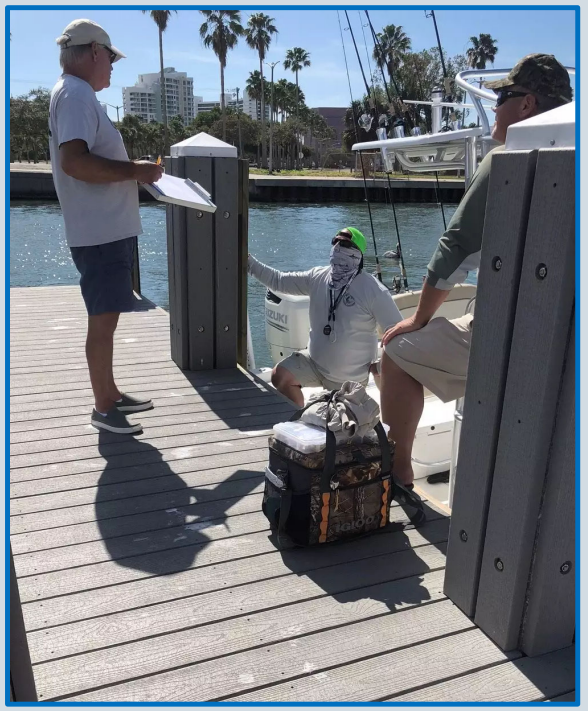
2026 Florida Gulf Red Snapper & GAJ Update



Gulf Council Meeting – Galveston, TX
October 27-29, 2026

Florida State Reef Fish Survey (SRFS)

- Replaced the Gulf Reef Fish Survey in July 2020
- Required for all fishers (Gulf and Atlantic) targeting or harvesting **13** reef fish species from a private vessel
  - Annual no-cost designation
- Two survey components
  - Mail survey (monthly) & dockside interviews
  - Supplemented with MRIP angler interviews
- Not designed for “real-time” monitoring like other states
  - Not feasible for FL due to numerous access points and larger amount of anglers



2026 Florida Gulf Red Snapper Season

- 2026 quota: 2,769,631 lbs.
- Summer: May 22 – July 31
- Fall: Daily from Sept. 1 – Oct. 4 and Oct. 9–22, then weekends for the remainder of the year
    - Oct. 23–25, Oct. 30 – Nov. 1 (Fri. – Sun.)
    - Nov. 7–8, 14–15, 21–22 (Sat. & Sun.)
    - Nov. 26–29 (Thanksgiving weekend)
    - Dec. 5–6, 12–13, 19–20
    - Dec. 25–27 (Christmas weekend)

