

2023 Florida Gulf Red Snapper Recap



Gulf Council Meeting – Gulf Shores, AL
April 9, 2024

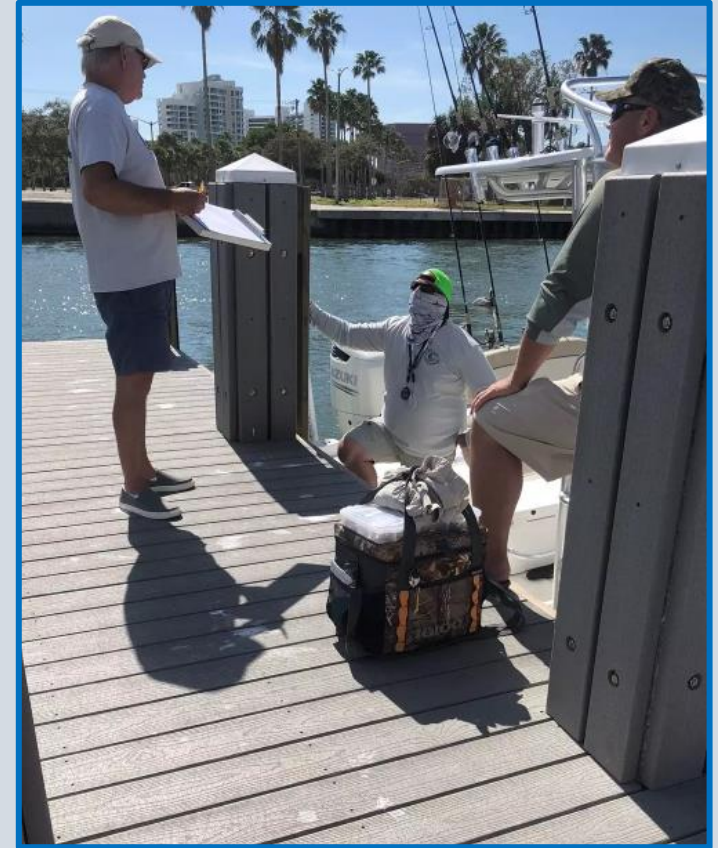


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Florida State Reef Fish Survey (SRFS)

- Replaced the Gulf Reef Fish Survey in July 2020
- Required for all fishers (Gulf and Atlantic) targeting or harvesting **13** reef fish species from a private vessel
 - Annual no-cost designation
- Two survey components
 - Mail survey (monthly) & dockside interviews
 - Supplemented with MRIP angler interviews
- Not designed for “real-time” monitoring like other states
 - Currently not feasible for FL due to numerous access points and larger amount of anglers



