

## 2.2. Management and Regulatory Timeline

**Tables 2.2.1. Pertinent Federal management information.**

Harvest Restrictions: Trip Limits

\*Trip limits do not apply during closures (if season is closed, then trip limit is 0)

First Yr In Effect	Effective Date	End Date	Fishery	Bag Limit Per Person/Day	Bag Limit Per Boat/Day	Region Affected	FR Reference	Amendment Number or Rule Type	* Notes
1984	11/1/84	4/22/90	Rec	none	none	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	55 FR 2078	Original Reef Fish FMP	
1990	4/23/90	12/31/94	Rec	7 fish*	none	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	55 FR 2078	Reef Fish Amendment 1	Within 10 snapper recreational aggregate bag limit
1995	10/1/94	12/31/97	Rec	5 fish*	none	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Oct 1994 Reg Amendment	"
1999	1/1/99	1/31/00	Rec	4 fish*	none	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Interim Rule	"
2000	2/1/00	5/1/07	Rec	5 fish*	none	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Feb 2000 Reg Amendment	"
2007	5/2/07	Present	Rec	2 fish*	none	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Interim Rule/RF Amendment 27	"
2007	5/2/07	Present	For-hire	0 capt/crew	none	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Interim Rule/RF Amendment 27	

## Harvest Restrictions: Size Limits

\*Size limits do not apply during closures

First Yr In Effect	Effective Date	End Date	Fishery	Size Limit	Length Type	Region Affected	FR Reference	Amendment Number or Rule Type	* Notes
1984	11/1/84	2/20/90	Both*	13"	Minimum TL	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Original Reef Fish FMP	For-hire exempted until 1987; each angler could keep 5 undersized red snapper per day
1990	2/21/90	6/18/00	Both	13"	Minimum TL	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	55 FR 2078	Reef Fish Amendment 1	
1994	10/1/94	1/31/00	Both	15"	Minimum TL	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Oct 1994 Reg Amendment	
2000	2/1/00	Present	Rec	16"	Minimum TL	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Feb 2000 Reg Amendment	
2000	2/1/00	1/31/08	Com	15"	Minimum TL	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Feb 2000 Reg Amendment	
2008	2/1/08	Present	Com	13"	Minimum TL	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		RF Amendment 27	

**Harvest Restrictions (Fishery Closures\*)**

\*Area specific regulations are documented under spatial restrictions

First Yr In Effect	Effective Date	End Date	Fishery	Closure Type	First Day Closed	Last Day Closed	Region Affected	FR Reference	Amendment Number or Rule Type	* Notes
1991	8/24/91	12/31/91	Com	Quota	24-Aug	31-Dec	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Notice of Closure	
1992	2/22/92	12/31/92	Com	Quota	23-Feb	31-Dec	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	65 FR 31827	Reef Fish Regulatory Amendment	
1993			Com	Seasonal			Gulf of Mexico EEZ			
1994	10/1/93	9/30/94	Com	Seasonal	1-Jan	9-Feb	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Oct 1993 Reg Amendment	
1995	10/1/94	12/31/95	Com	Seasonal	1-Jan	24-Feb	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Oct 1994 Reg Amendment	
1996	3/1/96	2/28/97	Com	Seasonal*	1-Jan	31-Jan	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Dec 1995 Reg Amendment*	Set up two season structure. Season 1 opened on February 1, and season 2 on September 15
1997	3/1/97	1/31/00	Com	Seasonal*	*	*	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		March 1997 Reg Amendment	Changed the opening date of the second 1997 commercial red snapper season from September 15 to September 2 at noon and closed the season on September 15 at noon; thereafter the commercial season was opened from noon of the first day to noon of the fifteenth day of each month until the 1997 quota was reached.
1997	11/27/97	12/31/97	Rec	Quota	27-Nov	31-Dec	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		March 1997 Reg Amendment	
2000	2/1/00	1/31/08	Rec	Seasonal	1-Jan	14-Apr	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Feb 2000 Reg Amendment	
2000	2/1/00	1/31/08	Rec	Seasonal	1-Nov	31-Dec	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Feb 2000 Reg Amendment	
2000	2/1/00	12/31/07	Com	Seasonal*	1-Jan	31-Jan	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Feb 2000 Reg Amendment	Open from noon on the 1st until noon on the 10th of each month until the Spring sub-quota is reached; October 1 and be open from noon on the 1st to noon on the 10th of each month until the remaining commercial quota is reached
2000	2/1/00	12/31/07	Com	Seasonal*			Gulf of Mexico EEZ		Feb 2000 Reg Amendment	
2007	1/1/07	Present	Com	IFQ	-	-	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		RF Amendment 26	Established the Commercial IFQ program
2008	2/1/08	12/31/11	Rec	Seasonal	1-Jan	31-May	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		RF Amendment 27	
2008	2/1/08	12/31/11	Rec	Seasonal	1-Oct	31-Dec	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		RF Amendment 27	
2012	1/1/12	Present	Rec	Seasonal	1-Jan	31-May	Gulf of Mexico EEZ		2012 Reg Amendment	

