



Below is a **NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fishery Bulletin** reminding anglers about changes to the recreational shallow-water grouper closure.

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NOAA Fisheries Reminds Fishermen of Changes to the Recreational Shallow-Water Grouper Closure

NOAA Fisheries reminds fishermen of the change to the February 1 through March 31 shallow-water grouper closure. The closure now only applies to waters seaward of a line approximating 20 fathoms. Shoreward of the line, shallow-water grouper, **with the exception of gag**, can be retained within the current bag limits and size limits. The gag season does not open until July 1. Shallow-water grouper that can be harvested inshore of the 20-fathom line during the closure include scamp, black grouper, red grouper, yellowfin grouper, and yellowmouth grouper.

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