

NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Office of Fisheries
Reef Fish – Harvest Regulations (LAC 76:VII.335)**

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to amend a Rule (LAC 76:VII.335) modifying existing reef fish harvest regulations. Proposed changes decrease the daily trip limit of commercially harvested greater amberjack from 2,000 pounds to 1,500 pounds and increase the recreational minimum size limit of greater amberjack from 30 to 34 inches fork length. Authority for amendment of this Rule is included in the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:320.2, 56:326.1, and 56:326.3 to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

**Title 76
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§335. Reef Fish - Harvest Regulations

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D 8. Commercial Trip Limits shall include those limits listed below. For the purposes of this rule, a trip is defined as a fishing trip, regardless of the number of days duration, that begins with departure from a dock, berth, beach, seawall or ramp and that terminates with return to a dock, berth, beach, seawall or ramp.

Species or Group	Trip Limit
a. Gray Triggerfish	12 fish
b. Greater Amberjack	2,000 pounds 1,500 pounds

E. Recreational and commercial minimum and maximum size limits, unless otherwise noted.

	Minimum Size Limits
1. Red snapper	16 inches total length (Recreational) 13 inches total length (Commercial)
2. Gray, yellowtail, and cubera snapper	12 inches total length

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	Minimum Size Limits
3. Lane snapper	8 inches total length
4. Mutton snapper	16 inches total length
5. Vermilion snapper	10 inches total length
6. Red grouper	20 inches total length (Recreational) 18 inches total length (Commercial)
7. Yellowfin grouper	20 inches total length
8. Gag grouper	22 inches total length
9. Black grouper	22 inches total length (Recreational) 24 inches total length (Commercial)
10. Scamp	16 inches total length
11. Greater amberjack	34 inches fork length (Recreational) 36 inches fork length (Commercial)
12. Hogfish	12 inches fork length
13. Banded rudderfish and lesser amberjack	14 inches fork length (minimum size) 22 inches fork length (maximum size)
14. Gray triggerfish	14 inches fork length

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S.56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:320.2(C), R.S. 56:326.1 and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990), amended LR 19:1442 (November 1993), LR 20:797 (July 1994), LR 21:1267 (November 1995), LR 22:860 (September 1996), LR 24:1138 (June 1998), LR 24:1139 (June 1998), LR 24:1972 (October 1998), LR 26:793 (April 2000), LR 26:1505 (July 2000), LR 26:2833 (December 2000), LR 31:3166 (December 2005), LR 33:1156 (June 2007), repromulgated LR 33:1397 (July 2007), amended LR 34:2209 (October 2008), LR 34:2682 (December 2008), LR 36:1791

(August 2010), LR 38: 2383 (September 2012), LR 39:330 (February 2013), LR 40:95 (January 2014),
| repromulgated LR 40:1116 (June 2014), LR 40:2281 (November 2014), [LR 42:_____](#).

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to Jason Adriance, Fisheries
Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, or via e-mail
to jadriance@wlf.la.gov prior to Thursday, April 7, 2016.

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The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary
steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate the effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule,
including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the
notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of
government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission hereby issue its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of
Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Dan Davis

Chairman, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission