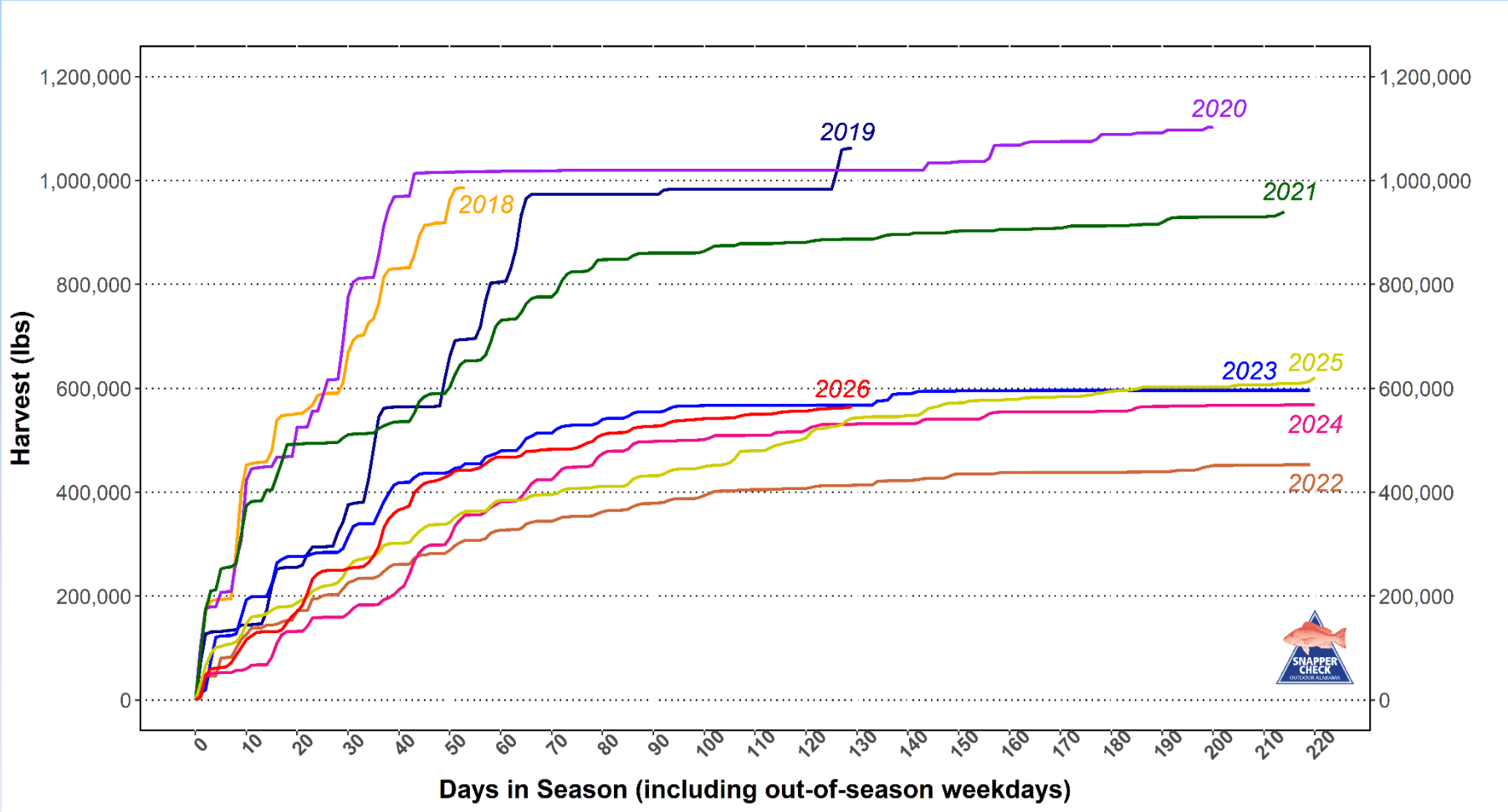
2026 Alabama Recreational Red Snapper Season Update

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2026 Alabama Red Snapper season