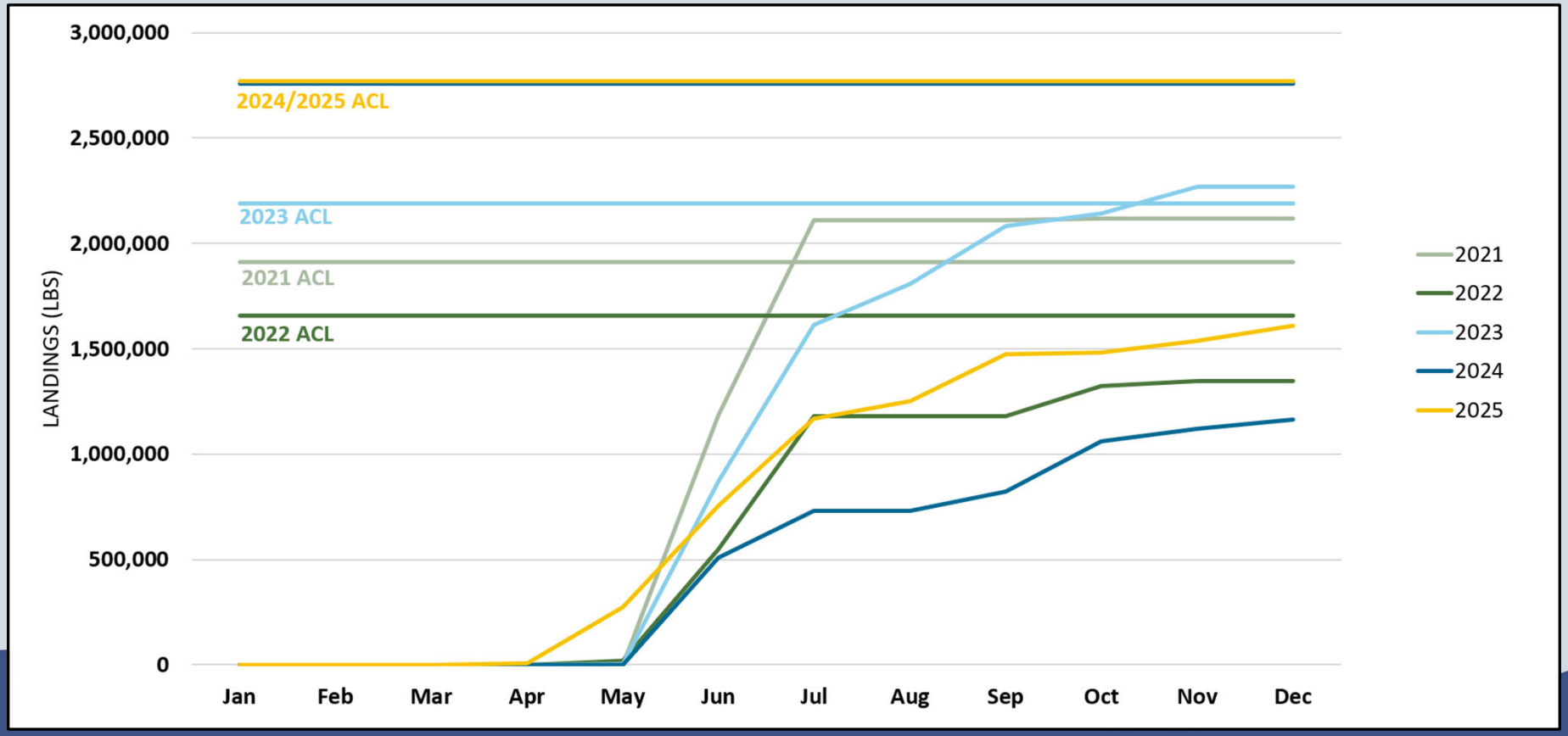


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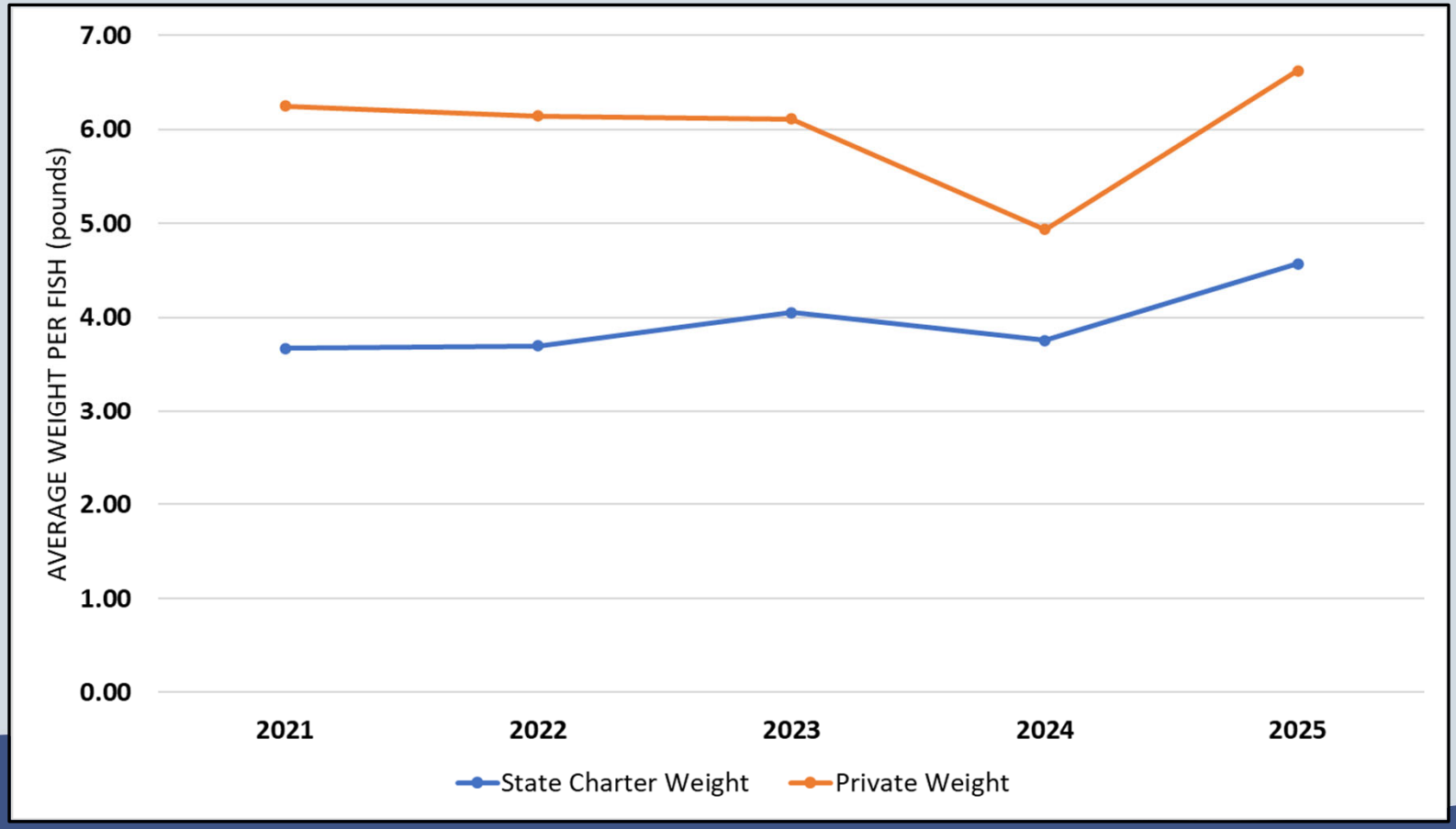
Preliminary landings pending MRIP update data release

