

Hogfish – Draft Rule Language Agenda Item 14 B – November 17, 2016 Commission Meeting

**68B-14.0035 Size Limits: Amberjacks, Black Sea Bass, Gray Triggerfish, Grouper, Hogfish, Red Porgy, Snapper.**

No person shall land, possess, unnecessarily destroy, purchase, exchange, sell or offer for sale any of the following species harvested in or from state waters, of a length less than set forth as follows:

(1) through (4) No change.

(5) 1. Hogfish: 12 inches fork length harvested from all waters of the Atlantic Ocean and south of 25°09' North Latitude in the Gulf of Mexico 16 inches (consistent with the Federal Standard established in 50 C.F.R. § 622.185(c)(3)(ii) as of - - ).

2. Hogfish harvested north of 25°09' North Latitude in the Gulf of Mexico 14 inches (consistent with the Federal Standard established in 50 C.F.R. § 622.37(c)(2) as of - - ).

(6) through (7) No change.

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**68B-14.00355 Size Limits for Importation and Sale.**

(1) No person shall possess for purposes of sale, purchase, sell, or exchange any of the following species of a length less than set forth as follows:

(a) through (d) No change.

(e) Hogfish ~~14~~ inches fork length (consistent with the Federal Standard established in 50 C.F.R. § 622.37(c)(2) as of - - ).

(f) No change.

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**68B-14.0036 Recreational Bag Limits: Snapper, Grouper, Hogfish, Black Sea Bass, Red Porgy, Amberjacks, Tilefish, Exception, Wholesale/Retail Purchase Exemption.**

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Hogfish.

(a) Except as provided elsewhere in this rule, In the Atlantic Ocean and south of 25°09' North Latitude in the Gulf of Mexico, no recreational harvester shall harvest in or from state waters, nor possess while in or on state waters, more than 1 hogfish per day (consistent with the Federal Standard established in 50 C.F.R. § 622.187(b)(3)(ii) as of - - ).

(b) In the Gulf of Mexico north of 25°09' North Latitude, no recreational harvester shall harvest in or from state waters, nor possess while in or on state waters, more than 5 hogfish per day (consistent with the Federal Standard established in 50 C.F.R. § 622.1 as of - - ).

(4) through (10) No change.

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**68B-14.0042 Recreational Hogfish Season.**

(1) Hogfish Open Seasons. In all state waters of the Atlantic Ocean and south of 25°09' North Latitude in the Gulf of Mexico, the season for the recreational harvest and possession of hogfish shall be May 1 through October 31 (consistent with the Federal Standard established in 50 C.F.R. § 622.183(b)(4) as of - - ).

(2) Hogfish Closed Seasons. Except for persons harvesting hogfish for commercial purposes pursuant to Rule 68B-14.0045, F.A.C., no person shall harvest in or from state waters of the Atlantic Ocean and south of 25°09' North Latitude in the Gulf of Mexico any hogfish from January 1 through April 30 and November 1 through December 31 (consistent with the Federal Standard established in 50 C.F.R. § 622.183(b)(4) as of - - ).

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