



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

Tate Reeves  
Governor

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Order Closing Recreational Red Grouper Season**

Under the authority of Mississippi Code Ann. § 49-15-15, the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources does hereby order that:

The recreational fishing season for Red Grouper (*Epinephelus morio*) shall be closed in Mississippi territorial waters from 12:01 a.m., local time, on February 1, 2026 through 12:01 a.m., local time on April 1, 2026.

So ordered this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES,  
JOE SPRAGGINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By:

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Traci Floyd, Director  
Office of Marine Fisheries