



2025 RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER SEASON SUMMARY AND GREATER AMBERJACK LANDINGS

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2025 Red Snapper Season

- 2025 allocation for private recreational and state charter harvest is 894,955 pounds after payback of 39,632 pounds.
- The private recreational and state charter red snapper season opened on May 1, 2025 as a 7 day/week season, with a 4 fish bag limit, in both state and federal waters.
- The season was open for 200 days.
- 947,103 pounds (105.8%) were harvested by private recreational and state charter anglers during the season.
- The season closed on November 16, 2025.



2025 Red Snapper Season

- Harvest by sector:
 - Private Recreational – 841,845 pounds
 - State Charter – 105,257 pounds
 - Federal Charter (not part of allocation) – 147,830 pounds (open from June 1 through September 16)



Federal Charter Allocation

- This 50/50 table excludes 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2015. $50\% * (1986-2005, 2007-2009, 2011-2013) + 50\% * (2007-2009, 2011-2013)$. This is the Reef Fish Amendment 40 Sector Separation Formula.

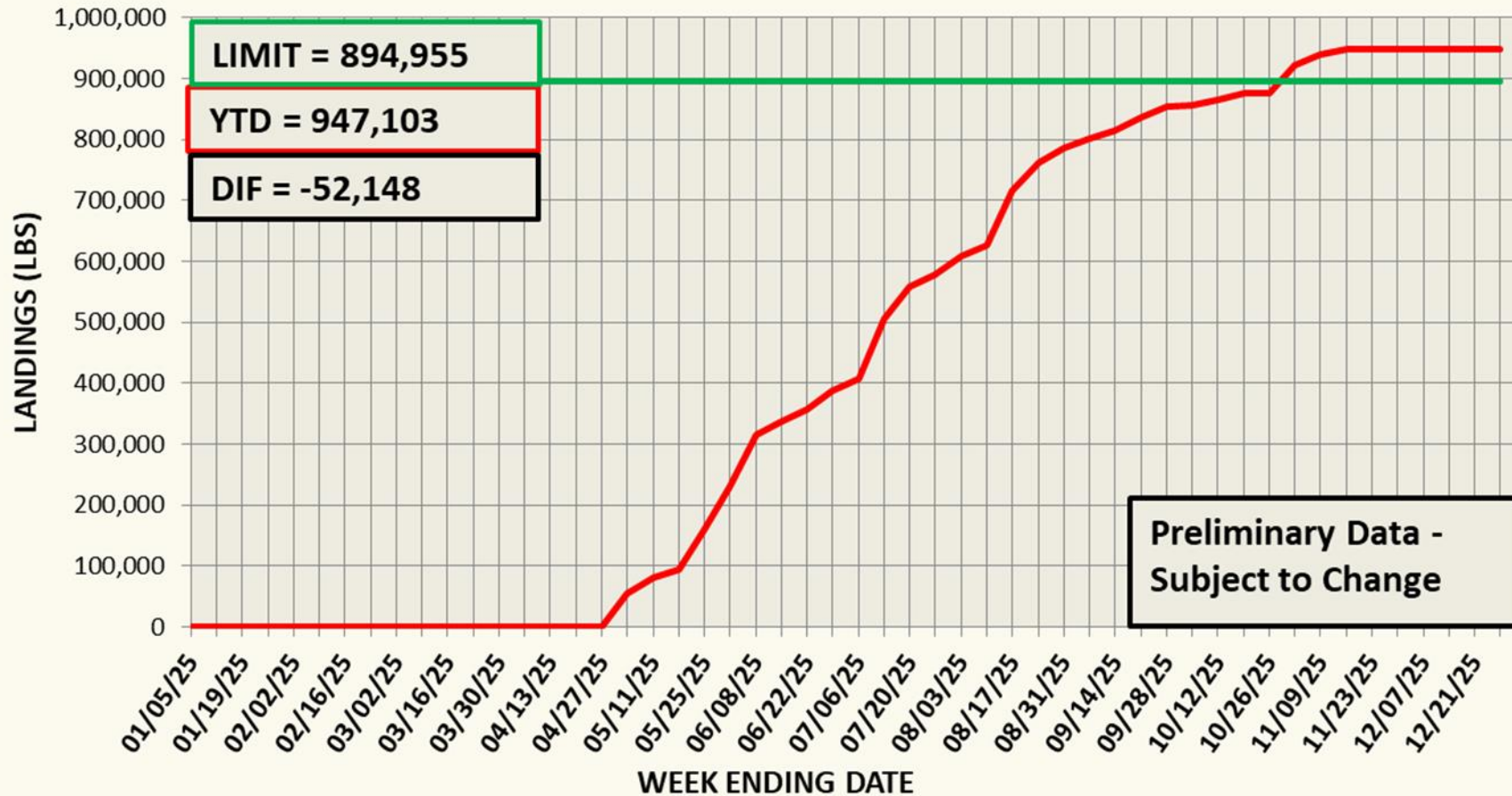
$50\% * (1986-2005, 2007-2009, 2011-2013) + 50\% * (2007-2009, 2011-2013)$.	FLW	AL	MS	LA	TX
Private Landings:	33.61%	36.00%	5.61%	19.13%	5.65%
For Hire Landings:	43.93%	24.29%	0.46%	11.13%	20.18%

- This percentage of the current For-Hire ACL would be 376,257 pounds for Louisiana
- This percentage of the current For-Hire ACT would be 342,394 pounds for Louisiana



