DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2022 Private Recreational and State Charter
Red Snapper Season

Louisiana’s private recreational and state charter season for the harvest of red snapper in Louisiana and federal waters, previously scheduled to open on Friday, May 27, 2022 on weekends only (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) including the Mondays of Memorial Day and Labor Day and July 4 on whatever day it may fall, is being modified. Under the provisions of state management, NOAA Fisheries has delegated season and bag limit authority as well as allocated a quota to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. In order to maximize opportunity for Louisiana anglers to harvest Louisiana’s allotted portion of the private recreational red snapper quota, the department is modifying the recreational red snapper season to allow for additional daily harvest.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953.1, which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency rules to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3, which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, the commission hereby declares:

The season for the private recreational and state charter harvest of red snapper in state waters and federal waters off Louisiana shall be weekends only (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, including the Mondays of Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day), beginning on Friday, May 27, 2022 until further notice. The secretary shall monitor landings and close the season when appropriate to allow for the season to reopen during the Labor Day weekend (September 2, 2022 through September 5, 2022). The bag and possession limit shall be 3 fish per person per day. Size limits shall remain at the currently established minimum size limit in LAC 76:VII.335 of 16 inches total length. The season shall remain open as described until further notice.

The Commission further authorizes the secretary of the department to modify the recreational season for the harvest of red snapper when monitoring data warrant a modification to ensure compliance with the allocation of red snapper for Louisiana.

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