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Louisiana opens recreational Red Snapper season; MDMR sets rules for landing fish in Mississippi

BILOXI, Miss. – The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries announced it will open recreational Red Snapper fishing season beginning at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017; however, Mississippi's Red Snapper season currently is not open.

For Mississippi residents who catch Red Snapper in Louisiana and land their catch in Mississippi, fishermen must have the following:

- Louisiana non-residential recreational fishing license
- Louisiana recreational offshore landings permit
- Tails'NScales trip authorization number

"We want our Mississippi recreational fishermen to take advantage of Louisiana's Red Snapper season," said Joe Jewell, director of MDMR's Office of Marine Fisheries.

"However, if those fish are landed in Mississippi, fishermen need to comply with the state's rules and regulations, including the mandatory reporting through our Tails'NScales program."

For more information about the Tails'NScales electronic reporting system or to register for a trip authorization number, visit dmr.ms.gov.

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