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***Mississippi's 2026 recreational Red Snapper season will open May 22***

BILOXI, Miss. – Mississippi's Red Snapper season will open for private recreational anglers and state for-hire vessels at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026, and will close on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Anglers landing in Mississippi may harvest two Red Snapper per person per day with a 16-inch minimum size limit.

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) staff would like to remind anglers that in addition to Tails n' Scales mandatory Red Snapper trip reporting requirements, each licensed angler on a vessel must possess a valid Mississippi Recreational Offshore Landing Permit (MS-ROLP) for possession and landing of reef fish and Cobia in Mississippi. Full details on requirements and permit registration can be found at dmr.ms.gov/rolp/.

The Mississippi 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 may 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.

For assistance, contact program administrators by email at snapper@dmr.ms.gov or by phone at (228) 325-1585.

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