Recreational Private Gulf Red Snapper Landings Estimates

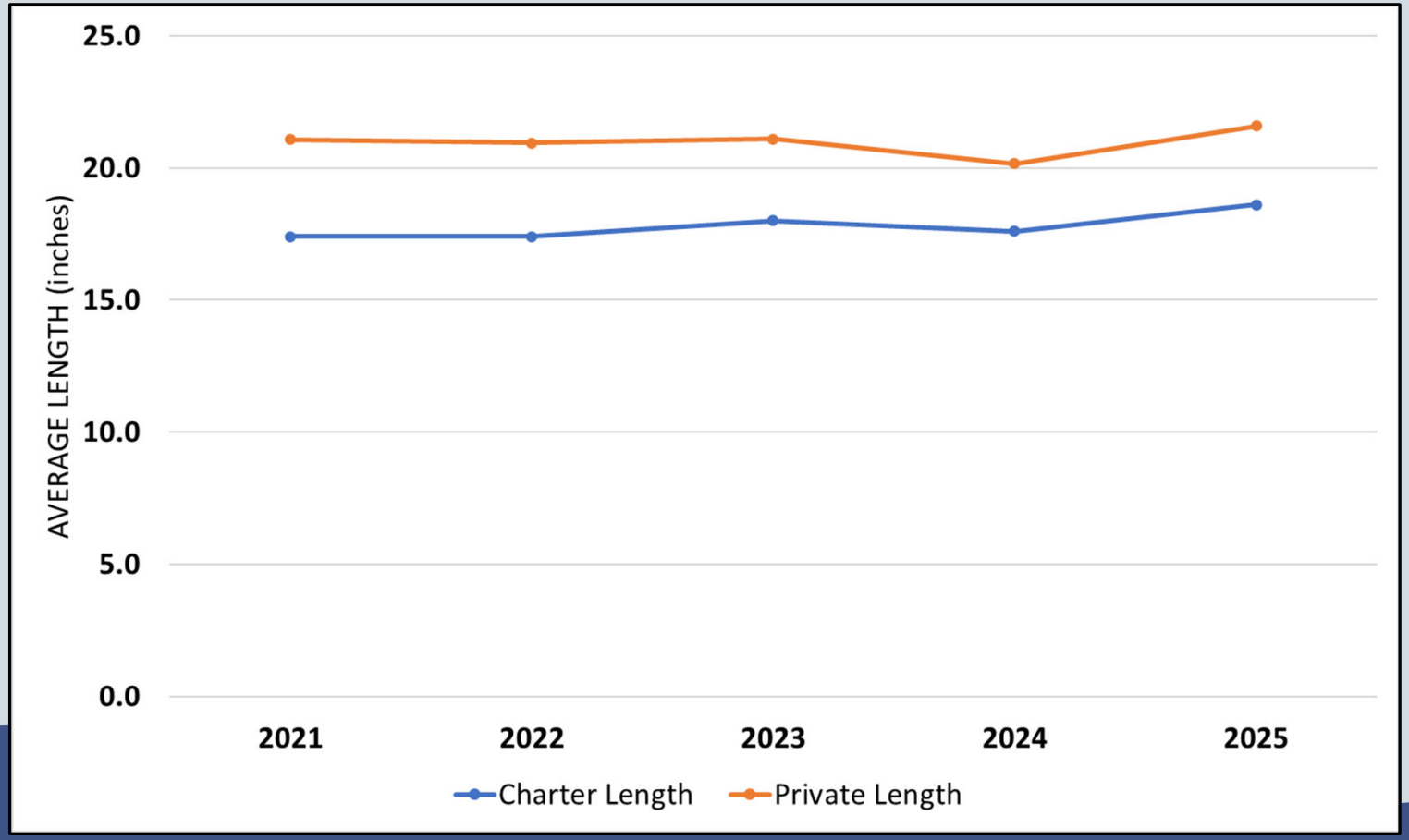
- **Final 2025 landings**: 1,754,841pounds (63% of quota)