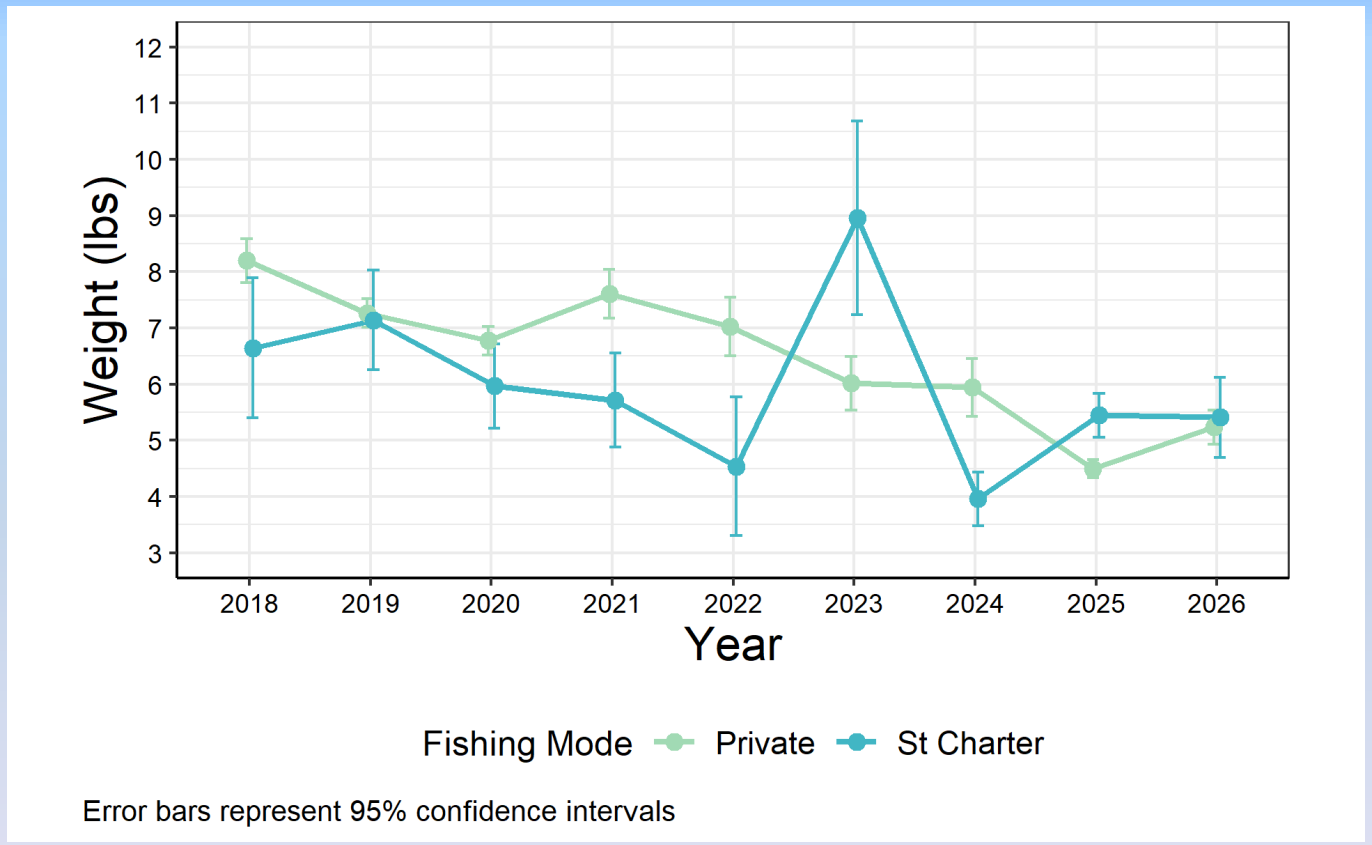
- Private and state-licensed charter vessel angler season format seven days a week with an opening on May 22nd.
- 16” TL minimum size and 2 fish per person per day creel limit.
- As of September 27th, the estimated harvest was 564,515 pounds (84.9%) of the allocation of 664,554 pounds.
- Season will remain open to the end of the year or when the allocation is met or projected to be met.

Snapper Check harvest estimates for combined private and state-licensed charter vessel anglers during State Management, 2018-2026



- Harvest includes landed fish and fish released dead or eaten by a predator.
- Calibration of Snapper Check estimates to Federal MRIP estimates began in 2023.
- 2026 estimate is preliminary and through September 27.

