



# Gulf of Mexico

## Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program Fact Sheet

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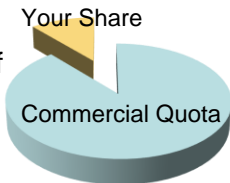
(866) 425-7627 (select option 2)

e-mail: [nmfs.ser.catchshare@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.ser.catchshare@noaa.gov)



### Shares

Shares are a percentage of the commercial quota assigned to fishers (shareholders).



### Allocation

Allocation is the **amount of pounds** (gutted weight) you are ensured the opportunity to possess, land, and sell in a calendar year.

### Shareholder Account

Your shareholder account contains your shares and controls all of your vessel accounts. On January 1, allocation is placed in your shareholder account. From this account you can transfer allocation and shares to other shareholders or to your vessel account(s).

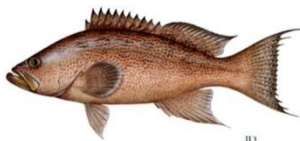
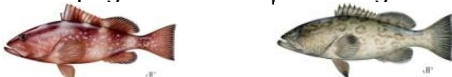
### Vessel Account

Sufficient allocation must be in the vessel account or linked shareholder account prior to your landing notification. Your vessel account has limited functionality; vessel accounts can only make landing transactions with dealers.



### Red and Gag Multi-Use

On January 1, a portion of your gag allocation and a portion of your red grouper allocation may be converted to multi-use allocation. You can use this allocation when you run out of the species-specific allocation to land either red grouper or gag. Multi-use is set by a formula; see the IFQ webpage for current percentages.



### DWG Flexibility

Scamp is considered a shallow water grouper (SWG). However, if you use all of your SWG allocation, you can use remaining DWG allocation to land scamp.

### SWG Flexibility

Warsaw grouper and speckled hind are considered deepwater grouper (DWG). However, if you use all of your DWG allocation, you can use remaining SWG allocation to land warsaw grouper and speckled hind.



### Steps when going on an IFQ fishing trip



VMS declaration of fishing trip/gear  
(888) 219-9228

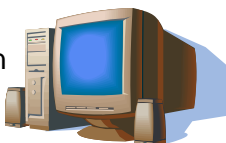


3-24 hour advanced landing notification\*  
(866) 425-7627  
(select option 1)



Land at a pre-approved location

Complete IFQ landing transaction



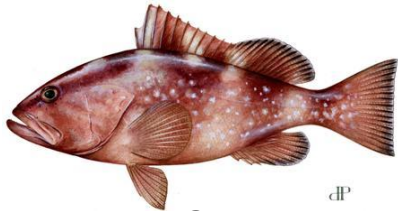
Offload 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

\*If you sell to multiple dealers or land at multiple locations, you must complete a landing notification for each.

### 10% Overage

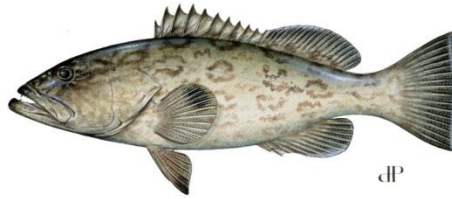
You may exceed your remaining allocation, by up to 10%, on your last fishing trip of the fishing year. A one time per year overage is allowed for each category. *You must hold shares in that category to complete a 10% overage.* The allocation used for a 10% overage will be removed from your initial allocation at the beginning of the following year.

## Red Grouper



Red Grouper <sup>dP</sup>

## Gag Grouper



Gag <sup>dP</sup>

## Red Snapper

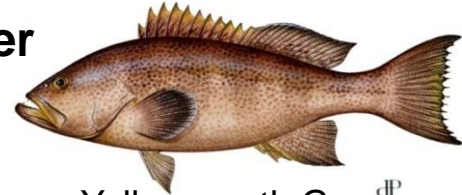


Red Snapper <sup>dP</sup>

## Shallow Water Grouper (SWG)



Black Grouper <sup>dP</sup>



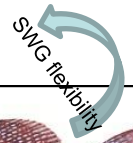
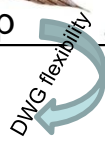
Yellowmouth Grouper <sup>dP</sup>



Scamp <sup>dP</sup>

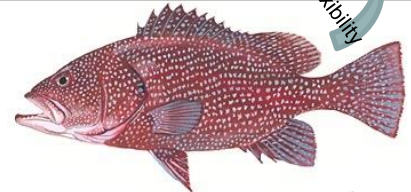


Yellowfin Grouper <sup>dP</sup>

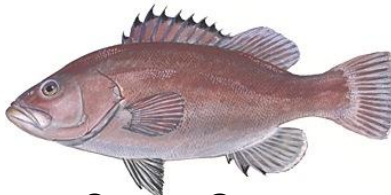


Warsaw Grouper <sup>dP</sup>

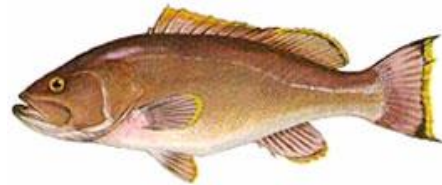
## Deep Water Grouper (DWG)



Speckled Hind



Snowy Grouper



Yellowedge Grouper

## Tilefishes



Golden Tilefish

Also includes Goldface Tilefish



Blueline Tilefish

## Important Phone Numbers

### Southeast Catch Shares Program

(866) 425-7627

### Landing Notifications

(select option 1; 24/7 Call Center)

### Support Line

(select option 2; M-F 8am – 4:30pm EST)

### Southeast VMS Trip Declaration

(888) 219-9228

(866) 425-7627 (select option 3)

### Southeast VMS Support

(800) 758-4833

(866) 425-7627 (select option 4)

### Southeast VMS Fax

727-824-5318