

2023 Florida Gulf Red Snapper Update

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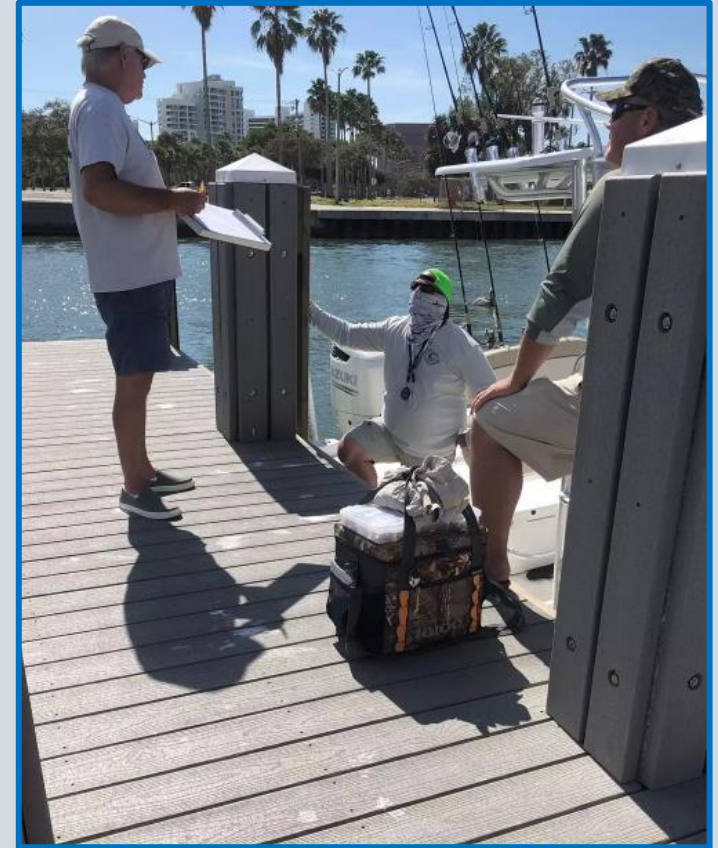
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October 24, 2023



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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
 - Not feasible for FL due to numerous access points and larger amount of anglers