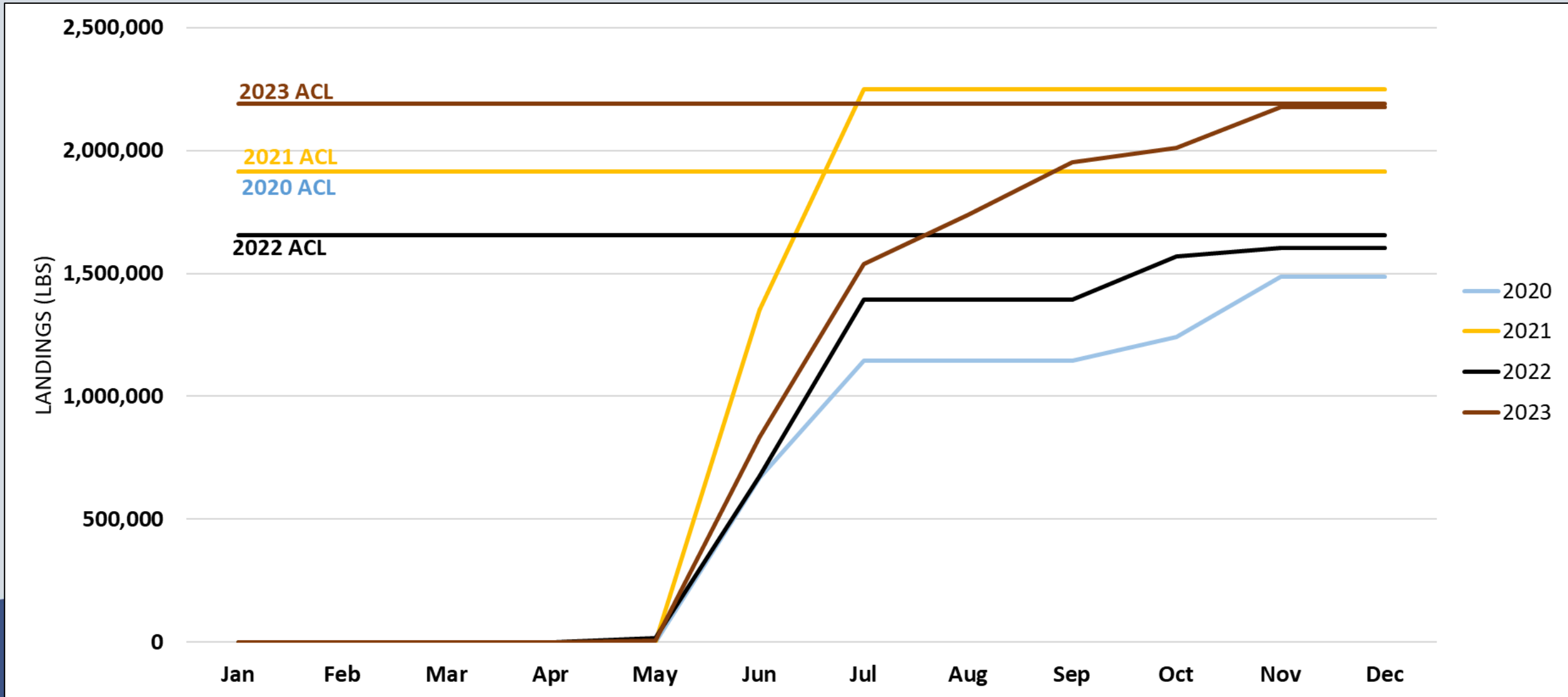
2023 Florida Gulf Red Snapper Season

- 2023 quota: 2,191,315 lbs.
- Open 87 days
 - Summer: June 16 - July 31
 - Fall: 3-day weekends (Fri. - Sun.) in Sept. - Nov. plus Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day

