STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 19-13

Possession of Red Snapper in or on State Waters of the Gulf of Mexico During the Federal For-Hire Season

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, through its Executive Director under Delegations of Authority Paragraph 22, hereby provides an allowance for possession of red snapper on state waters of the Gulf of Mexico for vessels for hire that possess aboard the vessel a valid federal Gulf of Mexico Charter/Headboat Permit for Reef Fish and legally harvest red snapper in adjacent EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone) waters outside of the open season for red snapper in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico established in Executive Order 19-05.

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 68B-14, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), vessels for hire that possess aboard the vessel a valid federal Gulf of Mexico Charter/Headboat Permit for Reef Fish pursuant to 50 C.F.R. §622.20(b), while fishing for other species in or on state waters, may be in possession of red snapper that were legally harvested in adjacent EEZ waters during the federal season for recreational harvest by the federal for-hire component. The federal season for recreational harvest by the federal for-hire component is 12:01 a.m. June 1, 2019 local time through 12:01 a.m. local time August 2, 2019 pursuant to 84 FR 8825.

2. Except for persons harvesting red snapper for commercial purposes pursuant to Rule 68B-14.0045, F.A.C., no person shall harvest in or from state waters of the Gulf of Mexico any red snapper outside of the open season identified in Executive Order 19-05.

3. All other requirements of 68B-14, F.A.C., remain in effect.

4. This order shall take effect upon execution and shall expire at 12:01 a.m. local time on August 2, 2019.

Specific Authority:
Law Implemented:

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
On this 22nd day of April 2019

Eric Sutton, Executive Director