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Thank you for your letter dated May 12, 2020, asking NOAA Fisheries to implement a temporary rule calibrating Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) red snapper private angler landings data reported by the Gulf States. You ask that the rule provide a common currency calibration to make state survey data comparable and compatible with federal survey data. NOAA Fisheries agrees that sound quota monitoring is critical to the success of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's (Council) state management program for private anglers, and believes this issue is best addressed through the Council process. The Council was scheduled to discuss this topic at its April 2020 meeting, which was canceled due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus. However, the Council will be meeting from June 15 to June 18, 2020, via a webinar and this topic is scheduled for discussion during the Reef Fish Committee session, which convenes on June 16, 2020.

I appreciate your continued interest in Gulf red snapper fishery management. If you have further questions, please contact Peter Hood at (727)-551-5728, or email to [peter.hood@noaa.gov](mailto:peter.hood@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

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