As a reef fish angler or spear fisher, you may be asked periodically to participate in voluntary mail and dockside surveys. These surveys provide important information needed to monitor the fishery and provide optimum recreational fishing opportunities in Florida.

Beginning July 1, 2020, anglers 16 years of age and older are required to sign up as a State Reef Fish Angler if they fish from a private recreational boat for any of the 13 species described in this brochure. Signing up helps FWC reach out directly to people who fish for reef fish species and collect better data.

With your help, we can improve scientific data and management of these important recreational fisheries. To learn more about how to sign up as a State Reef Fish Angler, visit MyFWC.com/SRFS.

Anglers must also abide by all state and federal recreational seasons, size limits and bag limits.
Species that **DO NOT** Require State Reef Fish Angler Designation

**Gray Snapper**  *Lutjanus griseus*  
(Also called Mangrove Snapper or “Mangos”)  

- Two conspicuous canine teeth  
- Offshore adults can be reddish in color (not as red as true Red Snapper)  

**Lane Snapper**  *Lutjanus synagris*  

- Diffuse black spot  
- Irregular pink and yellow lines  

**Scamp**  *Mycteroperca phenax*  

- Reddish brown spots  
- Elongated caudal fin rays  

**Sea Bass (e.g., Rock, Bank and Black)**  

- Convex caudal fin and may have elongated fin lobes  

**Grunts (e.g., White Grunt)**  

**Porgies**  (e.g., Knobbed, Jolthead and Red)**

The State Reef Fish Angler designation may be obtained anywhere FWC saltwater fishing licenses are sold, including on GoOutdoorsFlorida.com, on the Fish|Hunt Florida mobile app, over the phone at 1-888-FISHFLORIDA (347-4356), or at tackle shops, sporting goods stores, and tax collectors’ offices. To learn more about regulations or the State Reef Fish Survey, visit MyFWC.com/SRFS.

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