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Gulf Council Votes to Increase the Red Snapper Quotas for 2015 and Beyond

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council met today via webinar to review recommendations made by its scientific advisors regarding the red snapper quotas for 2015 and beyond. The Council moved to set the red snapper quota equal to the acceptable biological as show below:

Year	ABC	Total Quota	Commercial Quota	Recreational Quota	Recreational ACT
2015	14.30 mp	14.30 mp	7.29 mp	7.01 mp	5.606 mp
2016	13.96 mp	13.96 mp	7.12 mp	6.84 mp	5.472 mp
2017+	13.74 mp	13.74 mp	7.01 mp	6.73 mp	5.384 mp

The 2017 quota will remain in effect until changed by the Council.

If approved by the Department of Commerce, this action increases the 2015 total quota by 3.3 million pounds, resulting in a commercial quota of 7.29 million pounds, and a recreational quota of 7.01 million pounds. The total recreational annual catch target will be 5.606 million pounds. The length of the recreational season has yet to be determined. NOAA Fisheries Service will determine and announce the 2015 season in the coming weeks.