

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 12-11

**Closure for Snook in the Gulf of Mexico, Monroe
County and Everglades National Park**

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, through its Executive Director under Delegations of Authority Paragraph 17 and Paragraph 22, and due to the prolonged natural cold weather event in the winter of 2010 that caused significant, widespread mortality of snook, hereby closes the harvest of snook as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-21, F.A.C., no person may harvest in or from state waters or possess snook taken from the Gulf of Mexico, Monroe County, and Everglades National Park during the period beginning on the effective date of this order and continuing through August 31, 2013, unless the fishery is opened sooner or the closure is extended by subsequent order.
2. This order does not prevent catch and release fishing for snook during the harvest closures.
3. This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2012 and remain in effect through August 31, 2013 unless repealed, extended, or modified by subsequent order.

Specific Authority:

Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Law Implemented:

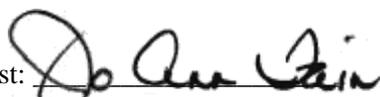
Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
and 120.81(5), Florida Statutes

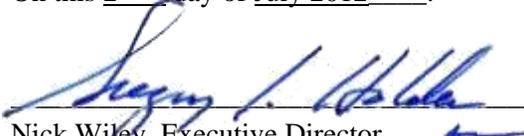
Effective Date:

12:01 a.m., September 1, 2012

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
On this 2nd day of July 2012.

Attest:


Agency Clerk


Nick Wiley, Executive Director

