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## ***Recreational fishing seasons closing, opening***

BILOXI, Miss. – Officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources announced today that the recreational harvest for Gray Triggerfish (*Balistes capricus*) and the recreational fishing season for Gag (*Mycteroperca microlepis*) will both close in Mississippi territorial waters at 12:01 a.m. local time on January 1, 2023.

The Mississippi state recreational fishing season for Red Snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*) will also close in Mississippi territorial waters at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022. After the closure, no Red Snapper shall be landed or possessed in Mississippi state territorial waters.

The recreational fishing season for Red Grouper (*Epinephelus morio*) will open in Mississippi territorial waters at 12:01 a.m. local time on January 1, 2023.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at [dmr.ms.gov](http://dmr.ms.gov).

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