



Below is a [NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fishery Bulletin](#) announcing the closure of the IFQ online system for maintenance.

SOUTHEAST FISHERY BULLETIN

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[Catch Share Customer Service](#)

866-425-7627 (select option 2)

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Reminders Regarding the Individual Fishing Quota Programs in the Gulf of Mexico

End of Year Landing Transactions

NOAA Fisheries will shut down the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) online system for maintenance beginning 6 p.m. EST, December 31, 2013, through 2 p.m. EST January 1, 2014. Dealers and IFQ fishermen are reminded that all electronic transactions for the 2013 fishing year must be completed before this time. Online IFQ functions will resume at 2 p.m. EST on January 1, 2014. You may still submit an advanced notice of landing during the 20-hour maintenance window by using your vessel's vessel monitoring system or by calling Catch Share Customer Service (866) 425-7627 (Option 1). However, only landing transactions completed prior to 6 p.m. EST will count toward your 2013 quota allocation.

Quotas for 2014 Fishing Year

Quotas for IFQ species are listed below.

IFQ Share Category	Quota (lbs gw)
Deep Water Grouper	1,110,000
Gag Grouper	835,000
Other Shallow Water Grouper	523,000
Red Grouper	5,630,000
Red Snapper	5,054,054
Tilefish	582,000

Transfer 2014 Allocation to Your Vessel Account after January 1

On January 1, allocation will be issued to your shareholder account, *not your vessel account*. To harvest this allocation, you must transfer sufficient allocation to your vessel account prior to your landing notification. To Transfer Allocation to your vessel, log in to your IFQ account. On the menu bar select **Allocation** then select **Transfer Allocation (Red Snapper)** or **Transfer Allocation (Grouper-Tilefish)** and follow the instructions.

Accept Share Transfers

Please remember that a share transfer is a two step process requiring shares to be transferred by the transferor, and then accepted by the transferee. The transferee must log into his/her shareholder account, select the "Receive Transferred Shares" tab, and then accept the share transfer. Share transfers must be complete prior to December 31, 2013, to receive allocation associated with the shares in 2014. To receive transferred shares, go to the menu bar select **Shares** then select **Receive Transferred Shares** and follow the instructions.

Multi-Use Allocation

The gag and red grouper multi-use allocation percentages can change each year based on the annual catch limit and quotas for red grouper and gag. For 2014, red grouper multi-use allocation will remain at 0%, while gag grouper multi-use allocation will be 47% of your total gag allocation.

Survey

In spring of 2014, IFQ participants will be asked to participate in an electronic survey regarding the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ program. The purpose of this survey is to collect data for the 5-year review of the program. The survey will be available through the IFQ online system. IFQ participants are encouraged

to complete the survey to allow the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council and NOAA Fisheries to complete a comprehensive review of the program's performance.

Cost Recovery Fees

IFQ fishers are charged a cost recovery fee to recover a portion of the costs required to administer, manage, and enforce the IFQ program. The current cost recovery fee is 3% of the ex-vessel value of the landed fish before any deductions are made for the transferred (leased) allocation and goods and services (e.g., bait, ice, fuel, repairs, machinery replacement, etc.). At the end of each calendar quarter, the dealer is responsible for submitting the cost recovery fee to NOAA Fisheries via the online system. The dealer has 30 days to submit the cost recovery fee. Dealer accounts will be suspended after 30 days pending payment of applicable fees. The payment schedule is listed below so that dealers may mark their calendars as a reminder.

Quarter	CRF available	CRF due on or before
1 st	April 1	May 1
2 nd	July 1	July 31
3 rd	October 1	October 31
4 th	January 1	January 31

Please Send Your Feedback

As the online system continues to change, please provide your suggested changes and additions by e-mail nmfs.ser.catchshare@noaa.gov, or call Catch Share Support at **1-866-425-7627 (Option 2)** Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, excluding federal holidays. We will review the suggested changes and if possible, incorporate your suggestions into the program.

About Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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