STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 15-33

Atlantic Gray Triggerfish Size Limits and Recreational Bag Limit, and Statewide Size Limit for Importation and Sale

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 reduces the minimum size limit for commercial and recreational harvest of gray triggerfish from Atlantic state waters to 12 inches fork length, sets the recreational bag limit for gray triggerfish harvested from Atlantic state waters to 10 fish per person, and reduces the statewide minimum size limit for importation and sale of gray triggerfish to 12 inches fork length. These changes are being enacted to temporarily reverse the size limit increase enacted for Atlantic state waters in July 2015, until the results of the 2016 Atlantic gray triggerfish stock assessment can be considered. Long-term changes to gray triggerfish management may be considered based on stock assessment results. In the interim, reducing the Atlantic state waters recreational bag limit from 100 pounds to 10 fish will serve as a conservation measure. The harvest and sale of gray triggerfish is authorized as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 68B-14, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.):
   a. The minimum size limit for gray triggerfish harvested from state waters of the Atlantic for recreational and commercial purposes shall be 12 inches fork length.
   b. The recreational bag limit for gray triggerfish harvested from state waters of the Atlantic shall be ten fish per person per day.
   c. The minimum size for importation and sale of gray triggerfish shall be 12 inches fork length statewide.

2. All other requirements of 68B-14, F.A.C., shall remain in effect.

3. This order shall take effect at 12:01 A.M. local time on November 21, 2015 and expire at 12:01 A.M. on November 1, 2016.

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

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 21 day of November, 2015.

Nick Wiley
Executive Director

Attest: Exec. Director
Agency Clerk