## Harvest Restrictions (Spatial restrictions)

Area	First Yr In Effect	Effective Date	End Date	Fishery	First Day Closed	Last Day Closed	Restriction in Area	FR Reference	Amendment Number or Rule Type
Gulf of Mexico Stressed Areas	1984	11/8/84	Ongoing	Both	Year round		Prohibited powerheads for Reef FMP	49 FR 39548	Original Reef Fish FMP
	1984	11/8/84	Ongoing	Both	Year round		Prohibited pots and traps for Reef FMP	49 FR 39548	Original Reef Fish FMP
EEZ, inside 50 fathoms west of Cape San Blas, FL	1990	2/21/90	Ongoing	Both	Year round		Prohibited longline and buoy gear for Reef FMP	55 FR 2078	Reef Fish Amendment 1
EEZ, inside 20 fathoms east of Cape San Blas, FL	1990	2/21/90	4/17/09	Both	Year round		Prohibited longline and buoy gear for Reef FMP	55 FR 2078	Reef Fish Amendment 1
Alabama Special Management Zones	1994	2/7/94	Ongoing	Both	Year round		Allow only hook-and line gear with three or less hooks per line and spearfishing gear for fish in Reef FMP	59 FR 966	Reef Fish Amendment 5
EEZ, inside 50 fathoms east of Cape San Blas, FL	2009	5/18/09	10/15/09	Both	18-May	28-Oct	Prohibited bottom longline for Reef FMP	74 FR 20229	Emergency Rule
EEZ, inside 35 fathoms east of Cape San Blas, FL	2009	10/16/09	4/25/10	Both	Year round		Prohibited bottom longline for Reef FMP	74 FR 53889	Sea Turtle ESA Rule
	2010	4/26/10	Ongoing	Rec	Year round		Prohibited bottom longline for Reef FMP	75 FR 21512	Reef Fish Amendment 31
	2010	4/26/10	Ongoing	Com	1-Jun	31-Aug	Prohibited bottom longline for Reef FMP	75 FR 21512	Reef Fish Amendment 31
Madison-Swanson	2000	6/19/00	6/2/04	Both	Year round		Fishing prohibited except HMS	65 FR 31827	Reef Fish Regulatory Amendment
	2004	6/3/04	Ongoing	Both	1-May	31-Oct	Fishing prohibited except surface trolling	70 FR 24532 74 FR 17603	Reef Fish Amendment 21 Reef Fish Amendment 30B
	2004	6/3/04	Ongoing	Both	1-Nov	30-Apr	Fishing prohibited	70 FR 24532 74 FR 17603	Reef Fish Amendment 21 Reef Fish Amendment 30B
Steamboat Lumps	2000	6/19/00	6/2/04	Both	Year round		Fishing prohibited except HMS	65 FR 31827	Reef Fish Regulatory Amendment
	2004	6/3/04	Ongoing	Both	1-May	31-Oct	Fishing prohibited except surface trolling	70 FR 24532 74 FR 17603	Reef Fish Amendment 21 Reef Fish Amendment 30B
	2004	6/3/04	Ongoing	Both	1-Nov	30-Apr	Fishing prohibited	70 FR 24532 74 FR 17603	Reef Fish Amendment 21 Reef Fish Amendment 30B
The Edges	2010	7/24/09	Ongoing	Both	1-Jan	30-Apr	Fishing prohibited	74 FR 30001	Reef Fish Amendment 30B Supplement
20 Fathom Break	2014	7/5/13	Ongoing	Rec	1-Feb	31-Mar	Fishing for SWG prohibited	78 FR 33259	Reef Fish Framework Action
Flower Garden	1992	1/17/92	Ongoing	Both	Year round		Fishing with bottom gears prohibited	56 FR 63634	Sanctuary Designation
Riley's Hump	1994	2/7/94	8/18/02	Both	1-May	30-Jun	Fishing prohibited	59 FR 966	Reef Fish Amendment 5
Tortugas Reserves	2002	8/19/02	Ongoing	Both	Year round		Fishing prohibited	67 FR 47467	Tortugas Amendment

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Pulley Ridge	2006	1/23/06	Ongoing	Both	Year round	Fishing with bottom gears prohibited	70 FR 76216	Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment 3
DWH Oil Spill closure	2010	5/2/10	11/15/10	Both		All fishing prohibited in designated areas	75 FR 24822	

HMS: highly migratory species (tuna species, marlin, oceanic sharks, sailfishes, and swordfish)

SWG: shallow-water grouper (black, gag, red, red hind, rock hind, scamp, yellowfin, and yellowmouth)

Bottom gears: Bottom longline, bottom trawl, buoy gear, pot, or trap