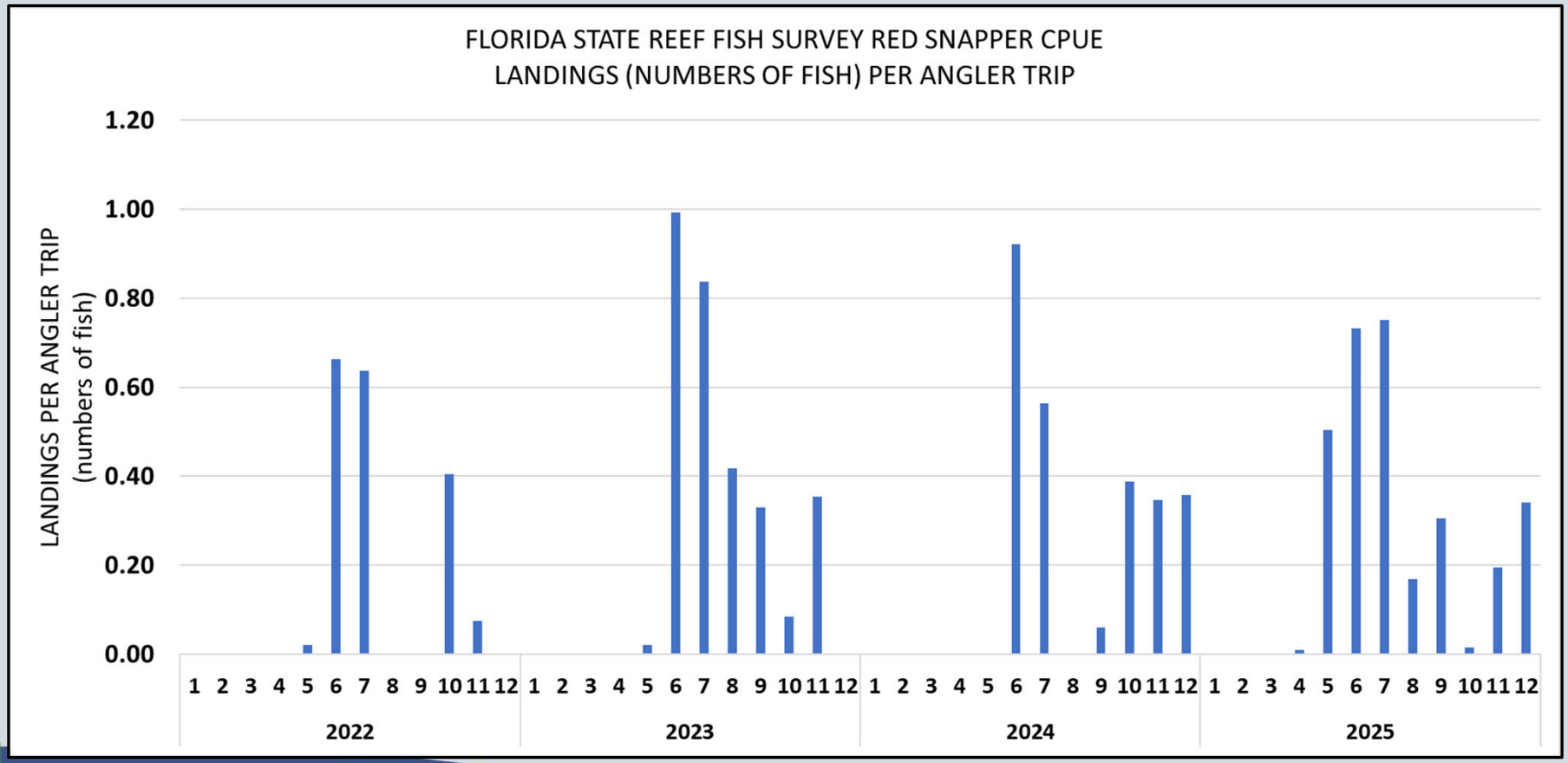
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Private Recreational Gulf Red Snapper CPUE