2025 Red Snapper Season

LOUISIANA'S 2025 RED SNAPPER LANDINGS ESTIMATE
LA CREEL - PRIVATE ANGLER + STATE CHARTER



LIMIT = 894,955
YTD = 947,103
DIF = -52,148

Preliminary Data -
Subject to Change

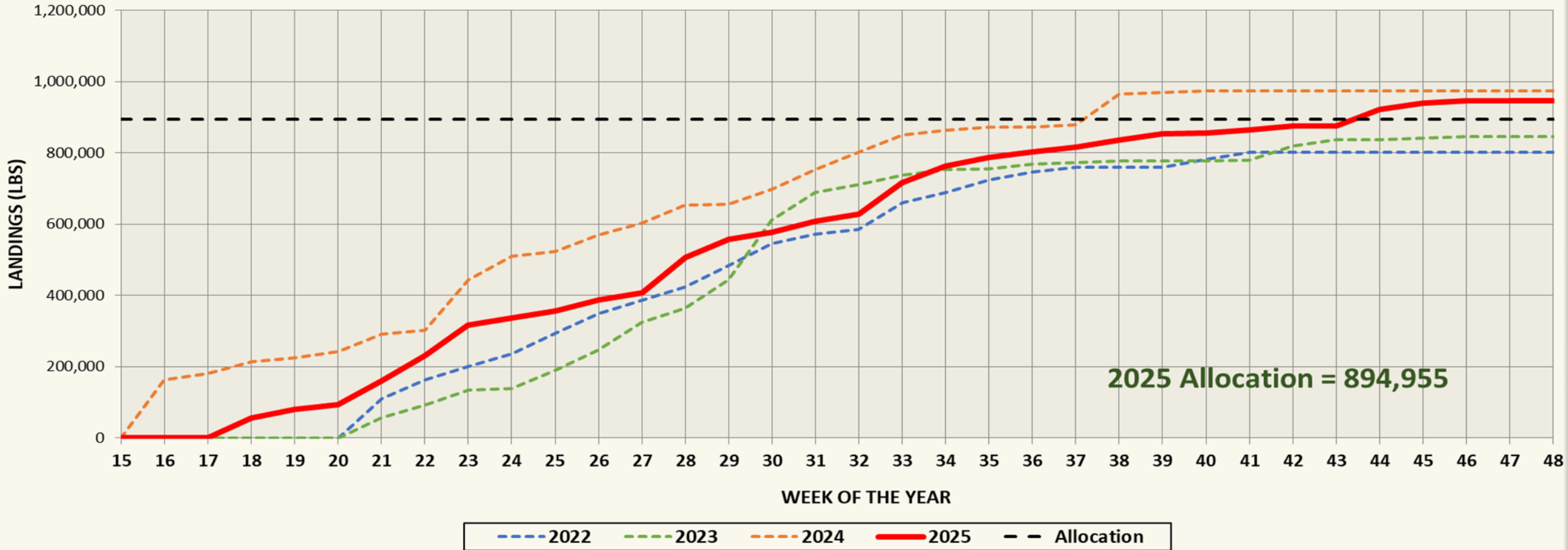
— LANDINGS ESTIMATE

— STATE ALLOCATION



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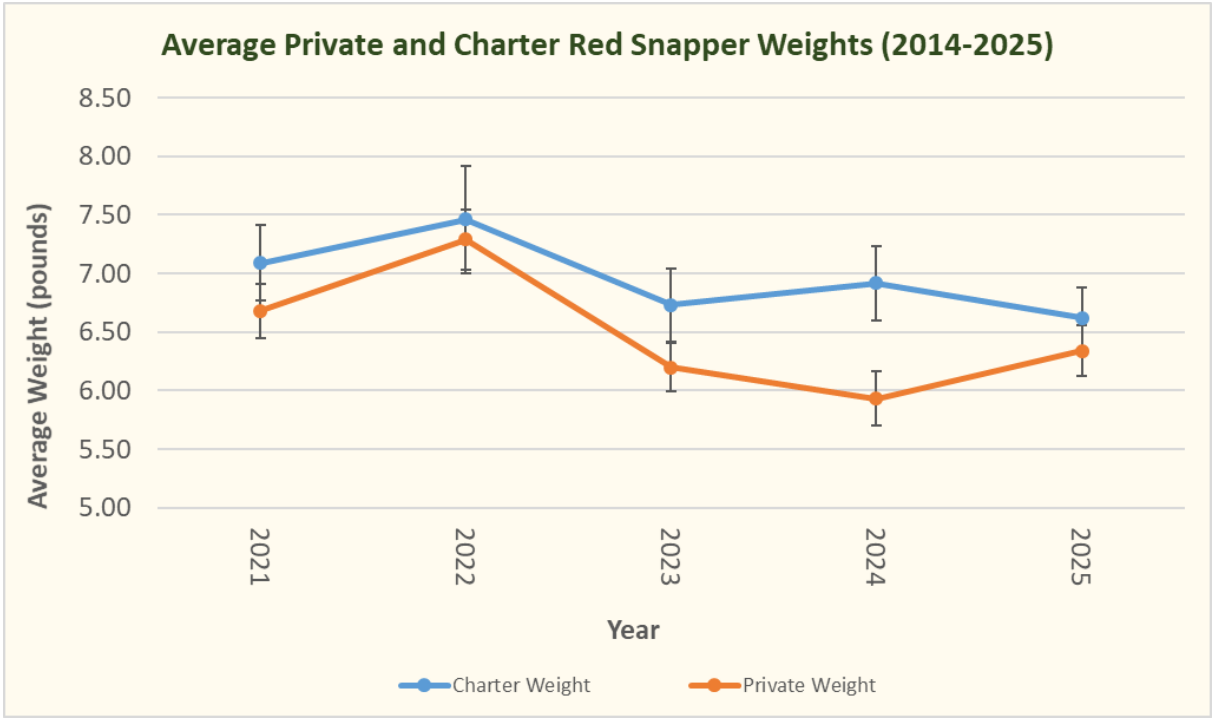
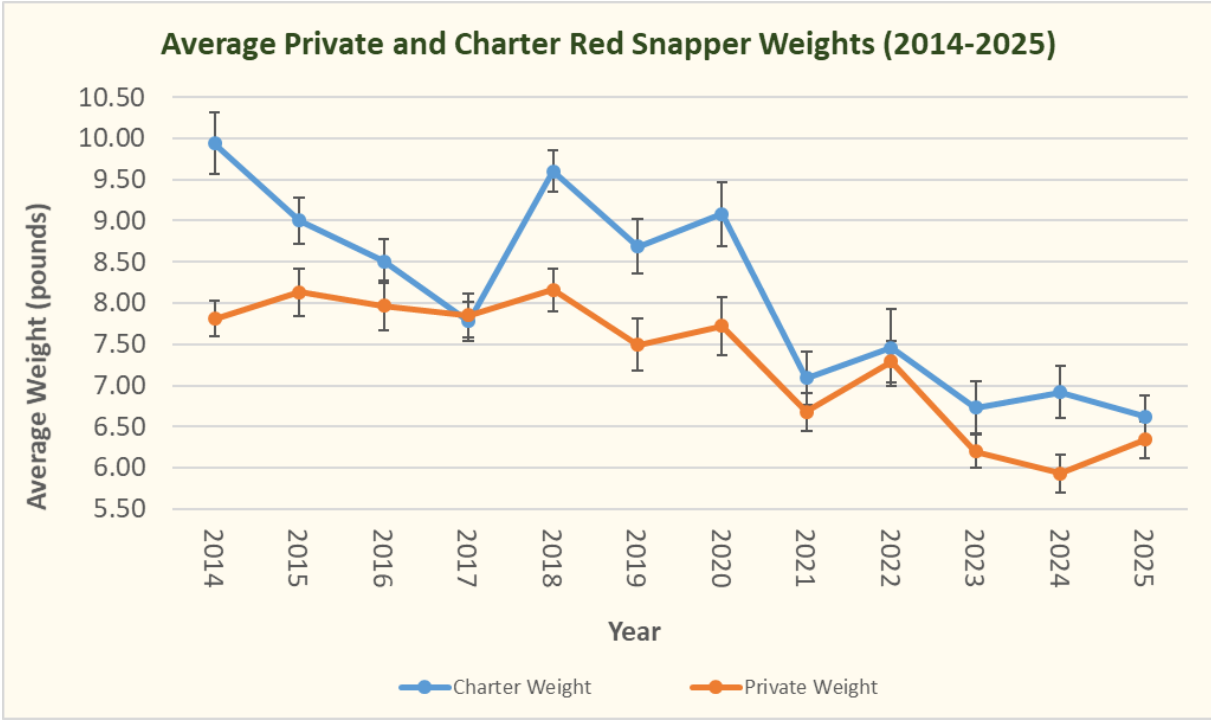
LOUISIANA'S LA CREEL RED SNAPPER LANDINGS ESTIMATES
 (LA CREEL - PRIVATE ANGLER AND STATE CHARTER)



