

STATE OF ALABAMA            )  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY        )

**REGULATION 2018-MR-5**  
(Marine Resources)

By authority vested in me as Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama as provided for by the Code of Alabama 1975, §§ 9-2-4, 9-2-7, 9-2-8, and 9-2-12, I do hereby establish, proclaim and promulgate the following regulation which has the force and effect of law:

Section 1. Rule **220-23-.46**, entitled "**Open Season for Gulf Reef Fish Species**," as last amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"220-3-.46 Open Season for Gulf Reef Fish Species.**

(1) During such period of time that the federal waters (adjoining Alabama waters) are open to the recreational harvest of a Gulf Reef Fish species, the recreational harvest of that Gulf Reef Fish species shall also be open in Alabama waters. Otherwise, when the federal waters are closed to the harvest of a Gulf Reef Fish species, Alabama waters will also be closed to harvest of that species. However, Alabama state waters shall be open to the recreational harvest of Red Snapper during the following periods:

(a) Weekends only from Friday, June 1, 2018 through Sunday, September 2, 2018: Beginning on Fridays at 12:01 am and ending on Sundays at 11:59 pm; and.

(b) The week of Independence Day: Monday, July 2, 2018 through Thursday, July 5, 2018; and

(c) Labor Day: Monday, September 3, 2018.

(2) The possession of Red Snapper in Alabama state waters, during the time the waters are closed, is prohibited except for federally permitted for-hire vessels during the federal for-hire season.

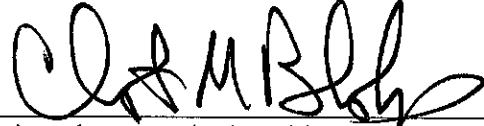
(23) Gulf Reef Fish shall be defined as the fish listed in 50 CFR Part 622 Table 3 of Appendix A.

(4) The above established season is subject to change based on the amount of Red Snapper harvested. Any early closure or extension of the season will be done by the issuance of a news release."

Section 2. The penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this regulation shall be as provided by law.

Section 3. This regulation shall become effective immediately upon execution by the Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of my office to be affixed in the City of Montgomery on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2018.



Christopher M. Blankenship, Commissioner  
Department of Conservation  
and Natural Resources