

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

**CHAPTER 220-3  
MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION**

**220-3-.46      Open Season For Gulf Reef Fish Species.**

(1) During such period of time that the federal waters (During such period of time that the federal waters (adjoining Alabama waters) are open to the recreational harvest of a Gulf Reef Fish species, the recreational harvest of that Gulf Reef Fish species shall also be open in Alabama waters. Otherwise, when the federal waters are closed to the harvest of a Gulf Reef Fish species, Alabama waters will also be closed to the harvest of that species. However, Alabama state waters shall open and close to the recreational harvest of Red Snapper at the direction of the Commissioner through his designee, the Director of the Marine Resources Division. Notification of the opening and closing of state waters to recreational harvests shall be made through a press release.

(2) The possession of Red Snapper in Alabama state waters, during the time the waters are closed, is prohibited except for federally permitted for-hire vessels during the federal for-hire season.

(3) Gulf Reef Fish shall be defined as the fish listed in Table 1.

**Table 1. Gulf Reef Fish Species**

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|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Balistidae-Triggerfishes                   | Wenchman, <i>Pristipomoides aquilonaris</i>          |
| Gray triggerfish, <i>Balistes capricus</i> | Vermilion snapper, <i>Rhomboplites aurorubens</i>    |
| Carangidae-Jacks                           | Malacanthidae-Tilefishes                             |
| Greater amberjack, <i>Seriola dumerili</i> | Goldface tilefish, <i>Caulolatilus chrysops</i>      |
| Lesser amberjack, <i>Seriola fasciata</i>  | Blueline tilefish, <i>Caulolatilus microps</i>       |
| Almaco jack, <i>Seriola rivoliana</i>      | Tilefish, <i>Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps</i>       |
| Banded rudderfish, <i>Seriola zonata</i>   | Serranidae-Groupers                                  |
| Labridae-Wrasses                           | Speckled hind, <i>Epinephelus drummondhayi</i>       |
| Hogfish, <i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>       | Yellowedge grouper, <i>Epinephelus flavolimbatus</i> |
| Lutjanidae-Snappers                        | Goliath grouper, <i>Epinephelus itajara</i>          |
| Queen snapper, <i>Etelis oculatus</i>      | Red grouper, <i>Epinephelus morio</i>                |

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|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Mutton snapper, <i>Lutjanus analis</i>           | Warsaw grouper, <i>Epinephelus nigritus</i>             |
| Blackfin snapper, <i>Lutjanus buccanella</i>     | Snowy grouper, <i>Epinephelus niveatus</i>              |
| Red snapper, <i>Lutjanus campechanus</i>         | Black grouper, <i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>               |
| Cubera snapper, <i>Lutjanus cyanopterus</i>      | Yellowmouth grouper, <i>Mycteroperca interstitialis</i> |
| Gray (mangrove) snapper, <i>Lutjanus griseus</i> | Gag, <i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>                     |
| Lane snapper, <i>Lutjanus synagris</i>           | Scamp, <i>Mycteroperca phenax</i>                       |
| Silk snapper, <i>Lutjanus vivanus</i>            | Yellowfin grouper, <i>Mycteroperca venenosa</i>         |
| Yellowtail snapper, <i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>     |                                                         |

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