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## **SOUTHEAST FISHERY BULLETIN (Gulf of Mexico)**

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### **NOAA Fisheries Announces the Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack Recreational Fishing Season will close on September 28, 2015**

The recreational harvest of greater amberjack in the Gulf of Mexico will close at 12:01 a.m., local time, on September 28, 2015, and remain closed until January 1, 2016.

The 2015 landings data indicate the 1,130,000-pound recreational annual catch target will be harvested by September 27, 2015.

During the closure:

- Recreational harvest or possession of greater amberjack is prohibited.
- The closure applies in both state and federal waters for vessels that have a valid Gulf of Mexico reef fish charter/headboat permit.

This closure is necessary to protect the Gulf of Mexico greater amberjack population. This population is considered overfished (the population is too low) and undergoing overfishing (rate of removal is too high).

This bulletin provides only a summary of the existing regulations. Full regulations can be found in the Federal Register.

#### **About Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council**

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