

# Status of the 2021 Alabama Private Recreational Red Snapper Season

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# 2021 Season Notes

2020 Red Snapper season ended without exceeding the private recreational quota. No payback needed - 2021 quota of 1,122,662 pounds.

Private recreational Red Snapper season consists of four-day weekends (Friday-Monday) beginning Friday, May 28, 2021.

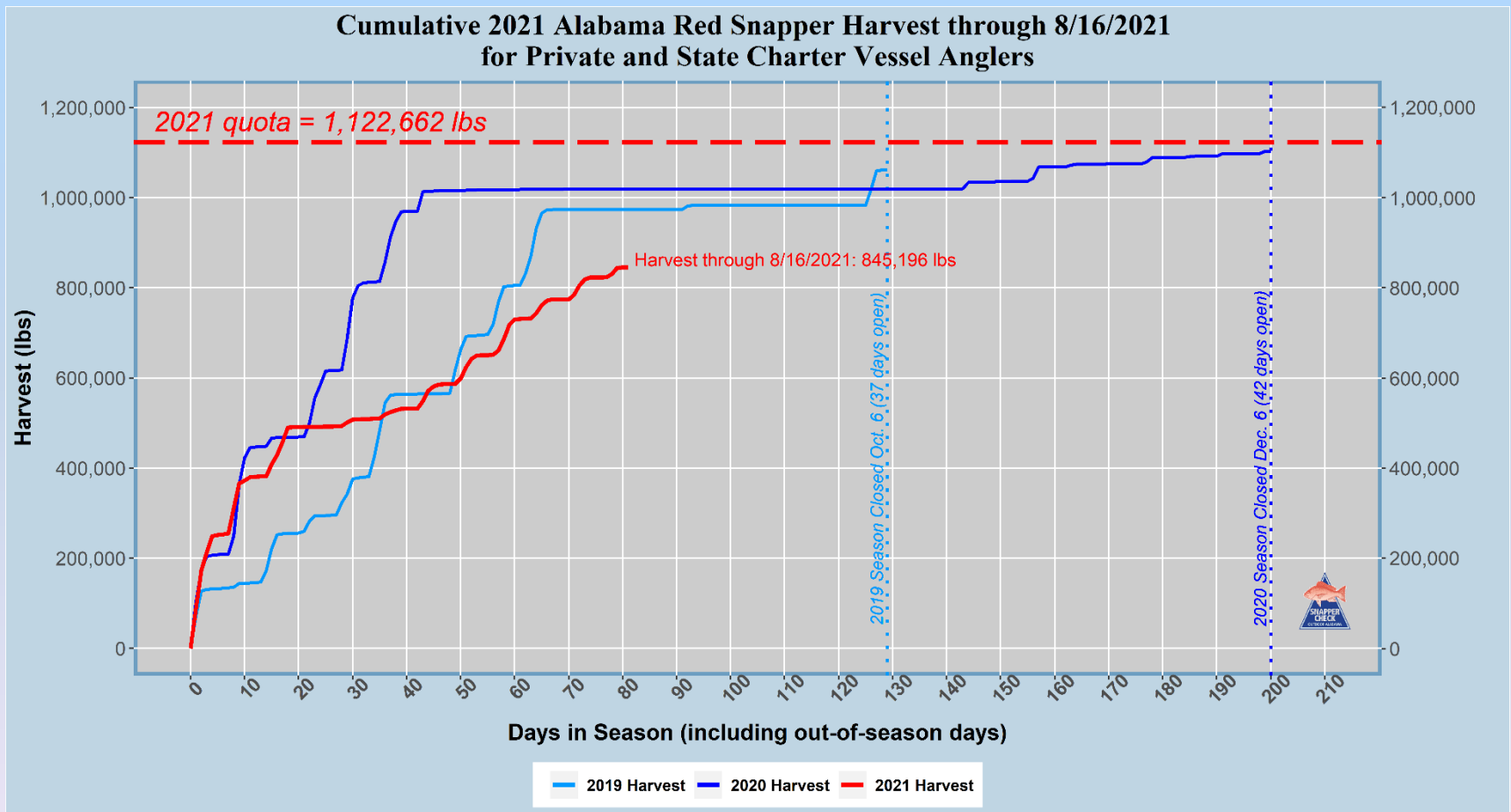
Two fish person/day bag limit and 16" total length minimum size limit.

Weekly updates are provided to the National Marine Fisheries Service and posted on the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources website ([www.outdooralabama.com/2021-red-snapper-landings-summary](http://www.outdooralabama.com/2021-red-snapper-landings-summary)).

