Monitoring

- TPWD Marine Sport-Harvest Monitoring Program
 - Gulf-Only and Bay-Pass sample sites
 - Weekly
- *iSnapper* (TPWD and Harte Research Institute (TAMUCC))

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- Would be required to monitor catches and close when quota percentage is reached.
- Projection Considerations (Uncertainties)
 - Latent Demand
 - Behavior modeling prior to 2010
 - Based on 2016 weight ranges

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