

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

Order No. EO 19-15

**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 May 11, 2019, in response to harvest projections indicating the 2019 federal recreational annual catch target will be met, hereby closes the recreational season for gray triggerfish in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico for the remainder of the 2019 season. 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 2019 recreational season for gray triggerfish shall close effective 12:01 a.m. local time, May 11, 2019, and remain closed through the remainder of the 2019 season. All recreational harvest and possession of gray triggerfish shall be prohibited in or on 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, 2020.

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 1st day of May, 2019.

Eric Sutton
Executive Director

Attest
Agency Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

Commission Attorney