- 2025 Season started the Thursday of Week 18
- Memorial Day was Week 22
- July 4th was in Week 27
- Labor Day was Week 36



Red Snapper Weights (2014 – 2025)



*Weight sampling doubled in 2021

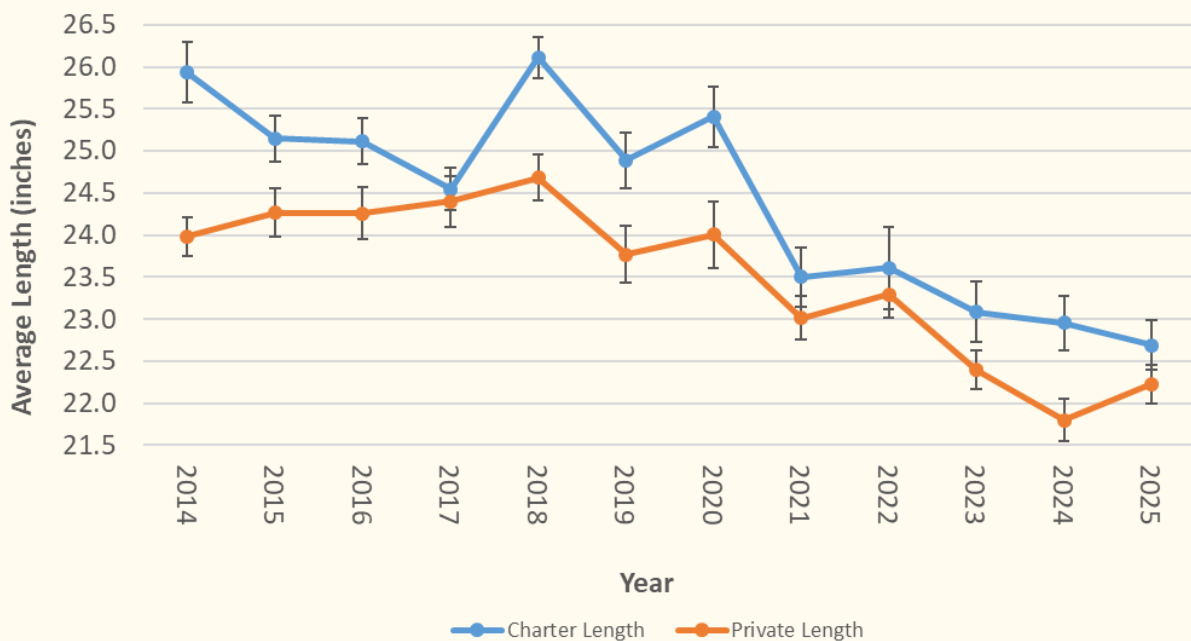
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Private	7.81	8.13	7.97	7.85	8.16	7.49	7.72	6.68	7.29	6.20	5.93	6.34
Charter	9.94	9.00	8.51	7.78	9.60	8.69	9.08	7.09	7.46	6.73	6.96	6.62

Weights are in Pounds
 *2025 Data (894 Charter and 1,608 Private weight samples)