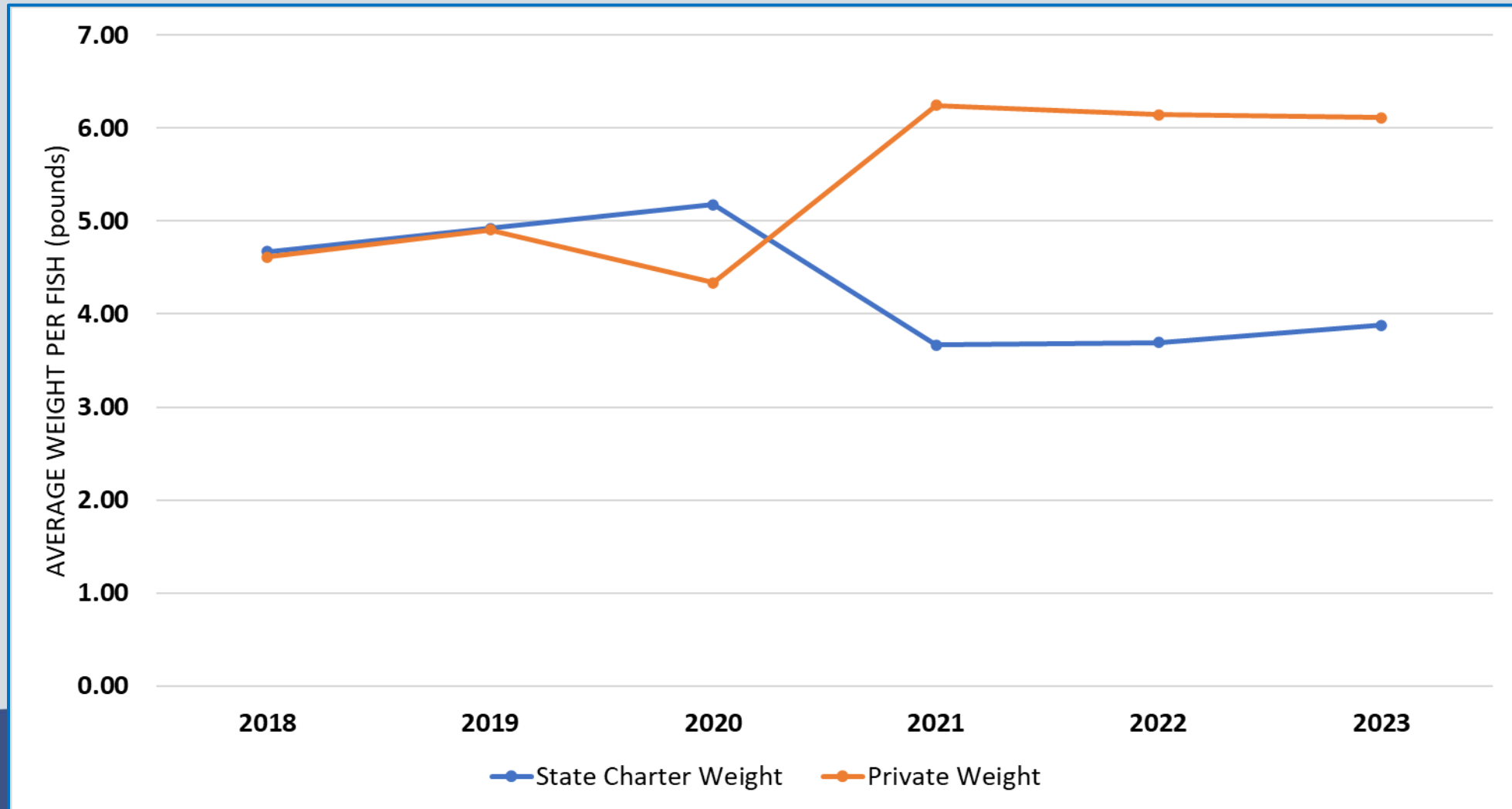


2023 Private Recreational Gulf Red Snapper Landings

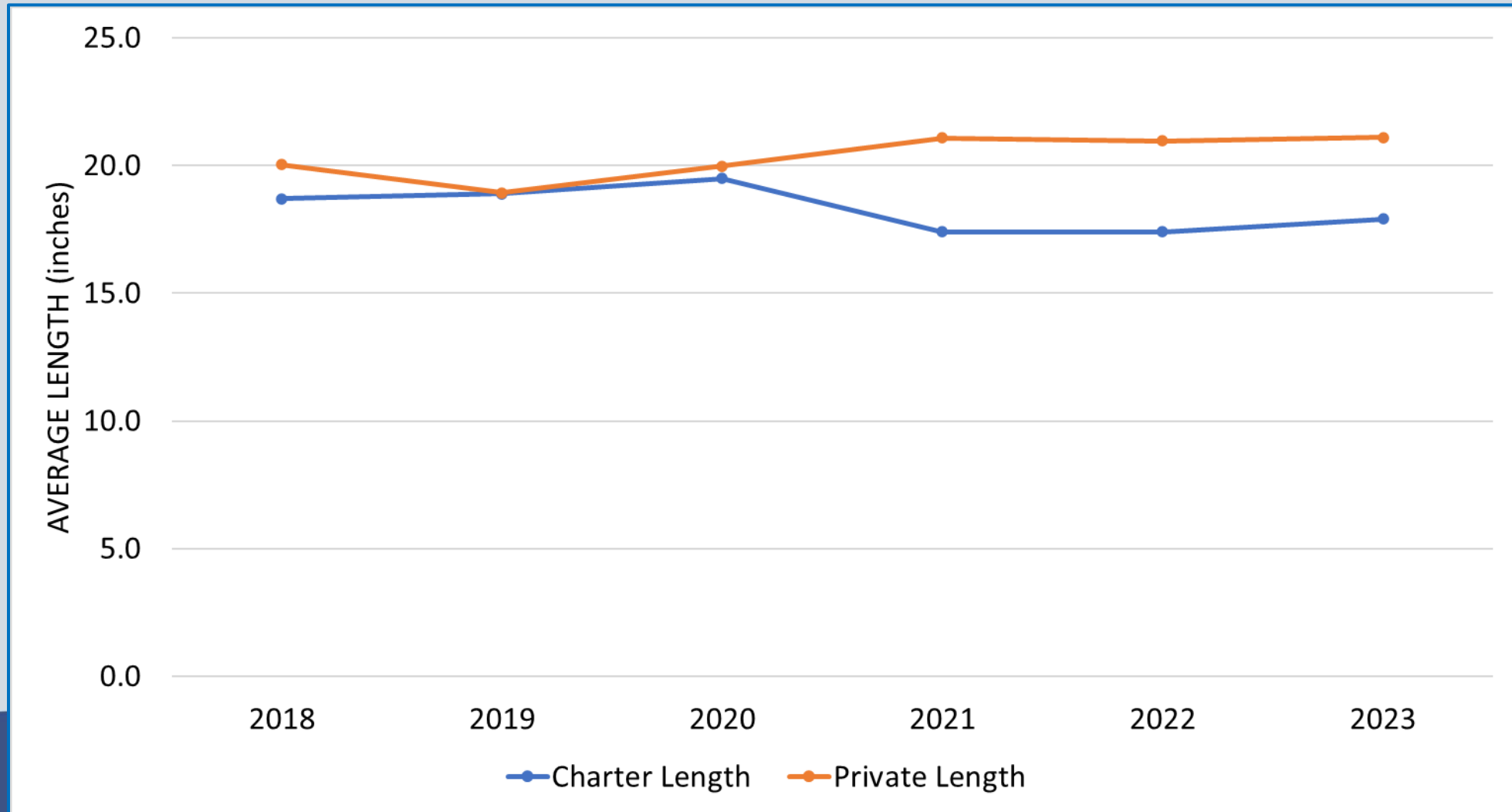
- **Preliminary** landings: 2,174,767 pounds (99.24% of quota)