Mean weight of Red Snapper by fishing mode during State Management, 2018-2026

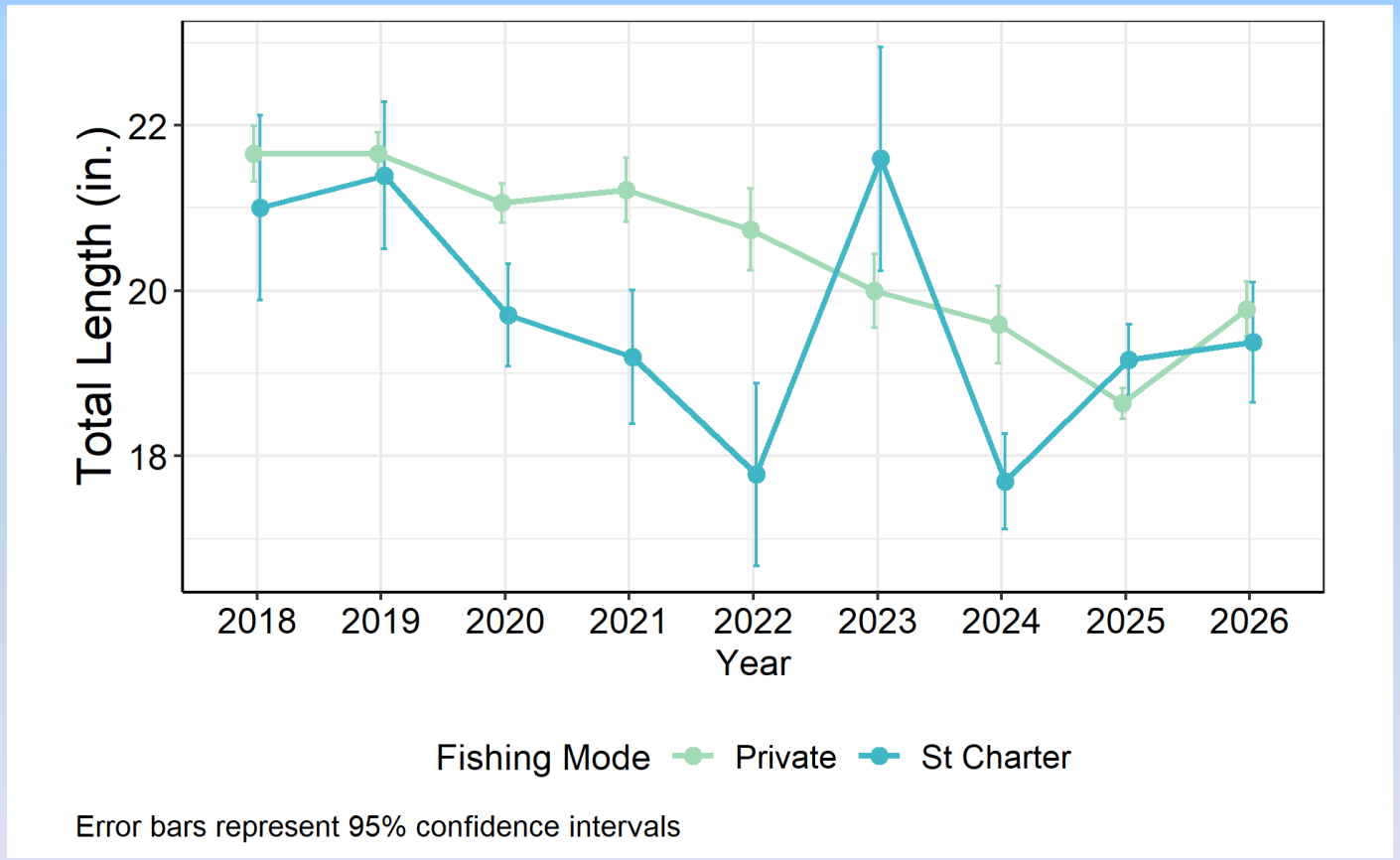


Number of Red Snapper weighed by year and fishing mode

Mode	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Private	780	1244	1154	800	459	425	494	873	460
St Charter	42	101	197	159	67	88	82	112	148
Total	822	1345	1351	959	526	513	576	985	608