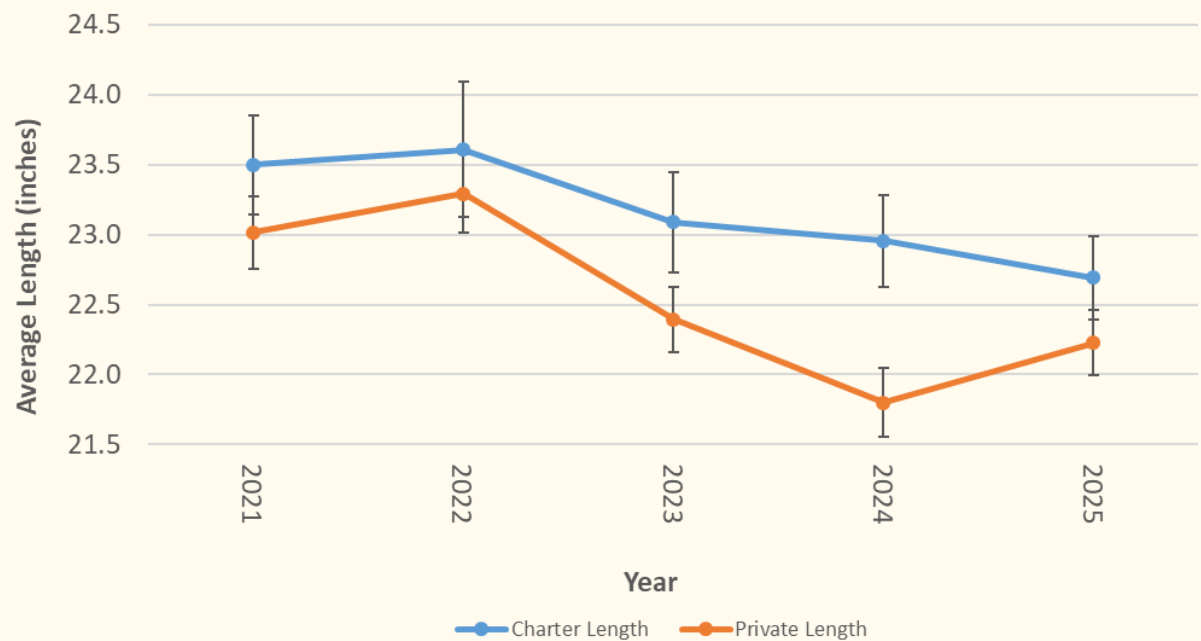


Red Snapper Lengths (2014 – 2025)

Average Private and Charter Red Snapper Lengths (2014-2025)



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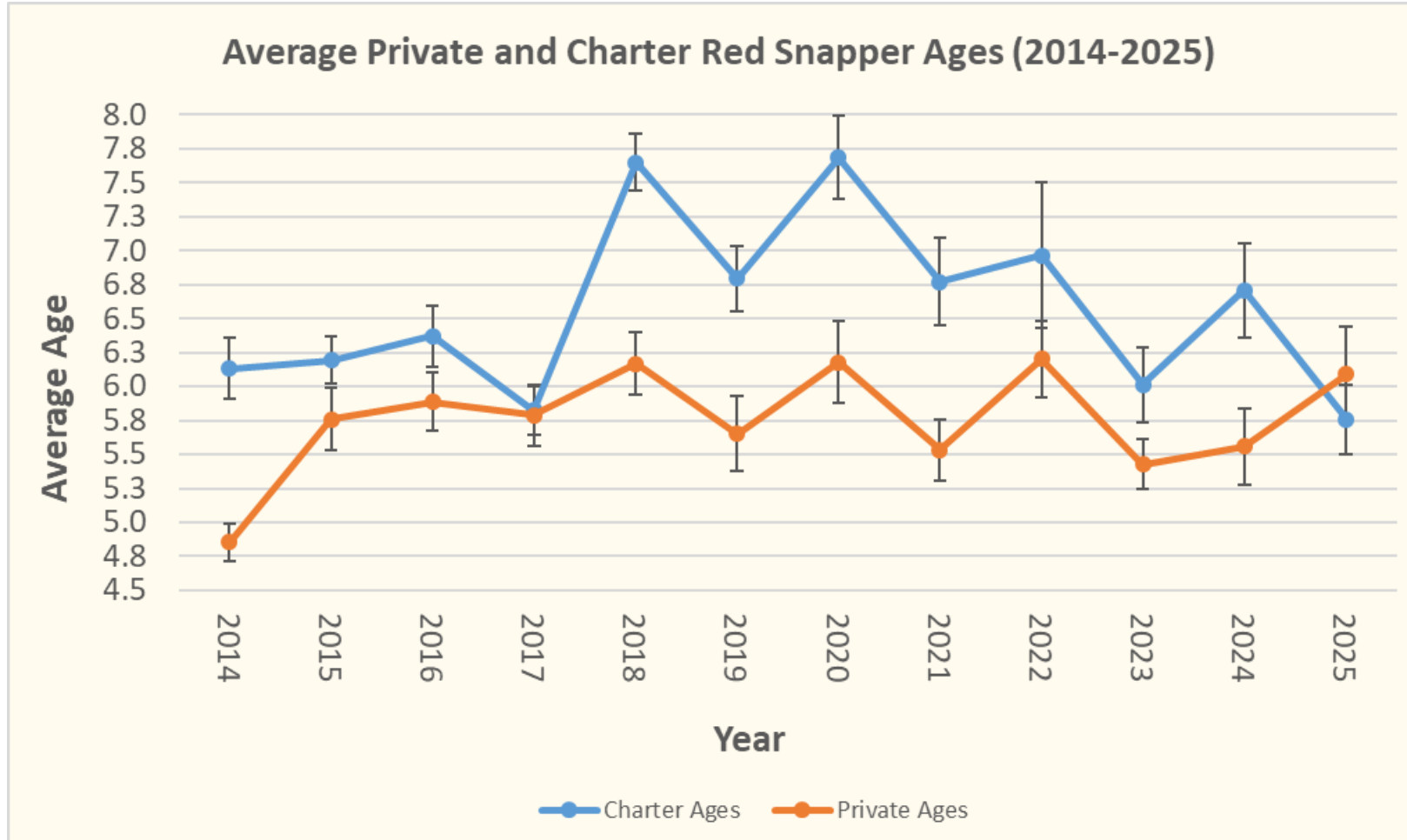
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Private	24.0	24.3	24.3	24.4	24.7	23.8	24.0	23.0	23.3	22.4	21.8	22.2
Charter	25.9	25.1	25.1	24.5	26.1	24.9	25.4	23.5	23.6	23.1	23.0	22.7