Greater Amberjack and Gray Triggerfish added to mandatory reporting.



Latest graphic posted to website – 845,196 pounds harvested through 8/16/2021.



Tropical Storm Claudette made landfall in LA on June 18 (Day 22).  
Tropical Storm Fred made landfall in FL on August 16 (Day 81).

## 2021 RED SNAPPER SUMMARY STATISTICS FROM SNAPPER CHECK

2021 Season Metric	Private Vessels	State Charter Vessels	Totals
No. of landing reports submitted	5,866	546	6,411
No. of anglers reported	25,268	2,242	27,510
No. of landed fish reported	40,560	3,594	44,154
No. of dead discards reported	3,300	233	3,533
No. of dockside assignments issued*	-	-	119
No. of dockside assignments completed*	-	-	102
No. of vessels surveyed	288	41	329
No. of anglers from surveyed vessels	1,234	163	1,397
No. of landed fish from surveyed vessels	1,875	253	2,128
No. of dead discards from surveyed vessels	109	11	120
No. of vessels matched to landing report	137	15	152
No. of fish weighed	780	152	932

\* - Assignments are not additive as assignments can contain both charter and private angler fishing activity. Dockside assignments include sites with primarily federal charterboat fishing activity.

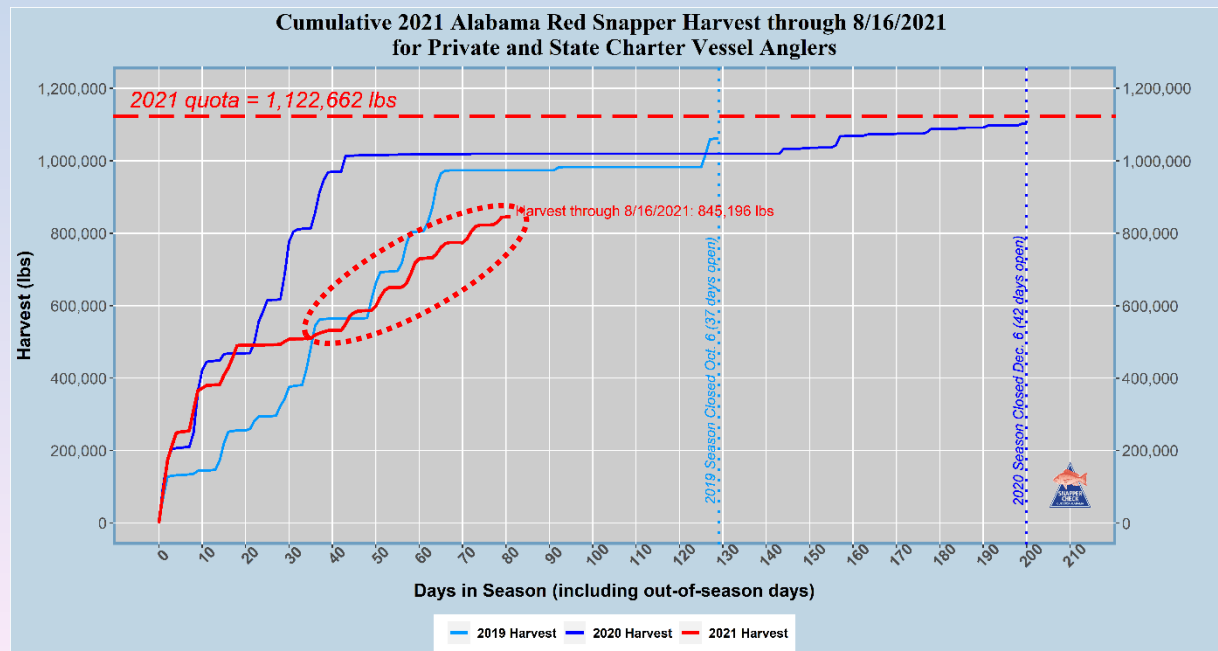
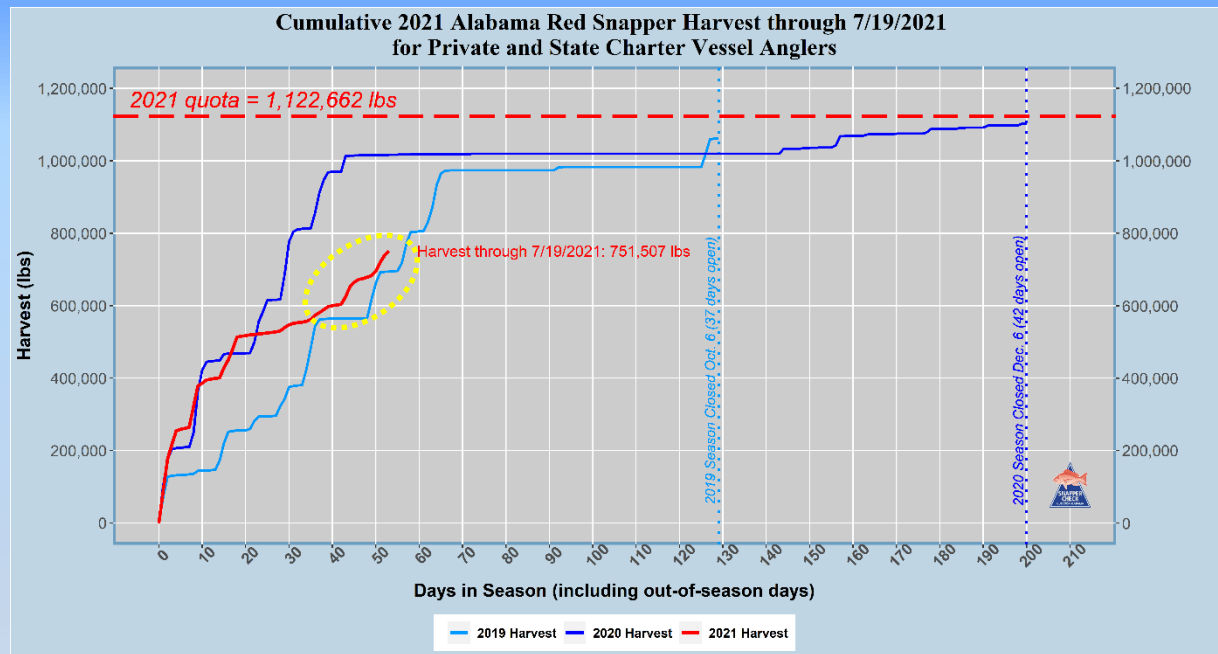