Gulf Greater Amberjack

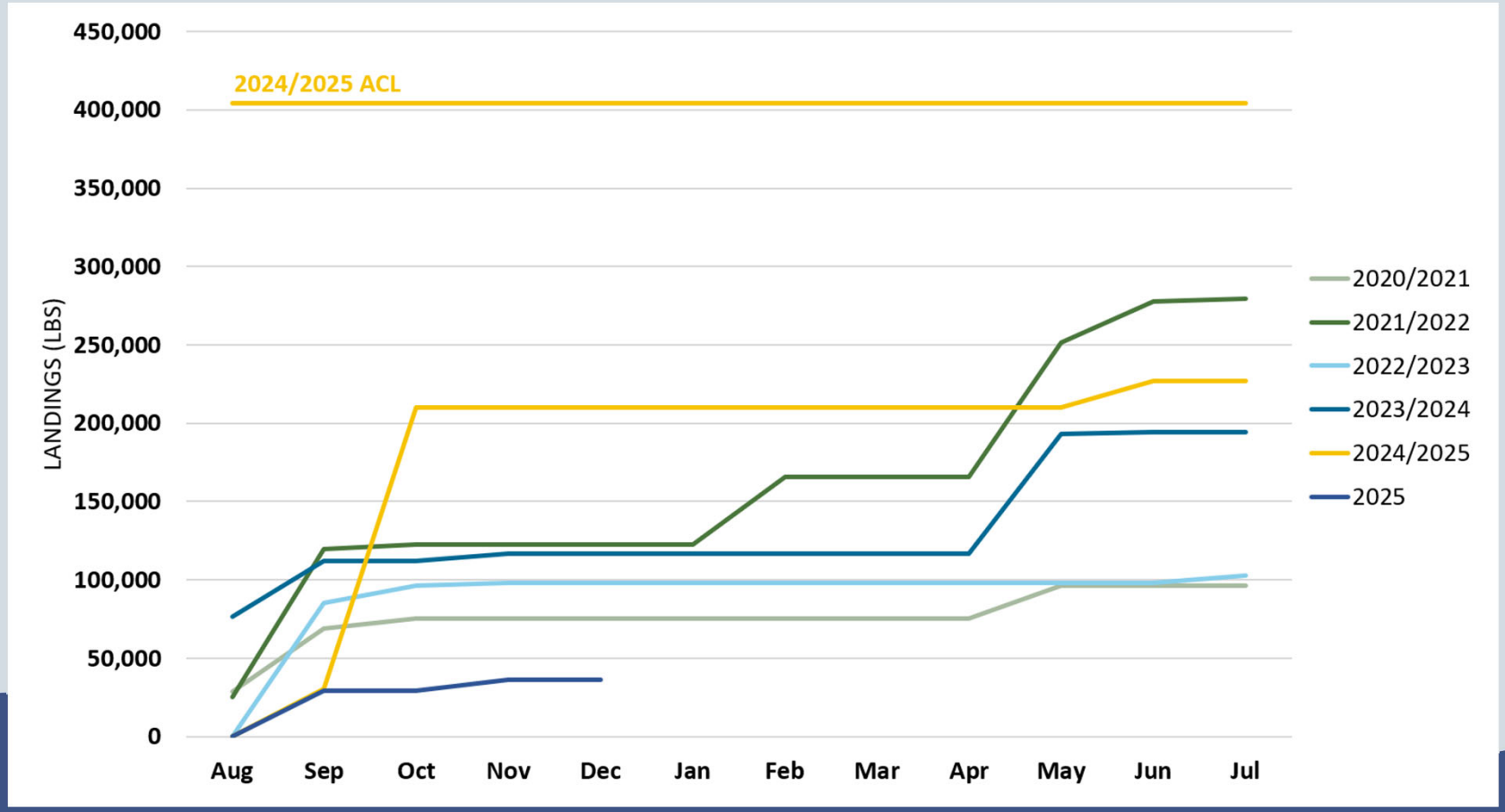
- FWC approved EO for consistent state and federal seasons
  - September 1–27, 2025
  - September 1 – Oct. 13, 2026
- SRFS landing supplemented with MRIP intercepts
  - **2026 landings not available yet**