Lengths are in Inches Total Length

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Red Snapper Ages (2014 – 2025)



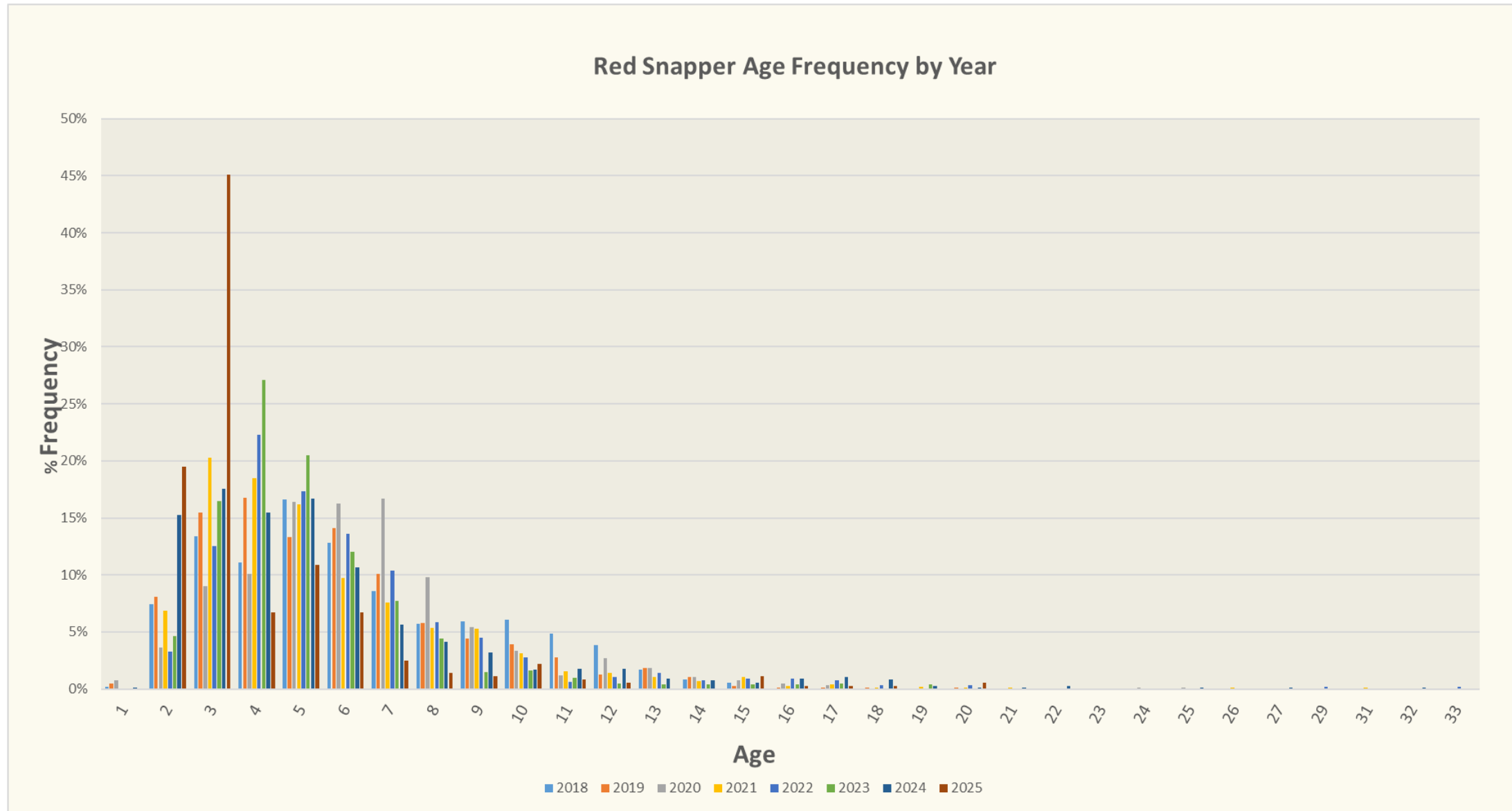
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Private	4.9	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.2	5.7	6.2	5.5	6.2	5.4	5.6	6.1
Charter	6.1	6.2	6.4	5.8	7.6	6.8	7.7	6.8	7.0	6.0	6.7	5.8

