



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Recreational Grouper Season to Reopen April 1

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council reminds anglers that the recreational season for Gulf grouper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico will reopen April 1.

The recreational shallow-water grouper fishery (gag, black, red, yellowfin, scamp, yellowmouth, rock hind and red hind) is closed annually from February 1 through March 31, to help reduce overfishing of gag and rebuild its populations.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans designed to manage fishery resources in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

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