

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

Order No. EO 11-30

**Gag Grouper Recreational
Harvest Closure in 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 Delegations of Authority Paragraph 17 and Paragraph 22, hereby prohibits the recreational harvest of gag grouper in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico, except in all waters of Monroe County, beginning on January 1, 2012. This action is taken to have a state waters recreational gag grouper harvest closure consistent with the interim federal waters harvest closure. This action is authorized only as follows:

1. Notwithstanding provisions in 68B-14 Fla. Admin. Code to the contrary, Recreational harvest of gag grouper in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico, except in all waters of Monroe County, is prohibited beginning January 1, 2012.
2. All other provisions governing harvest of gag grouper in Florida remain in effect.
3. This order shall take effect upon execution, and shall expire at 12:01 a.m., February 1, 2012.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and 120.81(5), Florida Statutes

Effective Date: Upon execution

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 30th day of November, 2011.

Nick Wiley
Executive Director

Attest _____
Agency Clerk