*June 1 used as birthday and fractional ages calculated based upon edge codes

*2025 ages processed included 579 charter age samples and 643 private samples



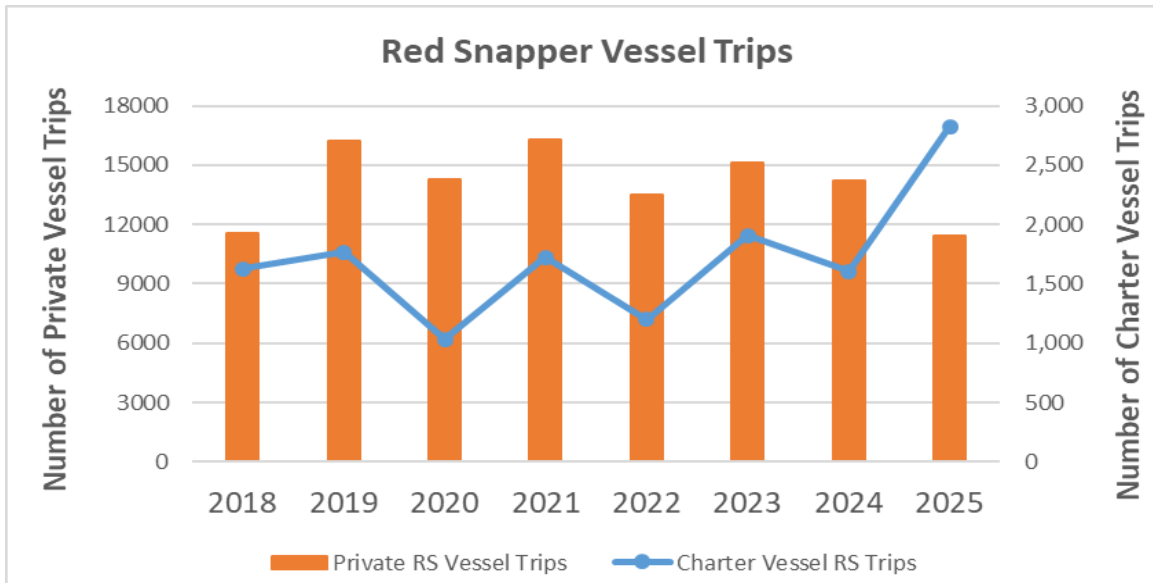
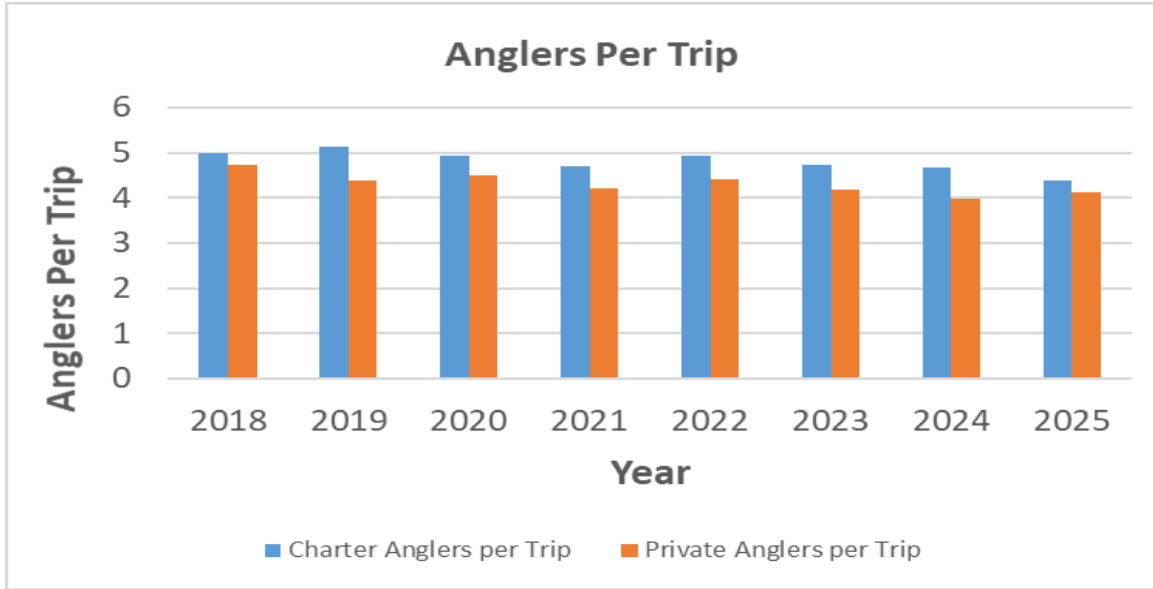
Red Snapper Age Distribution (2018 – 2025)



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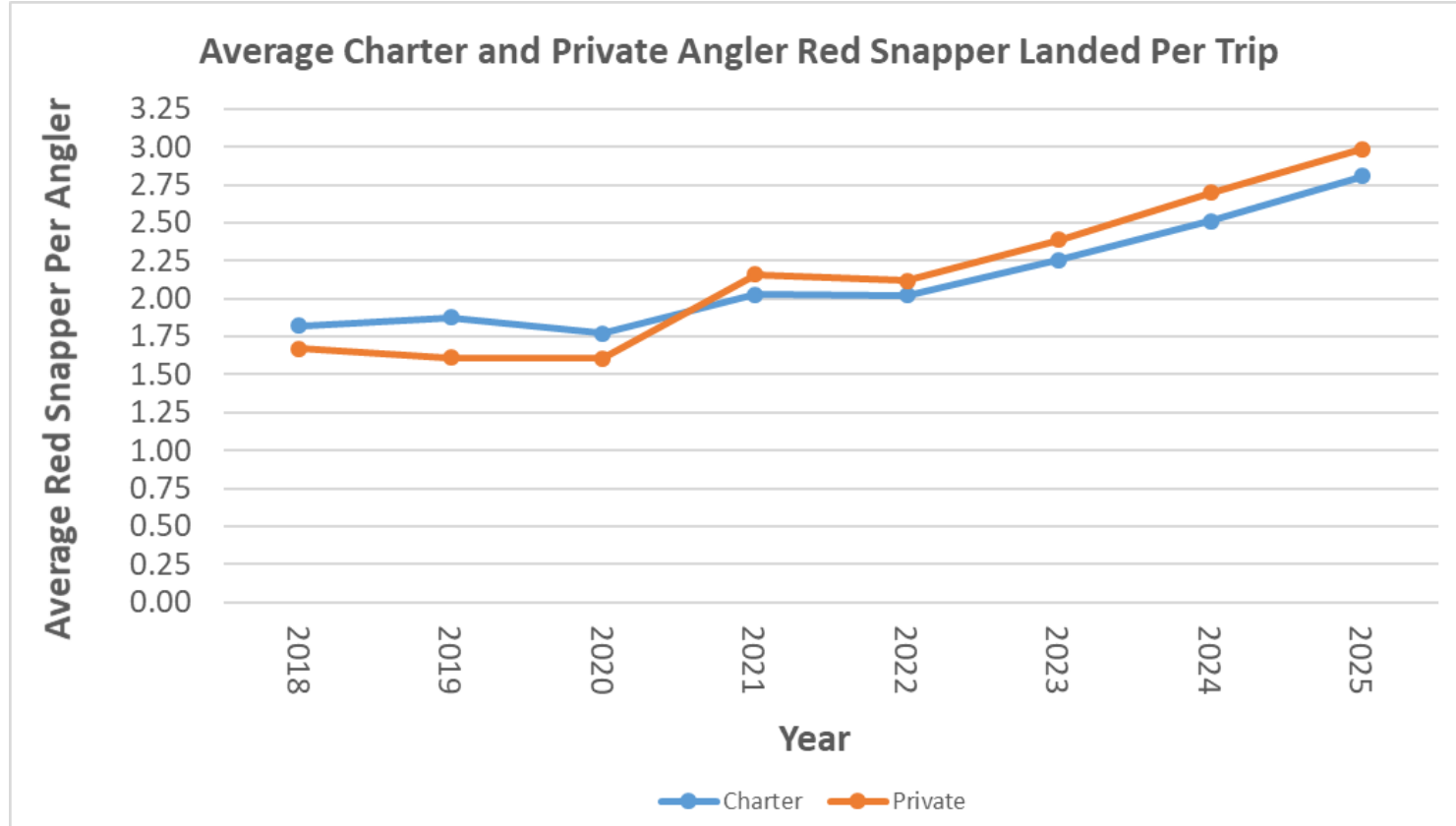
Red Snapper CPUE (2018 – 2025)



