

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

**Order No. EO 16-55**

**2017 Recreational Harvest Closure of Gray Triggerfish  
in State Waters of the Gulf of Mexico**

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (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, and due to the recent announcement of federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico being closed to recreational harvest of gray triggerfish during 2017, hereby closes the recreational season for gray triggerfish in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico for 2017. The federal annual catch target for 2017 was reduced to zero pounds in response to a harvest overage in 2016. To help prevent a subsequent harvest overage in 2017, recreational harvest shall remain closed in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico effective 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2017. This closure is consistent with the closure in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service.

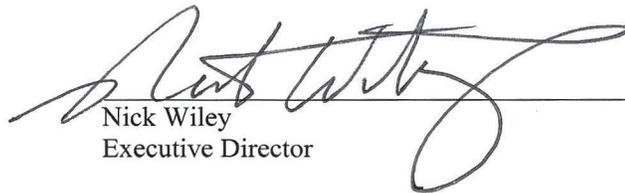
1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 68B-14, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the recreational season of gray triggerfish in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico shall close effective 12:01 a.m., local time on January 1, 2017, and remain closed through December 31, 2017. All recreational harvest 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.
3. This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m., on January 1, 2017.

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 7 day of  
December, 2016.

  
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Nick Wiley  
Executive Director

Attest:   
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Agency Clerk