

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Order No. EO 18-43

**Recreational Harvest Closure of Gray
Triggerfish in State Waters of the Gulf of
Mexico**

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and acting through its Executive Director under Paragraph 22 of the Delegations of Authority, and due to the closure of the recreational harvest of gray triggerfish in Gulf of Mexico federal waters effective August 17, 2018, in response to harvest projections indicating the 2018 federal recreational annual catch target had been met, hereby closes the recreational season for gray triggerfish in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico for the remainder of 2018. This closure is consistent with the closure in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico by the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service. Such actions are only authorized as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-14, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the recreational season for gray triggerfish shall close effective 12:01 a.m. local time, September 28, 2018, and remain closed through December 31, 2018. All recreational harvest and possession of gray triggerfish shall be prohibited in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico during this time.
2. All other rules or orders of the Commission relating to 68B-14, F.A.C. shall remain in effect during the closure.
3. This order shall expire at 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2019.

Specific Authority:
Law Implemented:

Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and subsection 120.81(5),
Florida Statutes



Given under my hand and seal of the Florida
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
on this 27th day of September, 2018.

Eric Sutton
Executive Director

Attest
Agency Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

Commission Attorney