

## Mutton Snapper – Draft Rule Language

### **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 (6) No change.
- (7) Snapper (measured in terms of total length).
- (a) through (f) No change.
- (g) Mutton snapper 16~~8~~ inches.
- (h) through (o) 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 (e) No change.
- (f) Snapper (measured in terms of total length).
  - 1. through 5. No change.
  - 6. Mutton snapper 16~~8~~ inches.
  - 7. through 10. No change.
- (2) through (4) 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) Snapper.
  - (a) through (f) No change.
  - (g) Mutton snapper. No recreational harvester shall harvest in or from state waters, nor possess while in or on state waters, more than 3 mutton snapper per day. Such bag and possession limit shall be counted for purposes of the aggregate snapper bag and possession limit prescribed in paragraph (a).
- (2) through (10) No change.

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### **68B-14.0045 Commercial Harvest Requirements; Licenses, Season Closures, Bag and Trip Limits.**

- (1) through (2) No change. Licenses.
- (3) Bag and Trip Limits.
  - (a) Snapper.
    - 1. No change.
    - 2. Mutton snapper. Except as provided elsewhere in this rule, from July 1 through March 31 of each year, no person harvesting for commercial purposes in Atlantic state waters shall possess more than 500 pounds of mutton snapper per day or per trip, whichever is more restrictive. ~~During May and June~~ From April 1 through June 31 of each year, no person harvesting for commercial purposes in Atlantic state waters shall possess more than 40~~3~~ mutton snapper per day or 40~~3~~ mutton snapper per trip, whichever is more restrictive.
    - 3. No change
  - (b) through (e) No change.

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