

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 19-47

**Recreational Harvest Closure of Lane
Snapper 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 recreational harvest of lane snapper in Gulf of Mexico federal waters effective December 13, 2019, in response to harvest projections indicating the 2019 federal stock annual catch limit has been exceeded, hereby prohibits recreational harvest of lane snapper in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico for the remainder of 2019. This action 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:

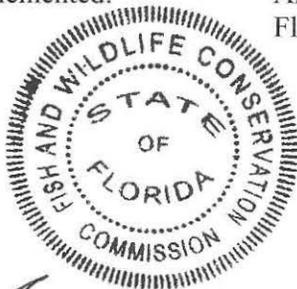
1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-14, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), recreational harvest of lane snapper shall close effective 12:01 a.m. local time, December 13, 2019, and remain closed through the remainder of 2019. All recreational harvest and possession of lane snapper 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:

Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Law Implemented:

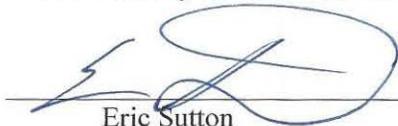
Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and subsection 120.81(5),
Florida Statutes



Attest
Agency Clerk

Jill Canfield

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
on this 11th day of December, 2019.


Eric Sutton
Executive Director

*Approved as to legal
sufficiency
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