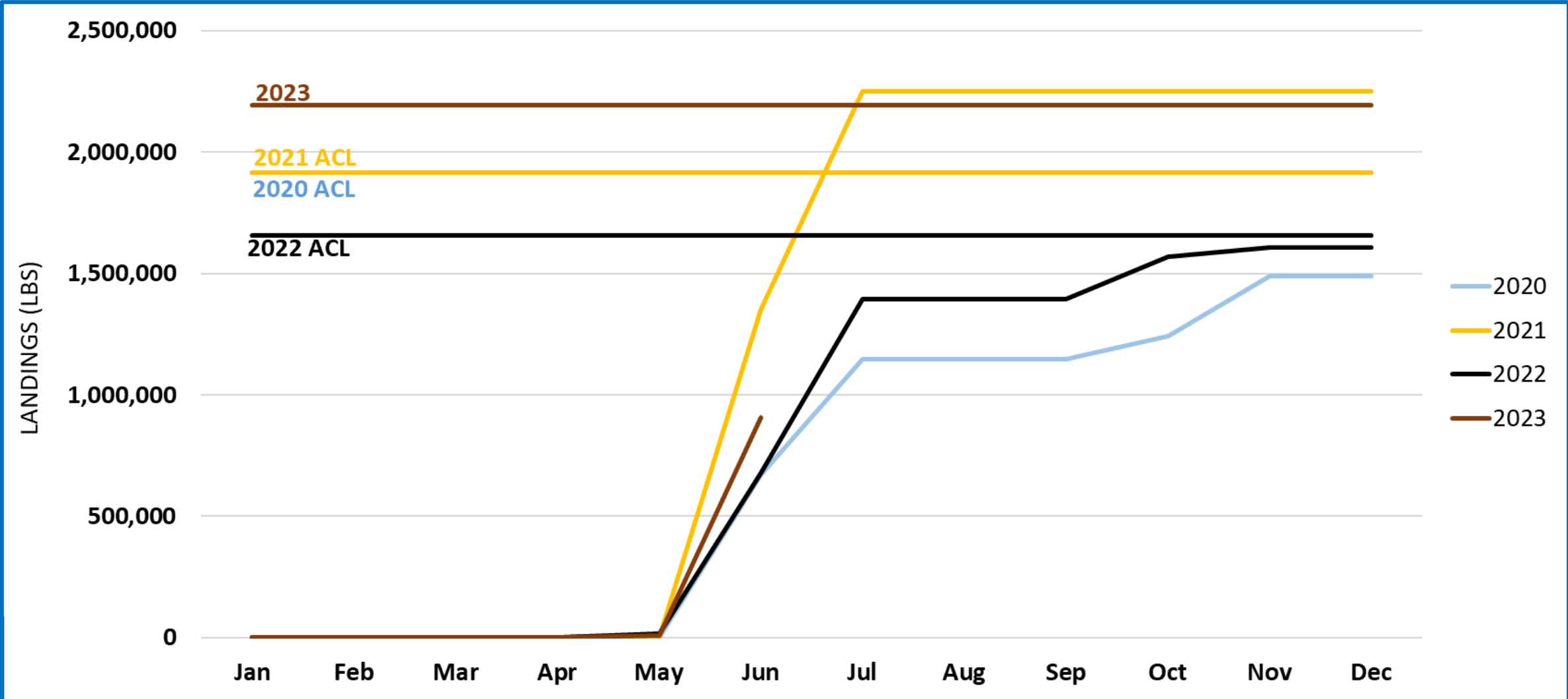
2023 Florida Gulf Red Snapper Season

- 2023 quota: 2,191,315 lbs.
- Summer: June 16 - July 31
- Fall: 3-day weekends (Fri. - Sun.) in Sept. - Nov. plus Labor day and Thanksgiving
 - Sept. 1 - 4, 8 - 10, 15 - 17, 22 - 24
 - Sept. 29 - Oct. 1
 - Oct. 6 - 8, 13 - 15, 20 - 22, 27 - 29
 - Nov. 3 - 5, 10 - 12, 17 - 19, 23 - 26

