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## ***Mississippi's recreational Red Snapper season re-opening, Gag Grouper opening Sept. 1***

BILOXI, Miss. – Mississippi's Red Snapper season will re-open for private recreational anglers and state for-hire vessels at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023.

The season will be open seven days a week in both state and federal waters. The season will close if the annual catch limit (ACL) for recreational fishermen is projected to be reached at any point after the season opens. It will also close if the Gulf-wide quota is reached. Private recreational anglers can fish out to 200 nautical miles. Vessels with state for-hire permits can fish in state territorial waters, which is nine nautical miles south of the barrier islands.

Gag Grouper fishing season will also open at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, and will close at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, unless NOAA Fisheries projects the ACL will be met before that date.

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