Mode	Year	Average Anglers Per Boat Trip	Estimated Targeted RS Angler Trips	Estimated RS Boat Trips
Charter	2018	4.99	8,104	1,624
Charter	2019	5.13	9,058	1,766
Charter	2020	4.92	5,084	1,034
Charter	2021	4.69	8,082	1,723
Charter	2022	4.93	5,917	1,201
Charter	2023	4.72	9,011	1,910
Charter	2024	4.67	7,507	1,614
Charter	2025	4.33	12,220	2,824
Private	2018	4.73	54,665	11,546
Private	2019	4.38	71,059	16,220
Private	2020	4.49	64,115	14,285
Private	2021	4.22	68,790	16,303
Private	2022	4.41	59,700	13,524
Private	2023	4.17	63,040	15,124
Private	2024	3.98	56,506	14,192
Private	2025	4.10	46,871	11,454



Red Snapper Angler Per Trip CPUE (2018 – 2025)



Mode	Year	Average Red Snapper Per Angler*
Charter	2018	1.82
Charter	2019	1.88
Charter	2020	1.77
Charter	2021	2.03
Charter	2022	2.02
Charter	2023	2.26
Charter	2024	2.51
Charter	2025	2.81
Private	2018	1.67
Private	2019	1.61
Private	2020	1.60
Private	2021	2.16
Private	2022	2.12
Private	2023	2.39
Private	2024	2.70
Private	2025	2.99

	Bag Limits							
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Season Start	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	4
Season End	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4

* For trips landing Red Snapper



LA Recreational Red Snapper Seasons History

Year	Open Date	Close Date	Structure	Re-Open Date	Re-Close Date	Structure	Total Days	Allocation (lbs) (Over, Under, or Payback)
2018	May 25	July 8	Daily - 2 fish	July 13	August 12	Weekends -2 fish	60	743,000 (6,286 Under Harvest)
2019	May 24	September 3	Weekends – 2 fish	September 27 November 28	November 24 December 31	Weekends – 2 fish Daily – 2 fish	109	816,439* (31,901 Over Harvest)
2020	May 22	August 10	Weekends – 2 fish	September 4	September 7	Daily – 2 fish	41	784,332 (31,901 Payback)
2021	May 28	September 6	Weekends – 2 fish	September 24	December 31	Daily – 4 fish	146	816,233* (6,943 Over Harvest)
2022	May 27	September 18	Weekends – 3 fish	October 7	October 14	Daily – 4 fish	62	809,315 (6,943 Payback)
2023	May 26	December 31	Daily – 3 fish 4 fish – July 17	N/A	N/A	N/A	220	934,587 (78,934 Under Harvest)
2024	April 15	July 7	Daily – 4 fish	July 12 August 19	August 18 October 6	Weekends – 4 fish Daily – 4 fish	151	934,587* (39,632 Over Harvest)
2025	May 1	November 16	Daily – 4 fish	N/A	N/A	N/A	200	894,955* (52,148 Over Harvest)

- Weekend Seasons are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and include the Mondays of Memorial Day and Labor Day, and July 4 (on whatever day it may fall), unless the season closed prior to any of those days.
- * Overage occurred, Payback is shown in following year.
- Under harvests are noted.



Greater Amberjack



Greater Amberjack Recreational Landings (LA Creel)

Recreational Greater Amberjack Landings in Numbers of Fish

Year	Total	Private	Charter
2014	7,591	7,135	456
2015	12,282	9,012	3,270
2016	8,696	6,627	2,069
2017	404	288	116
2018	10,223	5,898	4,325
2019	5,924	4,258	1,666
2020	2,434	1,529	905
2021	2,535	1,556	979
2022	834	611	223
2023	1,287	966	321
2024	1,312	673	639
2025	534	124	410

Recreational Greater Amberjack Landings in Pounds

Year	Total	Private	Charter
2014	208,521	195,995	12,526
2015	385,308	282,722	102,586
2016	277,026	211,115	65,912
2017	22,792	16,248	6,544
2018	355,872	205,315	150,557
2019	245,401	176,387	69,014
2020	72,978	45,844	27,134
2021	98,920	60,718	38,202
2022	25,171	18,441	6,730
2023	45,199	33,926	11,273
2024	68,060	34,912	33,148
2025	18,488	4,293	14,195



