

Public Comment Summary
Modification of the Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper and
West Florida Hogfish Annual Catch Limits

3 Written Comments were received.

- The red snapper annual catch limit should be increased. They're everywhere.
- Don't reduce the hogfish annual catch limit because they can only be spearfished.

Other comments:

- 51% of the red snapper annual catch limit should not be given to 386 commercial boats. 42.3% of the remaining recreational annual catch limit should not be given to 1208 charter boats for profit. The fish belong to the citizens of the United States and 75% of the resource should not be reserved for private, for-profit use.
- Stop season closures. Fish should be managed with limits, gear restrictions, and small area closures.