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Below is a Southeast Fishery Bulletin announcing a red snapper quota increase and fall recreational season for the Gulf of Mexico.

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NOAA Announces a Quota Increase for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper and a 14-Day Supplemental Recreational Season Beginning October 1, 2013

NOAA Fisheries announces a rule increasing the allowable catch for red snapper from 8.46 million pounds (mp) to 11 mp. The recreational quota will increase from 4.145 mp to 5.39 mp and the commercial quota will increase from 4.315 mp to 5.61 mp.

Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico will open for red snapper recreational fishing beginning on October 1, 2013, at 12:01 a.m. (one minute after midnight), local time. The season will close on October 15, 2013, at 12:01 a.m., local time.

The increase in commercial quota will be distributed to individual fishing quota shareholders on or shortly after October 1.

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