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## ***State Red Snapper season opens May 27***

BILOXI, Miss. – Officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources are reminding recreational anglers that the state season for harvesting Red Snapper will open Friday.

Mississippi territorial waters will be open from 12:01 a.m. May 27 through 11:59 p.m. Sept. 5. The bag limit will be two Red Snapper per person with a minimum size of 16 inches.

The federal Red Snapper season for recreational anglers will be June 1-9. Federally permitted for-hire charter vessels are allowed to fish until July 17.

"We want recreational anglers to have every opportunity to fish for Red Snapper," said MDMR Executive Director Jamie Miller. "Opening the state season from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend gives fishermen greater flexibility to plan trips and will provide our agency with additional landings data."

Joe Jewell, director of MDMR's Office of Marine Fisheries, agreed.

"The federal Red Snapper season will once again be one of the shortest on record," he said. "We look forward to providing our recreational fishermen the extended opportunity to catch Red Snapper this year."

In 2012 the state Legislature approved extending state waters to nine nautical miles for fisheries management, and the law went into effect July 1, 2013. The federal government in December 2015 also approved the extension of state waters to nine nautical miles. The state line begins just south of the barrier islands.

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smartphone App, the website or

The “Tails N’ Scales” App is available on iTunes and Google Play. Anglers also can go to [tailsnscales.org](http://tailsnscales.org) to create a profile and plan a trip. They also can call 1-844-MSSNAPP (677-6277) to speak to a representative.



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Once fishermen create a trip, they must close it out before creating a new one.

“This electronic reporting system provides fishery managers with accurate and timely data that will be used for better resource management,” said Matt Hill, director of MDMR’s Finfish Bureau.

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