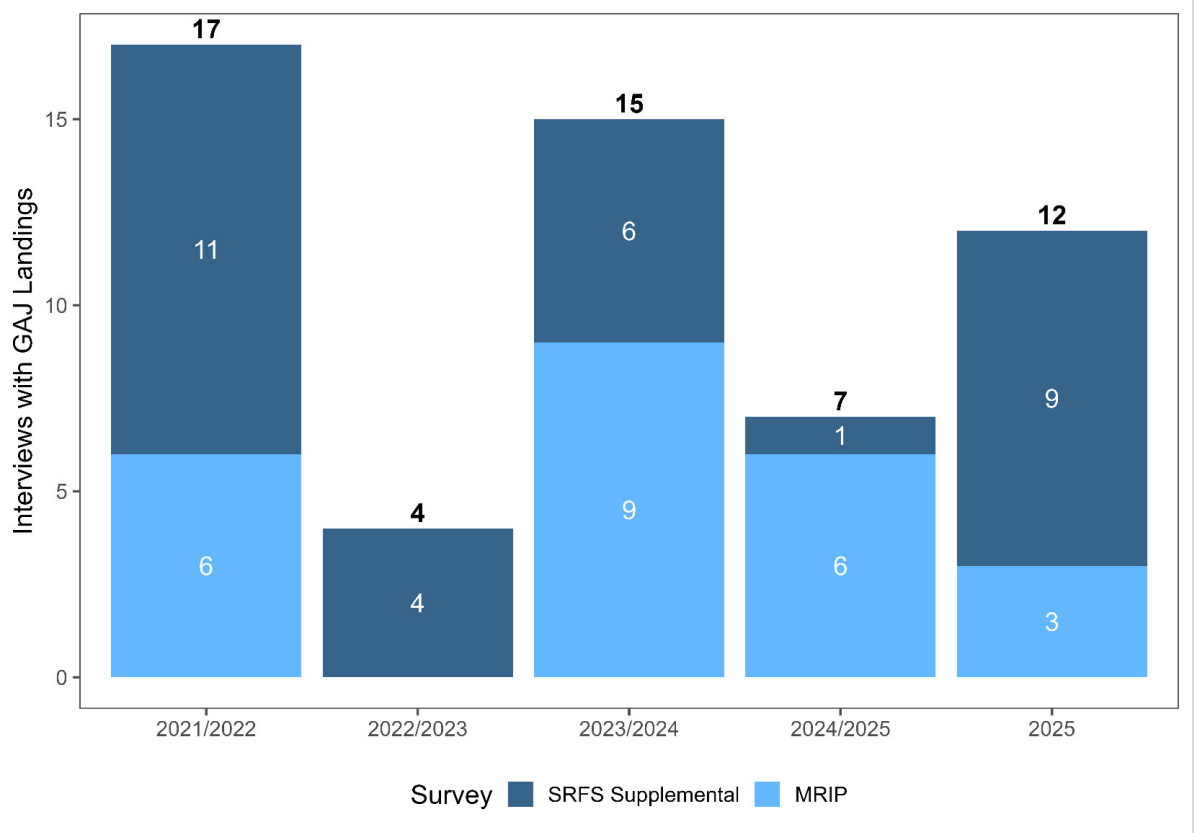
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Recreational Private Gulf Greater Amberjack Landings

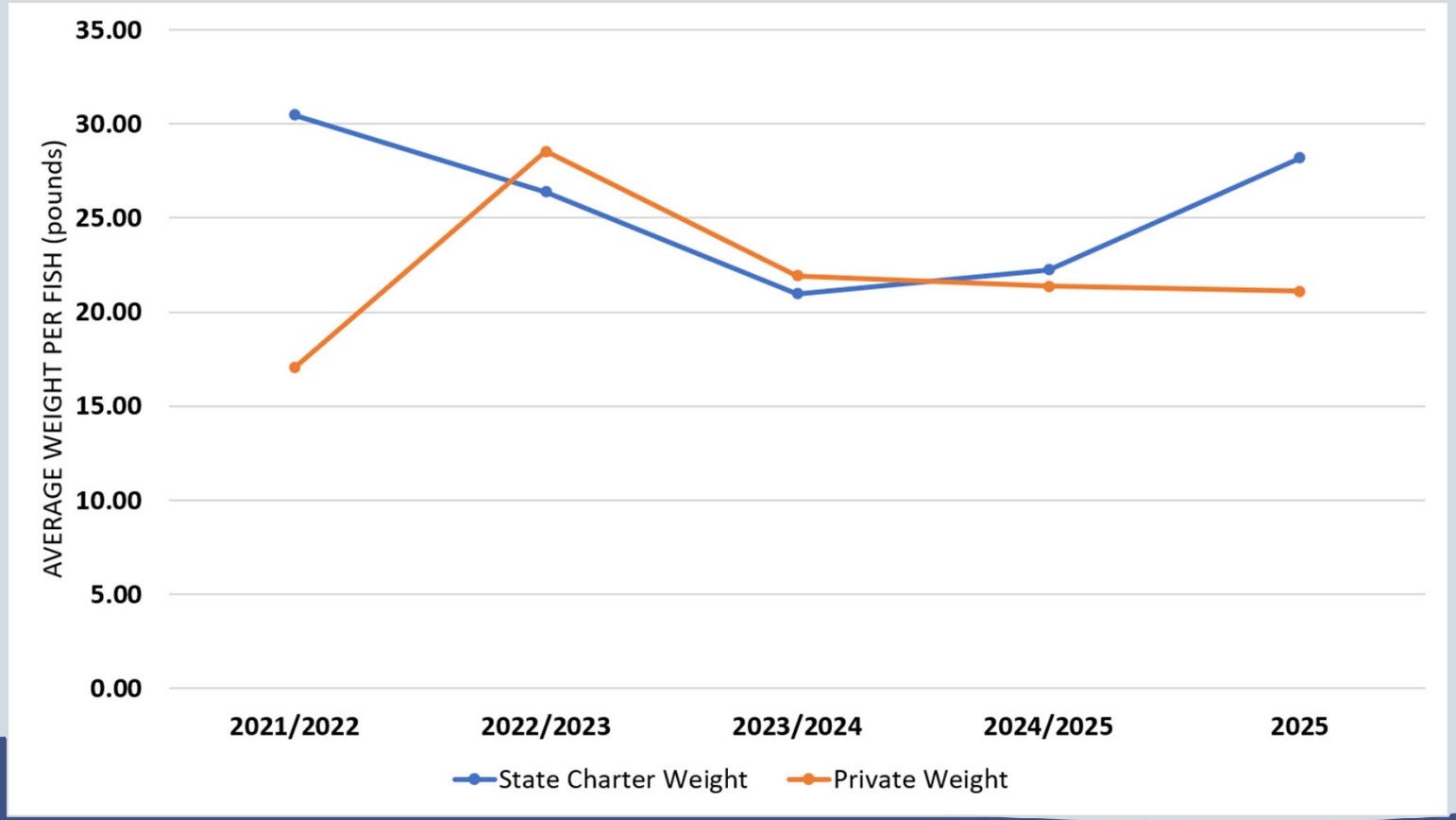
- **2025/2026 season landings (*through December 2025*):** 36,157 lbs.



