

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

**Order No. EO 19-16**

**Recreational Harvest Closure of Greater  
Amberjack 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 greater amberjack in Gulf of Mexico federal waters through May 31, 2019, in response to harvest projections indicating the 2019 federal recreational annual catch target has been reached, hereby closes the recreational harvest for greater amberjack in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico through May 31, 2019. 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 greater amberjack shall close effective 12:01 a.m. local time, May 3, 2019, and remain closed through May 31, 2019. All recreational harvest and possession of greater amberjack shall be prohibited in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico during this time.
2. The annual state seasons established in 68B-14.004, F.A.C., will be in place following May 31, 2019.
3. All other rules or orders of the Commission relating to 68B-14, F.A.C. shall remain in effect during the closure.
4. This order shall expire at 12:00 a.m. on June 1, 2019.

Specific Authority:

Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Law Implemented:

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