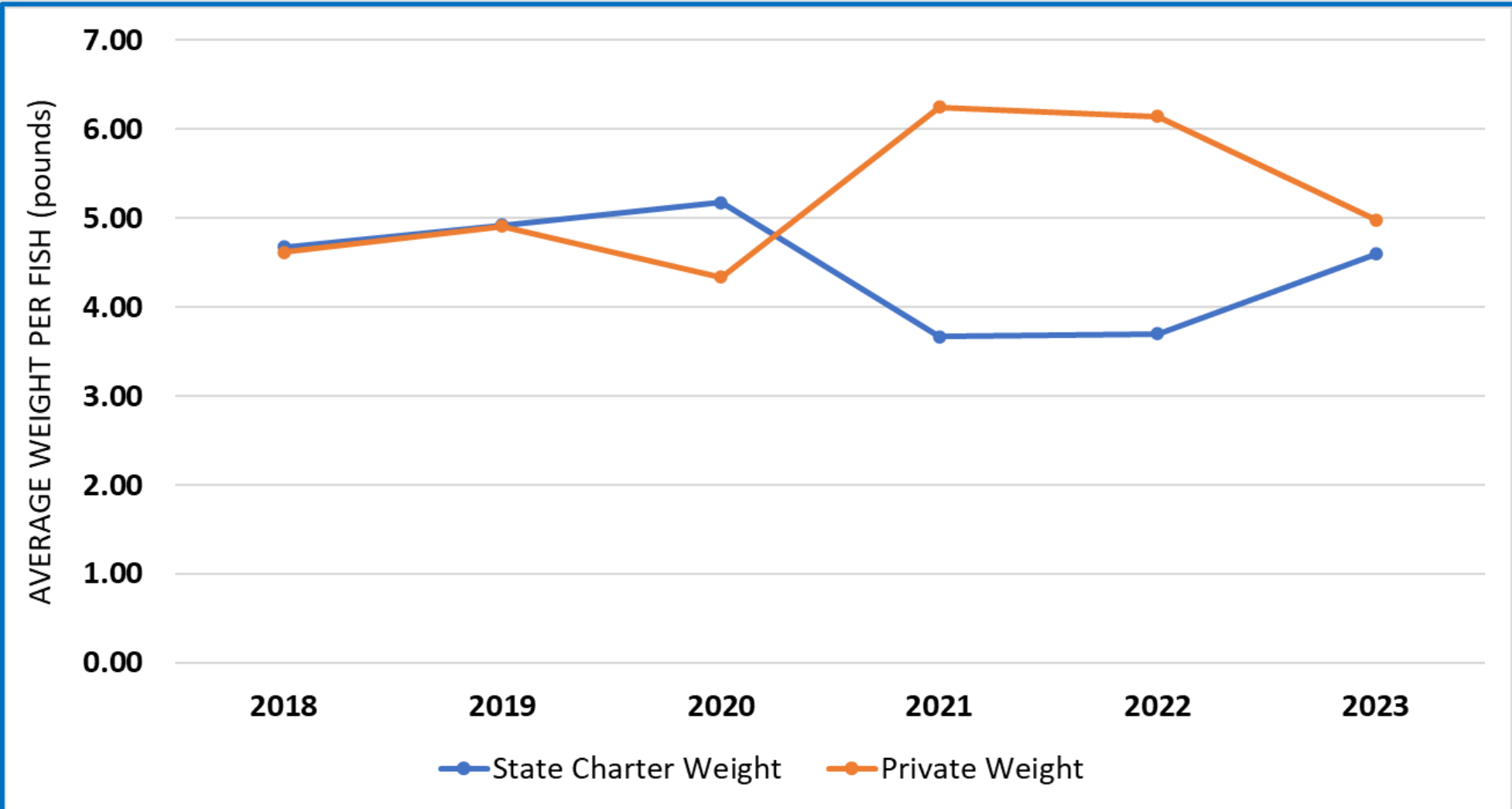


Recreational Private Gulf Red Snapper Landings Estimates

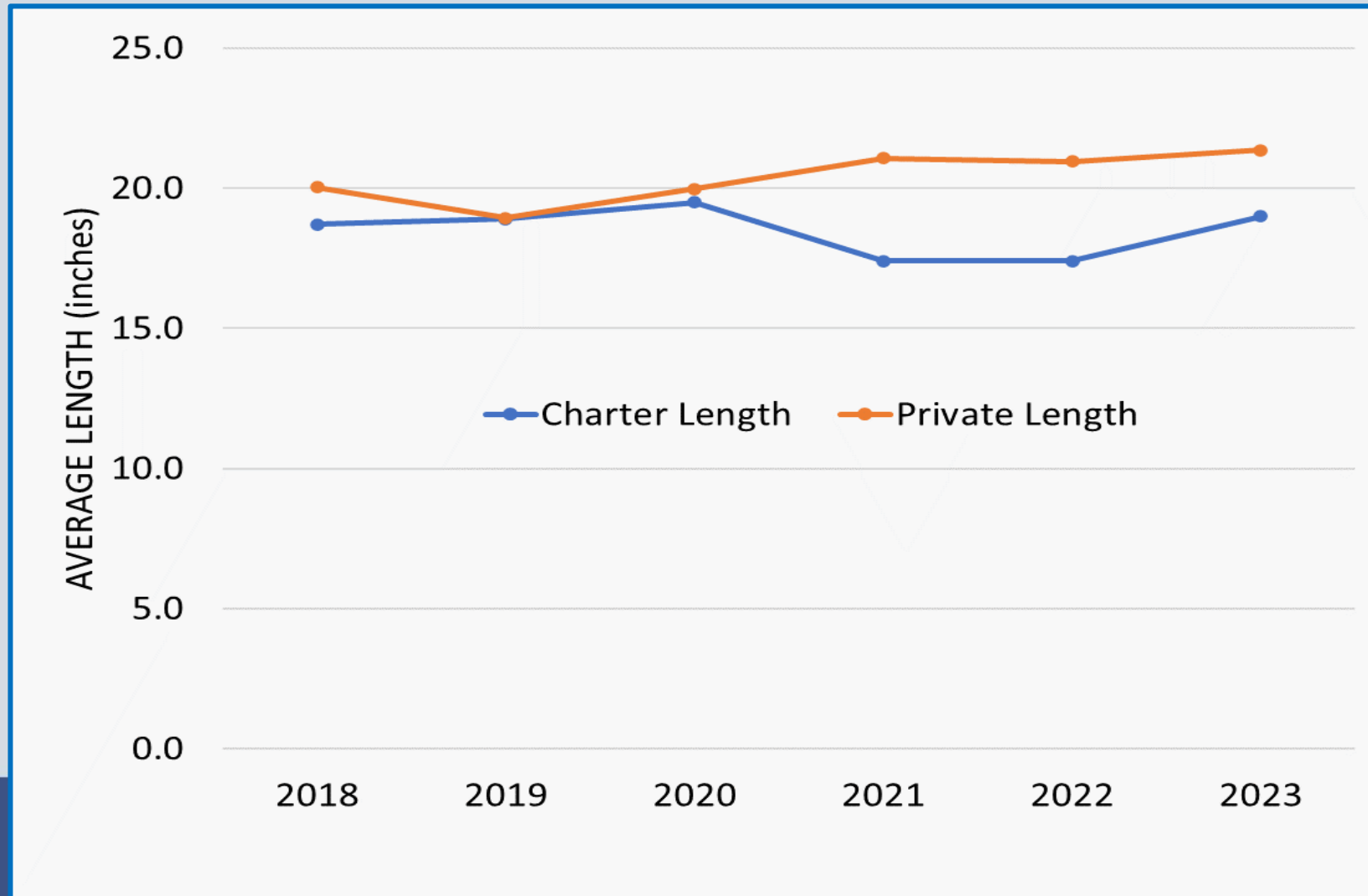
- **Preliminary** summer 2023 landings: 966,068 pounds (44% of quota)