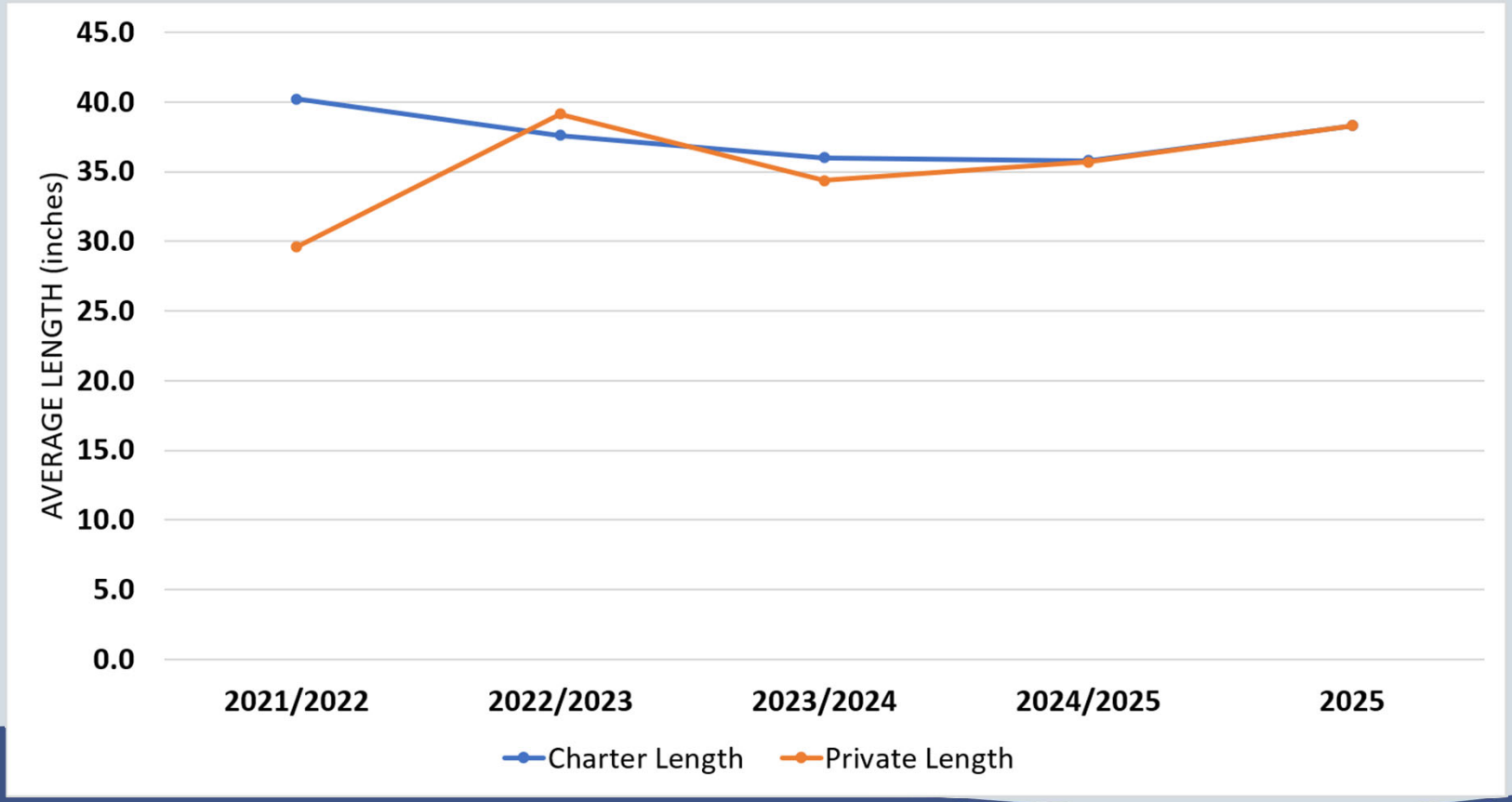
Greater Amberjack Dockside Sample Sizes



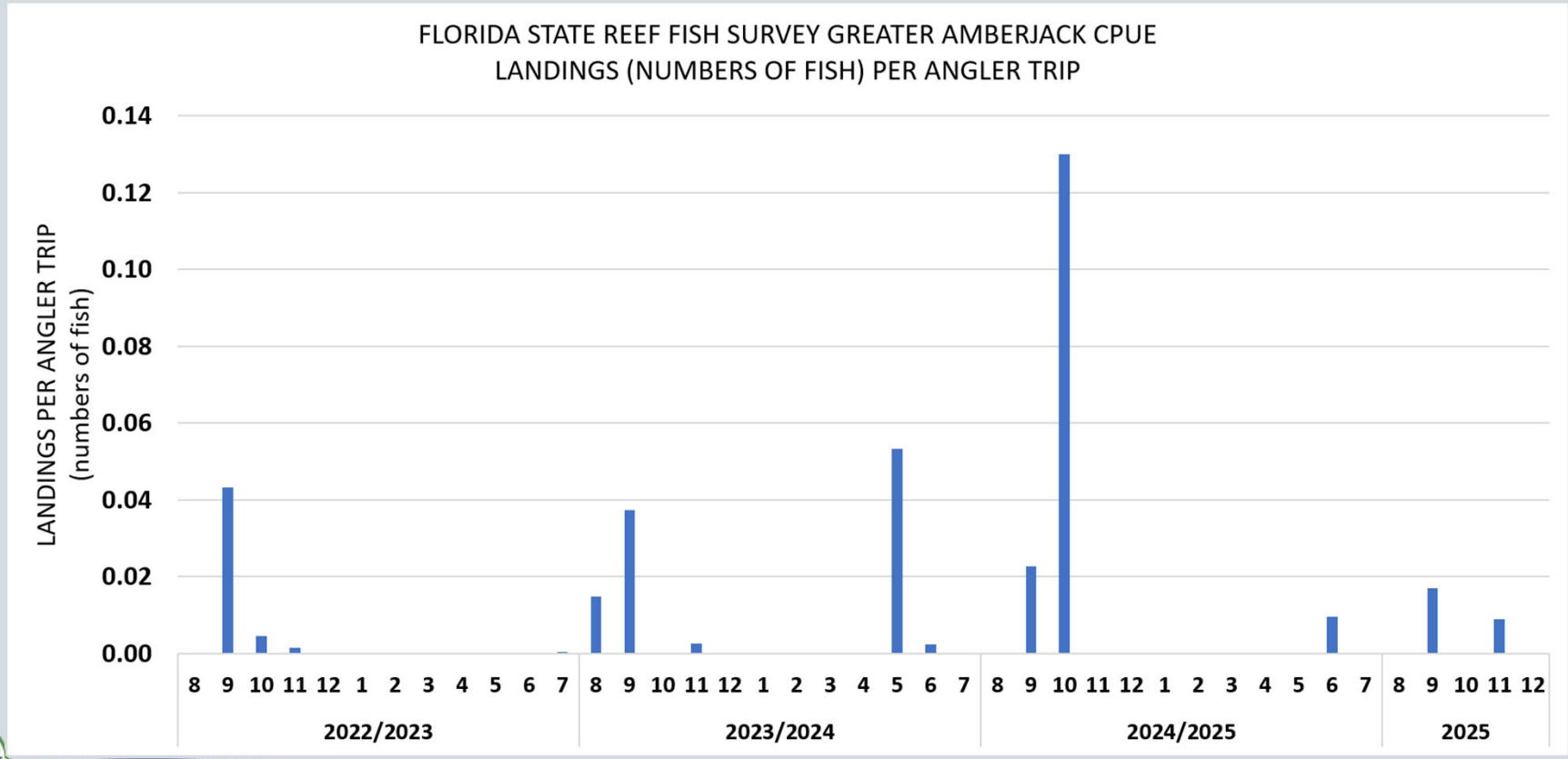
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Gulf Reef Fish Private Recreational Effort Estimates

