

Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Annual Catch Limits Landings

Commercial

2018 Preliminary Landings							
Species Complex	Date Landings Available Through	Current Landings (lb)	ACT (lb)	ACT (%)	ACL (lb)	ACL (%)	Current Status
Gray triggerfish	6/13/2018	45,582	60,900	74.85	64,100	71.11	Seasonal Closure
Greater amberjack		327,408	277,651	117.92	319,140	102.59	Closed 4/3/2018

2017 Preliminary Landings							
Species Complex	Date Landings Available Through	Landings (lb)	ACT (lb)	ACT (%)	ACL (lb)	ACL (%)	Status
Gray triggerfish	5/18/2018	62,850	60,900	103.20	64,100	98.05	Closed 11/17/2017
Greater amberjack		444,506	394,740	112.61	464,400	95.72	Closed 6/20/2017

Recreational

2017-2018 Preliminary Landings (lb) by Two-month Wave										
Species Complex	Jan-Feb	Mar-Apr	May-Jun	July	Total Reported	ACT (lb)	ACT (%)	ACL (lb)	ACL (%)	Status
Greater amberjack	120,963	0	54,444		175,407	716,173	24.49	862,860	20.33	In seasonal closure

Note: Landings include data from MRIP and Headboat from January 1 to February 28, 2018. LA Creel landings are available from January 1 to June 3, 2018. TPWD data are not available for 2018 at this time. Greater amberjack landings exclude Monroe County, Florida.

As of April 30, 2018 the recreational greater amberjack fishing year was modified to be August 1 through July 31 and the fixed closed season was modified to be November 1 through April 30 and June 1 through July 31. As such, the 2018 quota, implemented December 28, 2017, is distributed across the 2017-2018 fishing year, the 2019 quota is distributed across the 2018-2019 fishing year, and the 2020 and beyond quota will be distributed for each subsequent fishing year, which now begins on August 1. January landings occurred due the original January to June fixed closed season not being effective until January 27, 2018. Therefore, greater amberjack opened on January 1, 2018 and closed at 12:01 a.m. on January 27, 2018. Greater amberjack reopened May 1, 2018 with the effective date of the new fixed closed season. Due to these changes, the 2017-2018 fishing year will include landings from January and May.

2017 Preliminary Landings (lb) by Two-month Wave												
Species Complex	Jan-Feb	Mar-Apr	May-Jun	July-Aug	Sep-Oct	Nov-Dec	Total Reported	ACT (lb)	ACT (%)	ACL (lb)	ACL (%)	Status
Gag	391	43,991	296,199	64,746	36,643	423,260	865,230	1,708,000	50.66	1,903,000	44.47	
Gray triggerfish ¹	99	1,099	7,176	189	51,086	3,082	62,731	25,559	245.44	49,759	126.07	Closed 1/1/17
Greater amberjack	427,300	328,495	37,045	9,707	287	55	802,889	385,413	208.32	548,641	146.34	Closed 3/24/17
Red grouper	57,475	35,053	209,726	303,097	22,364	204,600	832,315	2,370,000	35.12	2,580,000	32.26	
Red snapper For Hire ²	31,045	5,670	1,635,284	597,446	93	0	2,269,538	2,278,000	99.63	2,848,000	79.69	Closed 7/20/17
Red snapper Private ^{2,3}	157,522	175,764	3,464,611	2,306,507	488,718	111	6,593,233	3,004,075	209.58	3,755,094	175.58	Closed 9/5/17

Note: Landings include data from MRIP or MRFSS calibrated from MRIP, LA Creel and Headboat from January 1 to December 31, 2017. TPWD data are from January 1 through November 20, 2017. TPWD data for November 21-December 31 are not presently available. Greater amberjack, red grouper, and gag landings exclude Monroe County, Florida.

¹Gray triggerfish had a payback in the 2017 fishing season due to exceeding the annual catch limit (ACL) in the 2016 fishing season. Based on preliminary landings, the 2017 annual catch target (ACT) was originally set at 0 lbs and the ACL was set at 19,987 lbs. Once 2016 final landings were received, the ACL and ACT were adjusted accordingly to the numbers shown above. The federal season was not reopen due to projected landings from the states. All landings are from state waters only.

²Red snapper had a payback in the 2017 fishing season due to exceeding the total recreational quota in the 2016 fishing season. The ACL and ACT are shown adjusted accordingly. Charter landings outside the federal season are included against the Private angler component data.

³The 2017 Federal recreational season for red snapper by the private angling sector in the Gulf of Mexico was June 1 through June 3. Then beginning June 16 through September 4, the season was open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and July 3 through July 4, and September 4.

Stock

2018 Preliminary Landings					
Species Complex	Date Landings Available Through	Landings (lb)	ACL (lb)	ACL (%)	Status
Gray Snapper (commercial)	6/13/2018	35,060	2,420,000	7.49	Open
Gray Snapper (recreational)		146,254			Open
Hogfish (commercial)		3,833	219,000	29.60	Open
Hogfish (recreational)		60,989			Open

2017 Preliminary Landings					
Species Complex	Date Landings Available Through	Landings (lb)	ACL (lb)	ACL (%)	Status
Gray Snapper (commercial)	5/18/2018	136,170	2,420,000	80.75	Were open all year
Gray Snapper (recreational)		1,818,044			
Hogfish (commercial)		15,899	219,000	49.59	
Hogfish (recreational)		92,710			

Recreational landings include data from MRIP or MRFSS calibrated from MRIP, LA Creel and Headboat from January 1 to December 31, 2017. TPWD data are from January 1 through November 20, 2017. 2017 TPWD data for November 20-December 31 are not presently available. 2018 landings data includes MRIP or MRFSS calibrated from MRIP and Headboat from January 1 to February 28, 2018.