Recreational Private and State Charter Gulf Red Snapper Average Weights

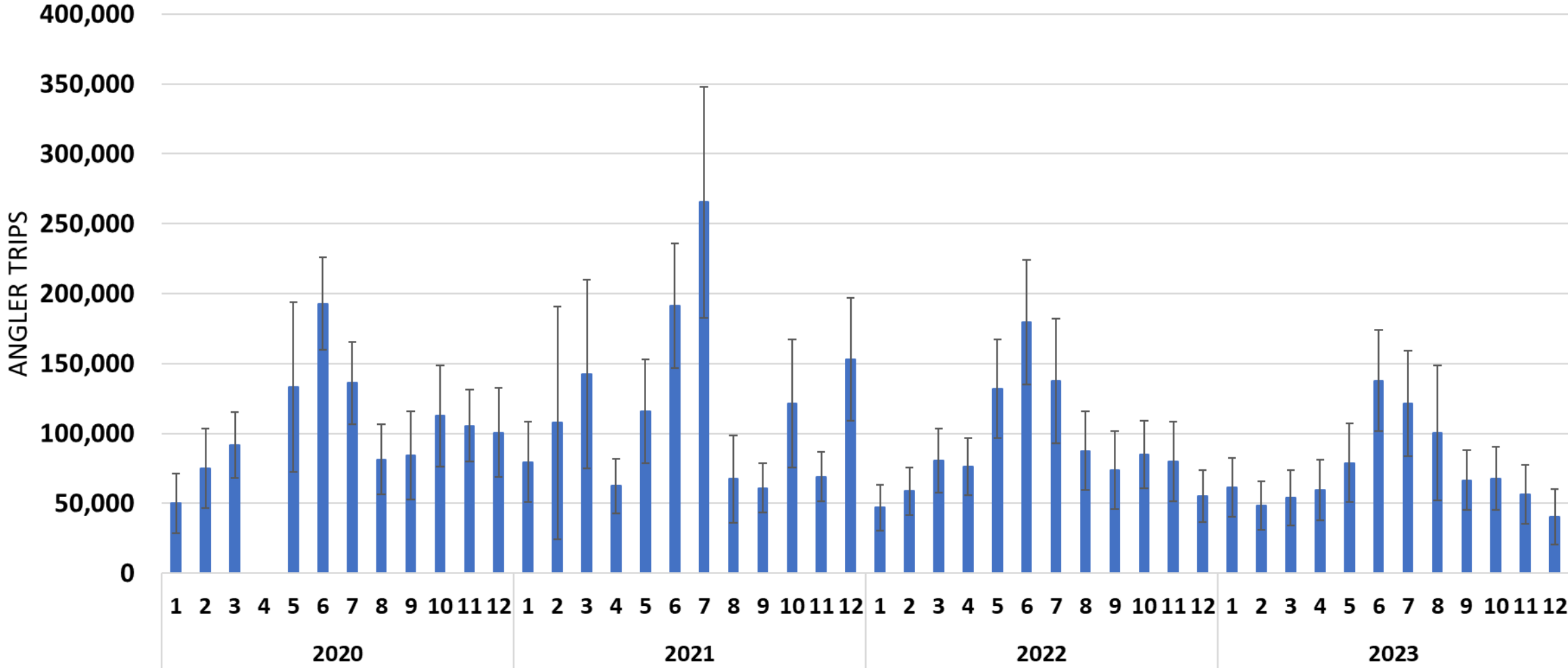


Average Recreational Private and State Charter Gulf Red Snapper Average Lengths



Gulf Reef Fish Private Recreational Effort Estimates

FLORIDA'S STATE REEF FISH SURVEY GULF REEF FISH EFFORT ESTIMATES
(PRIVATE ANGLER)



Private Recreational Gulf Red Snapper CPUE

FLORIDA STATE REEF FISH SURVEY RED SNAPPER CPUE
LANDINGS (NUMBERS OF FISH) PER ANGLER TRIP

