

Subject: comments

Date: Saturday, November 24, 2012 8:44 AM

From: Turtleskaters@aol.com

To: Charlene Ponce <charlene.ponce@gulfcouncil.org>

Conversation: comments

Is there a way to provide comments on red snapper in general at this time. I have before when you gods ask for them.

I wish some of you would come up here to Pensacola, FL. We are covered up in red snapper. At some sites it is the only fish you can catch as there are so many. We catch 15 pounders regularly.

You guys need to worry about dolphins and red snapper before you worry about humans and red snapper. On my last two trips the dolphin out there consumed probably 20 short and legal red snapper each, and there were three of them hanging around us. This is quote the norm these days. What is NMFS plan for dolphin and red snapper. Is there a plan? If not, you guys get an "E" from me. In general, you guys get an E anyway. NMFS - "E". NWS - "E". E means FAILURE.

You guys are so far from reality it is shame. Or a scam.

Can we please cull the red snapper up here so we can actually maybe raise and catch some lane snapper and grouper.

One red snapper per person...you guys are nuts.

Mark Nicholas

Subject: Red snapper
Date: Thursday, July 12, 2012 10:04 AM
From: Larry Ables <Larry.Ables@dtims.com>
To: John Milner <GulfCouncil@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: Red snapper

I have been fishing for snapper in the Gulf for 40 years. This is the best year I have had for size in all of my years of fishing. I think we should close the entire Gulf every four years to all fishing and shrimping. If it is planed then the fishermen can prepare for the shut down and it won't be a surprise. They are harvesting free sources of food that they bitch about taxing and paying their fair share. The shut down will give the fish a year to rest and grow and multiply.

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Subject: Please stop mismanaging Red Snapper populations
Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 9:41 AM
From: David Shormann <drshormann@gmail.com>
To: Info <Info@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: Please stop mismanaging Red Snapper populations

Greetings,

I am writing to ask you to please consider a better management strategy for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*). In this video/article <<http://drshormann.com/2012/05/28/stop-red-snapper-overprotection-in-federal-waters/>> , it is quite obvious that red snapper populations are doing well off the Texas coast, and they have been fine for years. The current recreational limitations on red snapper in federal waters do not benefit the snapper, the anglers, or the coastal economies. Everyone I talk to who fishes for red snapper agrees that the current plan is foolish. It is also well known that there are fairly distinct populations of red snapper in the Gulf, so managing the entire Gulf using a blanket regulation is unhelpful, and frankly, embarrassing.

We do not have a shortage of red snapper in federal waters off Texas. I know my video is just from one oil platform, but I could go to dozens more and show you the same thing. Your regulations don't match reality, and that needs to change.

Thank you for your time,
David E. Shormann, PhD

Subject: Re: News from Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
Date: Saturday, April 14, 2012 6:52 PM
From: Bryan Kelley <screamndrag@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: "Bryan Kelley" <screamndrag@yahoo.com>
To: Charlene Ponce <charlene.ponce@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: News from Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

To whom it concerns,

It is my believe that you can no longer go by pounds. You are going to have to go by number of fish caught. Obviously these fish are larger, and are blowing up your "quotas". There is a problem building up out there that you don't realize, these snappers are in fact destroying the rest of your reef . These arwe pack hunters they go on a frenzy and destroy almost everything in there path. The only two fish that are safe are "jack's and large grouper". All of your other smaller fish are beeing eaten by an ever growing lynch mob. They are hungry, and untill you take into account the wrewcks that are out there you will never have true data. You are missing about 8,000 wrecks just from the PC Fl. to Orange Bch. Al. area. Most of these wrecks are coops and produce more than 8,000 lbs each. If you do the math there are about 64,000,000 lbs of fish you do not even take into account, and that needs to change fast, before you do any more damage to the well established eco-system here in the northern Gulf.

Cpt. Bryan Kelley

From: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
<charlene.ponce@gulfcouncil.org>
To: screamndrag@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 10:16 AM
Subject: News from Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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April 13, 2012

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Subject: Re: News from Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
Date: Friday, April 13, 2012 8:29 PM
From: pejm50sj@aol.com
To: Charlene Ponce <charlene.ponce@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: News from Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

Here YOU go again,,red snapper,,increased season and quota,,WHERE,,? you shortened the season from June 1st,to July 10th,,? last year July 18th the year before aug 4thbefore that April 20th to sept 30th,,you all must think we are stupid,,red snapper NOT overfished,,BUT you can not have them,,?? oh forgot ,,you open the gag grouper July 1,,close the red snapper,,that's the way it gose,,we are stupid you are the smart ones,,?? BULL !!!!!!!! what the h----- is wrong with what you are doing,,? you think we are that stupid to see it,,?at this point we need to close the fishery management thing,,and put the salaries paid to some good,,? wind blows weather rough,,gas up,,give us six week ends,,they may get 2 to fish,,that will work,,!!! i have talked with a management gal at a sport show,,closed gag grouper because they were not being caught in panhandle,,oil spill people,,your house was on fire you would move also,,they just moved,,what the heck will it take to put common sence in the people on thid governing crap makers,,??? capt paul ps the site do not let one send coments on the ruleings,,set up that way also,,

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Subject: Can someone make a change?
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2012 7:19 AM
From: Dwayne Hall <dwhall@hughes.net>
To: Info <Info@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: Can someone make a change?

> Fishing the gulf of Mexico is a way of life for me. It is getting harder and harder for me to continue to pursue my passion with the rising cost of fuel and the steady decline of fish that I am able to harvest. On average, at any given oil rig, it is very hard to keep red snapper off my hook. Ridiculous amount of snapper, but still I can only keep a whopping two! But that's ok, I can still target other fish in deeper water like the greater amberjack. Never mind, y'all idiots that sit in an office all day in Florida where there are no fish in the first place are coming up with all these laws that are keeping us from enjoying our way of life. You may see these regulation as a good thing, but I see it as a form of taking away our freedoms! I am a firm believer in having regulations but it has gotten out of control! Back when the snapper limits were 5/person there wasn't nearly the fish that there are today! So i have to ask, who is doing the research? You say that the quota is being met more quickly and that's why the seasons are shorter and the limits are less, but that is because the quota is a measurement of weight instead of numbers. THE FISH ARE BIGGER THAN THEY HAVE EVER BEEN!!! THATS WHY THE QUOTA IS BEING MET SO FAST! Anglers spend millions of dollars all throughout small towns on the coast insuring them with an income. But what do you care! Sit in your little office chair and watch businesses that flourish on fisherman die one by one because of your uneducated laws! Go home and feed your families as you take the food out of other families mouths! I hope that one day y'all will wake up and do something about this, but that is just wishful thinking. This email will hurt someones pride and result in another freedom taken away!

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