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## GULF OF MEXICO RED SNAPPER SEASON CLOSES JULY 17

TALLAHASSEE, Florida -- The 2012 Gulf of Mexico red snapper recreational harvest season will close July 17, 2012 in Florida state and federal waters; the last day of harvest is July 16.

This year's 46-day state season, which is the same as the 2012 federal recreational red snapper season in the Gulf of Mexico, was set in May at a meeting of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The season was extended at the end of June, because bad weather led to decreased fishing opportunities. The season started June 1.

Florida state waters in the Gulf extend from shore to nine nautical miles; federal waters extend beyond that line to 200 nautical miles.

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