

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

**Order No. EO 16-23
Triggerfish in State Waters**

**Recreational Harvest Closure of Gray
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, through its Executive Director under Delegations of Authority Paragraph 17 and Paragraph 22, and due to the reduction in the federal recreational annual catch target and annual catch limit for gray triggerfish and the closure of federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico effective August 1, 2016, hereby closes the recreational season for gray triggerfish in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico for the remainder of 2016. The federal annual catch target was reached before the June 1 – July 31, 2016, annual season closure, therefore recreational harvest shall remain closed in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico effective 12:01 a.m., August 1, 2016. This closure is consistent with the closure in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service.

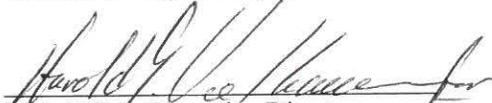
1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-14, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the recreational season of gray triggerfish in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico shall close effective 12:01a.m., local time on August 1, 2016, and remain closed through December 31, 2016. All recreational harvest and possession of gray triggerfish shall be prohibited in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico during this time.
2. All other requirements of 68B-14, F.A.C., shall remain in effect during the closure.
3. This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on August 1, 2016.

Specific Authority:
Law Implemented:

Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
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 26th day of July 2016


Nick Wiley, Executive Director

Attest:


Agency Clerk