



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

Managing Fishery Resources in the U.S. Federal Waters of the Gulf of Mexico

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Reminder: Gulf Grouper Recreational Season Opens April 1, 2013

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council reminds anglers that the recreational harvest of shallow-water groupers - except for gag - reopens April 1 in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

The annual February 1 - March 31 closure of Gulf recreational shallow-water groupers includes gag, black, red, yellowfin, scamp, and yellowmouth.

Note: the gag recreational season remains closed. Gag will open July 1. The proposed closing date, if approved by the Department of Commerce, will occur when the gag quota is projected to be met. That date is expected to be between November 11 and December 3. Size limits and bag limits (22" and 2/person) for gag have not changed.

Federal regulations can change frequently. To download the latest regulations, visit: http://www.gulfcouncil.org/fishing_regulations/index.php, or call 813-348-1630 to request a copy.

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About Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional Fishery Management Councils established by the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans, which are designed to manage fishery resources within the 200-mile limit of the Gulf of Mexico.