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Below is a NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fishery Bulletin announcing the closure of hogfish in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

**SOUTHEAST FISHERY BULLETIN
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**Hogfish Harvest Closing in the Gulf of Mexico
Federal Waters on December 2, 2013**

The possession or harvest of hogfish in the Gulf of Mexico federal waters will be prohibited, **effective 12:01 a.m. (local time) December 2, 2013**, until 12:01 a.m. (local time) January 1, 2014. NOAA Fisheries has determined the 2013 annual catch limit of 208,000 pounds of hogfish has been harvested. This closure is necessary to protect the hogfish resource.

During the closure:

- Commercial and recreational harvest or possession of hogfish 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 or commercial reef fish permit.

About Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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