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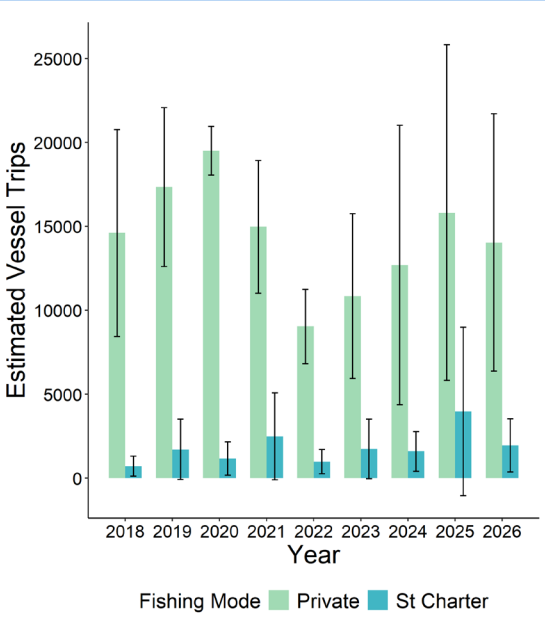
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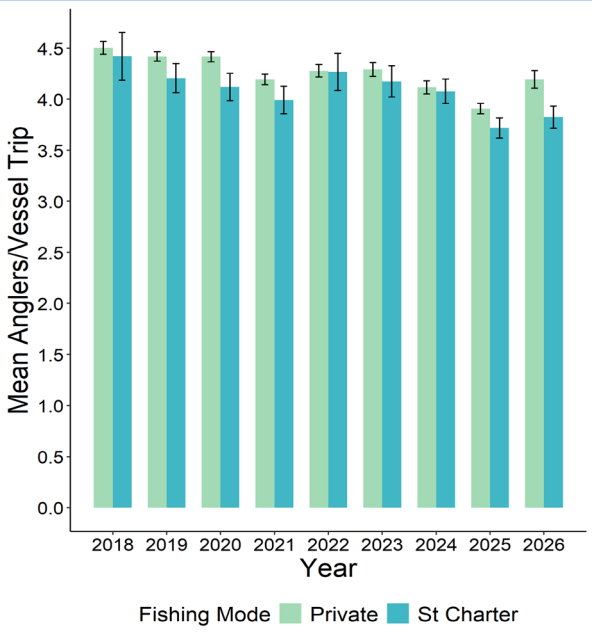
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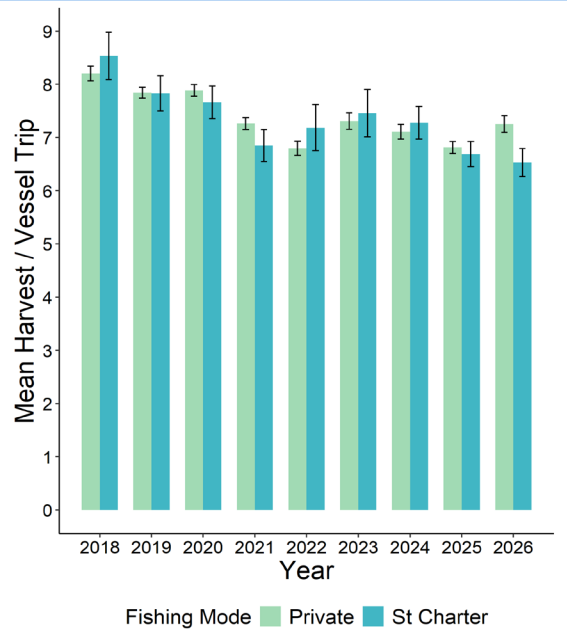
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Estimated vessel trips with Red Snapper Harvest, mean number of anglers per vessel and mean number of Red Snapper harvested per vessel from Snapper Check landing reports, 2018-2026.







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Alabama Red Snapper season summary under state management

Year	Open Date	Close Date	Primary Season Structure	Season Re-open Dates	Season Re-Close Dates	Total Days	Allocation (lbs)
2018	June 1	July 22	3-day weekends	-	-	28	984,291*
2019	June 1	August 5	3-day weekends	Aug. 31 / Oct. 4	Sept. 1 / Oct. 6	36	1,079,573
2020	May 22	July 3	4-day weekends	10-Oct	December 6	44	1,122,662
2021	May 28	December 27	4-day weekends	-	-	124	1,122,662
2022	May 27	December 31	4-day weekends	-	-	126	1,122,662
2023	May 26	September 4	4-day weekends	September 29	October 16	72	591,185
2024	May 24	December 30	4-day weekends	-	-	131	659,654
2025	May 23	December 31	7 days a week	-	-	196	664,552
2026	May 22	TBD	7 days a week	-	-	TBD	664,552

2026 season as of September 27th.

Greater Amberjack Estimates

Snapper Check private vessel angler estimates

Year	No. Harvested	No. Dead Discards	LBS Harvested	LBS Dead Discards
2021	3,312	816	88,685	21,850
2022	293	110	7,845	2,945
2023	1,354	822	36,254	21,995
2024	850	244	22,755	6,539
2025	7,528	3,064	201,561	82,030
2026	483	299	12,928	8,001

AL Creel private vessel angler estimates

Year	No. Harvested	No. Dead Discards
2025	1,085	97
2026	0	76

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No Greater Amberjack were weighed during AL Creel assignments.

QUESTIONS??

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