

2008 Recreational Red Snapper

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Florida Waters (out to 9nm)

Season: April 15 – October 31
Size: 16” total length
2 per person per day
Charter: Capt & crew fish prohibited
June 1st: venting tool, de-hooker,
and non-stainless steel circle hooks

Federal Waters (9nm out to 200nm)

Season: June 1 – August 5
Size: 16” total length
2 per person per day
Charter: Capt & crew fish prohibited
June 1st: venting tool, de-hooker tool,
and non-stainless steel circle hooks

Closed Areas for all reef fish:

Madison Swanson corner points -
NW 29-17N 085-50W
NE 29-17N 085-38W
SE 29-06N 085-38W
SW 29-06N 085-50W

Steamboat Lumps corner points -
NW 28-14N 084-48W
NE 28-14N 084-37W
SE 28-03N 084-37W
SW 28-03N 084-48W

Frequently asked questions:

1. Can I catch red snapper in Federal waters out of season, but within the Florida season?
No. Fishing for or possession of red snapper out of season is considered poaching and is a violation of 50 CFR 622.7(p).
2. Can I possess red snapper in Florida waters within the season and transport them to Alabama waters while Federal waters are out of season?
No. That is a violation of the Lacey Act 16 USC 3372 because Alabama waters (3nm) are the same as Federal waters.
3. Where can I buy a venting tool, de-hooker tool, and non-stainless circle hooks?
Any fishing tackle shop should carry all required equipment.
4. Do I need a Florida fishing license to fish in Federal waters?
No, but you do need to have the license if you plan to enter Florida waters with red snapper to avoid violating the Lacey Act.
5. Can I spear red snapper?
As long as it's within the appropriate season and the fish is greater than the minimum size and within the bag limit.

*This is not a legal document and knowledge of all fisheries rules and regulations rely upon the fisherman by staying prudently informed.