



Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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Recreational Fishery for Vermilion Snapper Closed to Vessels Fishing in South Atlantic Federal Waters on November 1, 2009

In July 2009, NOAA Fisheries Service implemented measures to establish a November-March recreational closure for the vermilion snapper fishery. The recreational fishery for vermilion snapper in the South Atlantic (North Carolina to the Florida Keys) federal waters is **closed, effective 12:01 a.m. (local time) November 1, 2009**, through March 31, 2010.

During the closure, all recreational harvest or possession of vermilion snapper in or from South Atlantic federal waters is prohibited. This closure applies to private recreational fishermen, as well as any person on board a vessel that has been issued a South Atlantic Charter/Headboat Permit for Snapper-Grouper. The closure also applies to vermilion snapper taken in South Atlantic state waters for any person on board a vessel possessing a South Atlantic Charter/Headboat Permit for Snapper-Grouper.

Closure of the recreational fishery for vermilion snapper in the South Atlantic complies with regulations implementing the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region and is necessary to end overfishing of vermilion snapper.

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