

**Subject:** Red Grouper Catch Limits

**Date:** Friday, October 3, 2014 at 8:43:16 PM Eastern Daylight Time

**From:** Rasmussen, David

**To:** Gulf Council

**CC:** Bryan Fluech, Allan Bristow

I routinely recreationally fish offshore in SWFL in waters up to 120'.

I want to preserve fish stocks and minimize fishing restrictions during tourist seasons. I am one of the 400 members of the Marco Island Sportfishing Club.

I prefer to reduce bag limits or enact slot sizes during spawning season. We need to maintain breeder sized female fish populations. Totally closing seasons hurts fishing tourism and guides and increases pressure on other species.

I feel a fisherman should be able to keep one dinner sized fish per trip to keep sport interest.

Thanks for keeping fishing options for present and future generations.

Sent from my work iPhone 7S

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**Subject:** Red Grouper Closure

**Date:** Saturday, August 30, 2014 at 11:00:27 AM Eastern Daylight Time

**From:** Bud and Denise

**To:** Gulf Council

I believe the red grouper bag limit should remain at 3 year round. I am not sure the recreational data obtained is correct. In a normal fishing day I usually see 0 to 4 boats in a 30 to 40 mile area. There is limited red grouper fishing in my area starting before 15 miles off shore. This being the case limits most fisherman from red grouper fishing. The need to keep the season open is a must for our economy.

Thanks

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