Greater Amberjack Weekly Landings

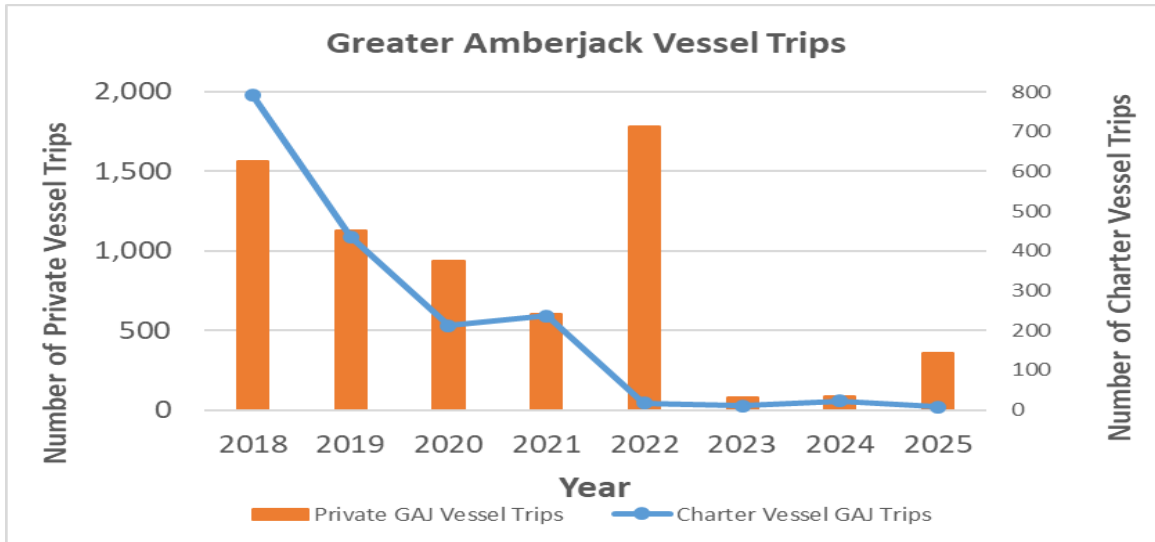
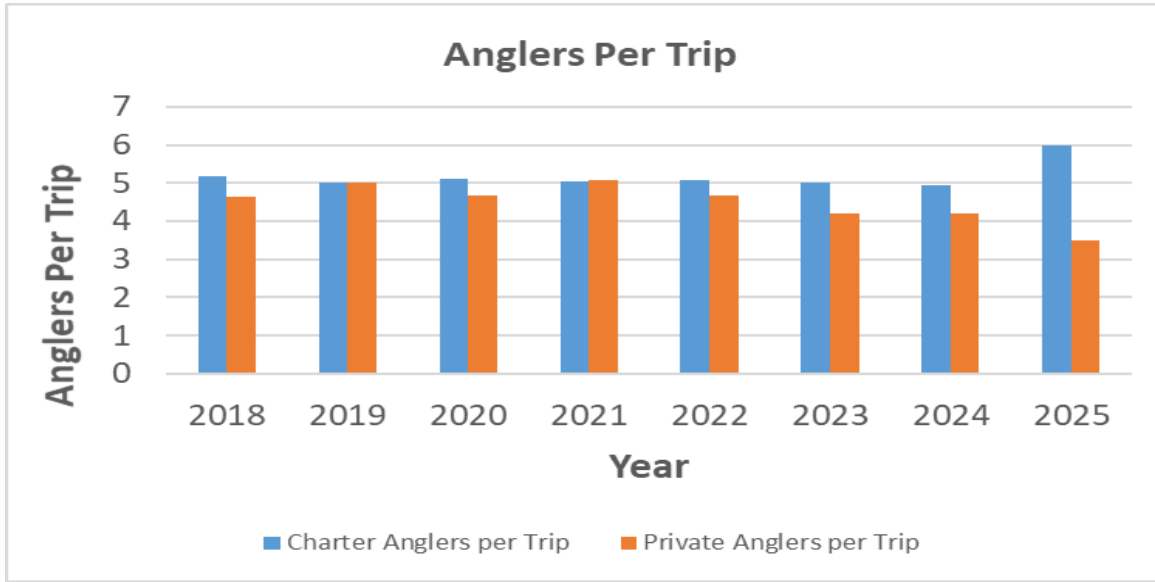
Greater Amberjack Weekly Landing Estimates (LA Creel)					
			Landings (# of Fish)		
Week	Begin Date	End Date	Charter	Private Angler	Total
36	9/1/25	9/7/25	242	81	323
37	9/8/25	9/14/25	153	32	185
38	9/15/25	9/21/25	15	11	26
39	9/22/25	9/28/25	0	0	0
40	9/29/25	10/5/25	0	0	0
41	10/6/25	10/12/25	0	0	0
42	10/13/25	10/19/25	0	0	0
43	10/20/25	10/26/25	0	0	0
44*	10/27/25	11/2/25	0	0	0

*State season closed beginning on 11/01/25

*LA Encountered a total of 6 Private intercepts and 13 Charter intercepts during the 2025 season



Greater Amberjack CPUE (2018 – 2025)



Mode	Year	Average Anglers Per Boat Trip	Estimated Targeted GAJ Angler Trips	Estimated GAJ Boat Trips
Charter	2018	5.19	4,117	793
Charter	2019	5.02	2,187	436
Charter	2020	5.11	1,083	212
Charter	2021	5.06	1,201	237
Charter	2022	5.06	87	17
Charter	2023	5.00	49	10
Charter	2024	4.94	109	22
Charter	2025	6.00	39	7
Private	2018	4.65	7,273	1,563
Private	2019	5.02	5,678	1,131
Private	2020	4.68	4,394	939
Private	2021	5.06	3,067	606
Private	2022	4.68	8,339	1,780
Private	2023	4.19	337	80
Private	2024	4.21	359	85
Private	2025	3.50	1,256	359



Questions

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