Estimates are updated weekly but mean fish weight and the adjustment to the final estimate for non-reported trips are based on results from dockside sampling within a wave.

Estimate trendlines can vary over time depending upon several variables; changes in reporting rate and/or mean fish weight, charter permit status and sample weighting of interviews and fish weight.

Note the change in trajectory of the red line (2021 estimate) between July 19 and August 16. Wave 4 sampling occurs July 1 – August 31.

“Flattening” of landings trendline due to reduced average weekly fish weight and improved reporting rate during the sampling period.



## Cumulative weekly metrics from dockside survey, landing reports and estimates of Red Snapper harvest from private recreational vessels during the 2021 season.

Week of Season (Mon.-Sun.)	Wave	Matched Surveyed Vessels to Landing Report	Surveyed Vessels	Reporting Rate for Surveyed Vessels	Fish Weighed	Mean Weight (lbs)	Landing Reports Submitted	Estimated Vessel Trips w/ Red Snapper	Estimated Angler Trips	Estimated Landed Fish	Estimated Dead Discards	Estimated Harvest (lbs)
1	3	25	62	0.3825	178	8.23	1,642	4,293	18,472	27,737	1,379	239,750
2	3	33	80	0.3797	286	7.40	2,433	6,408	28,756	43,456	1,913	335,508
3	3	70	148	0.4344	498	6.82	3,100	7,136	34,695	54,298	1,474	380,418
4	3	71	154	0.4544	557	6.85	3,236	7,122	35,361	56,869	1,562	400,347
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6	4	75	166	0.4544	580	6.85	3,406	7,496	37,322	59,332	1,771	418,648
7	4	84	180	0.4234	611	12.74	3,802	8,456	42,337	67,062	1,849	531,310
8	4	87	185	0.4259	634	12.13	4,308	9,604	47,492	73,772	2,081	612,722
9	4	95	201	0.4813	686	9.70	4,881	10,510	50,354	78,480	2,805	622,408
10	4	111	243	0.4391	724	8.88	5,254	11,683	54,677	84,415	1,815	647,437
11	4	135	284	0.4669	763	9.53	5,671	12,307	57,469	85,643	2,989	688,405
12	4	137	288	0.4674	780	9.26	5,866	12,718	59,152	87,730	3,206	701,571

\* - Weekly file not created but landings data were included in subsequent weekly metrics.



# Questions?



***REPORT RED SNAPPER,  
GRAY TRIGGERFISH AND  
GREATER AMBERJACK  
LANDED IN ALABAMA***

