

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

**CHAPTER 220-3
MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION**

220-3-.87 Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, pursuant to the authority of Section 9-12-9 of the Code of Ala. 1975, any person possessing, taking, or attempting to take species or groups of species of gulf reef fish (as defined in Rule 220-3-.46) shall purchase an Alabama Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement. Likewise, any person who is required to purchase a license for a commercial party boat or commercial fishing vessel from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (Department) which is used for possessing, taking, or attempting to take any species of gulf reef fish shall purchase an Alabama Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement.

(2) The annual fees and annual expiration dates for Alabama Gulf Reef Fish Endorsements shall be as follows:

(a) Individual Anglers: \$10.00
Expiration Date: August 31

(b) Individual Angler Lifetime: \$220.00

(c) Fees for commercial party boats shall be as follows and the endorsement for each shall expire on September 30.

1. 1-6 passengers: \$150.00

2. 7-25 passengers: \$200.00

3. More than 25 passengers: \$250.00

(d) Commercial Fishing Vessel: \$250.00
Expiration Date: September 30

(3) An endorsement for a commercial vessel must be maintained on the vessel. An endorsement issued to an individual angler must be in the possession of the angler when possessing, taking, or attempting to take gulf reef fish.

(4) The following persons are not required to purchase an Alabama Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement:

(a) An angler under the age of 16 years.

(b) An angler possessing, taking, or attempting to take gulf reef fish while on a commercial fishing vessel or commercial

party boat licensed by the Department and for which a Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement has been issued.

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Penalty: As provided by law.