



May 2024 Red Snapper, Tails n' Scales, MS ROLP, and MS Creel Fact Sheet

Red Snapper

- Mississippi bag limit of 2 per person and size limit greater than 16 inches Total Length (TL) regardless of where the fish were caught (MS state waters, LA state waters, or Federal waters)
- Red Snapper may not be landed in Mississippi when the Mississippi Red Snapper season is closed, regardless of the area of catch or other states open seasons

Tails n' Scales (TnS)

- One angler per vessel, per trip is required to report through the MDMR Tails n' Scales system for Red Snapper only
- Trips must be created through the TnS app or at tailsnscales.org before departing. Trips must be closed out upon return, as soon as possible

Mississippi Recreational Offshore Landing Permit (MS-ROLP)

- Mississippi anglers are now required to obtain a Recreational Offshore Landing Permit (ROLP) to possess any species of Snapper, Amberjack, Grouper, Hind, Triggerfish, and Cobia in Mississippi waters
- Gray (Mangrove) Snapper may be harvested North of the Intracoastal Waterway (land/inshore) without this permit.
- The permit is FREE and obtained by registering through the MDMR website (dmr.ms.gov/rolp/)
- All anglers on vessel must possess ROLP for applicable species. Exemptions for this license mirror that of the recreational license. All those under 16 years of age or disabled do not have to register for a ROLP
- Lifetime license holders are not exempt from this requirement and must get the permit annually
- A charter captain's ROLP covers all passengers on a chartered trip
- ROLP is operating separate from the Tails n' Scales Mandatory Reporting Program and Red Snapper anglers will still report as normal
- The ROLP was created to allow Mississippi's fisheries managers to better quantify the proportion of Mississippi anglers that fish for key federally managed species and works with the MS Creel fishing effort survey to create a clear concept of the fishing activity for Mississippi's saltwater anglers
- While this permit overlaps with Tails n' Scales for the harvest of Red Snapper in Mississippi, the programs develop estimates of catch in different ways with different data sources and no double counting is possible
- Mississippi's fisheries managers understand the burden of reporting and obtaining licenses/permits and do not intend to burden anglers beyond what is absolutely necessary to provide anglers the greatest opportunity to access the managed resources

Mississippi Creel

- MS Creel is MDMR's new recreational saltwater landings data collection program modeled after the Louisiana program, LA Creel. It uses data collected through phone and email surveys to estimate recreational saltwater fishing effort
- MS Creel data is collected directly from anglers holding saltwater fishing licenses and anglers are automatically enrolled in the program

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