Recreational Private and State Charter Gulf Red Snapper Average Weights

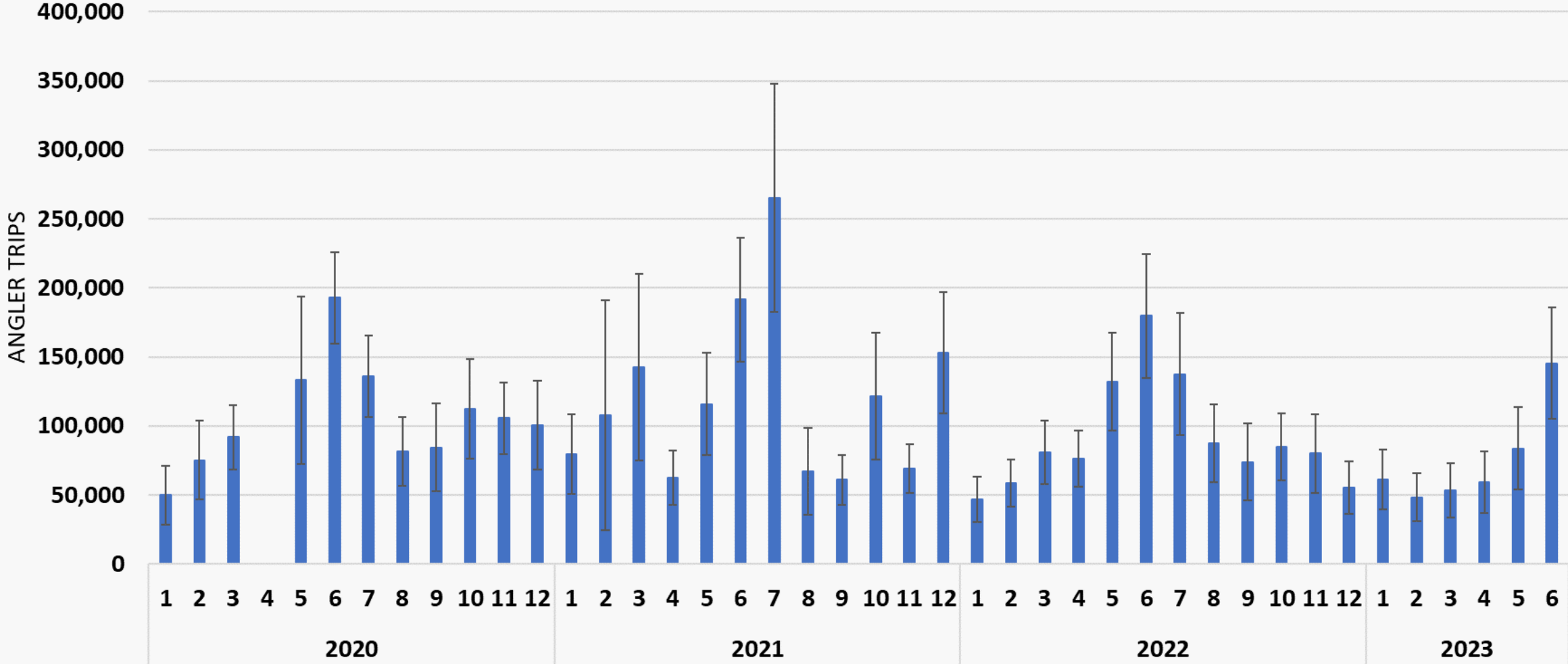


Average Recreational Private and State Charter Gulf Red Snapper Average Lengths



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 GULF RED SNAPPER CPUE
LANDINGS (NUMBERS OF FISH) PER ANGLER TRIP

