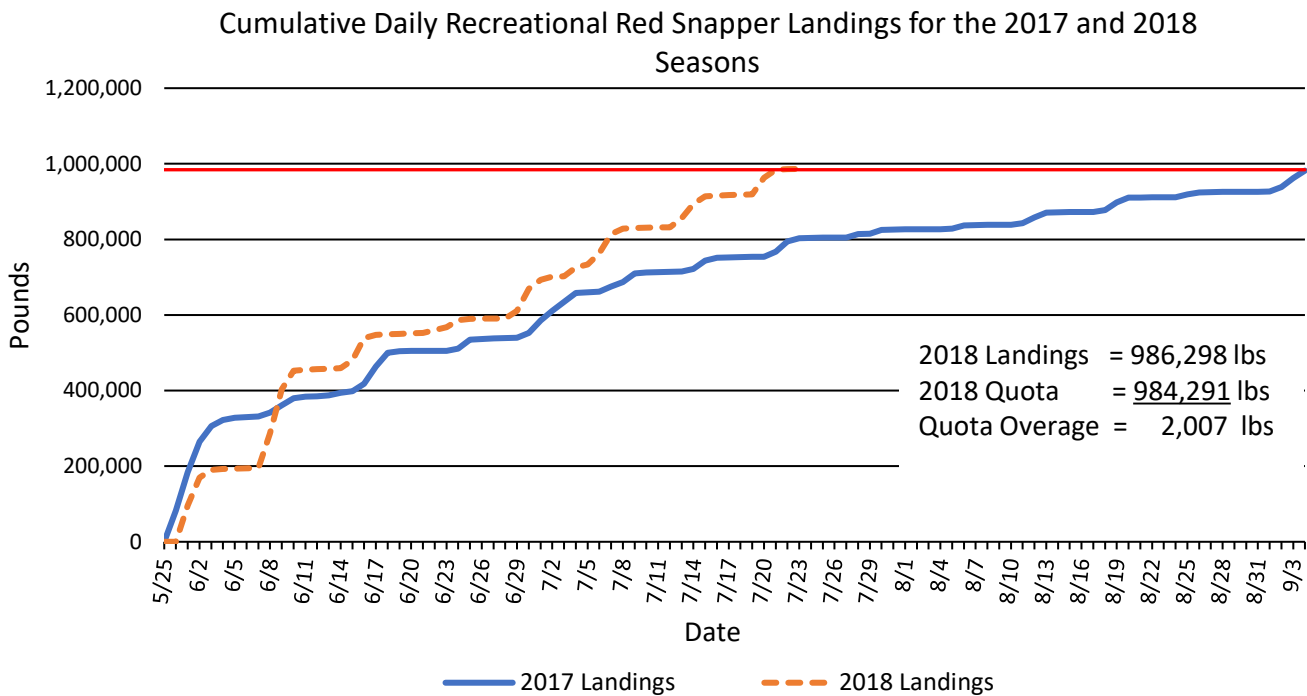


2018 Alabama Private Angler Red Snapper Season Summary: June 1 – July 22, 2018

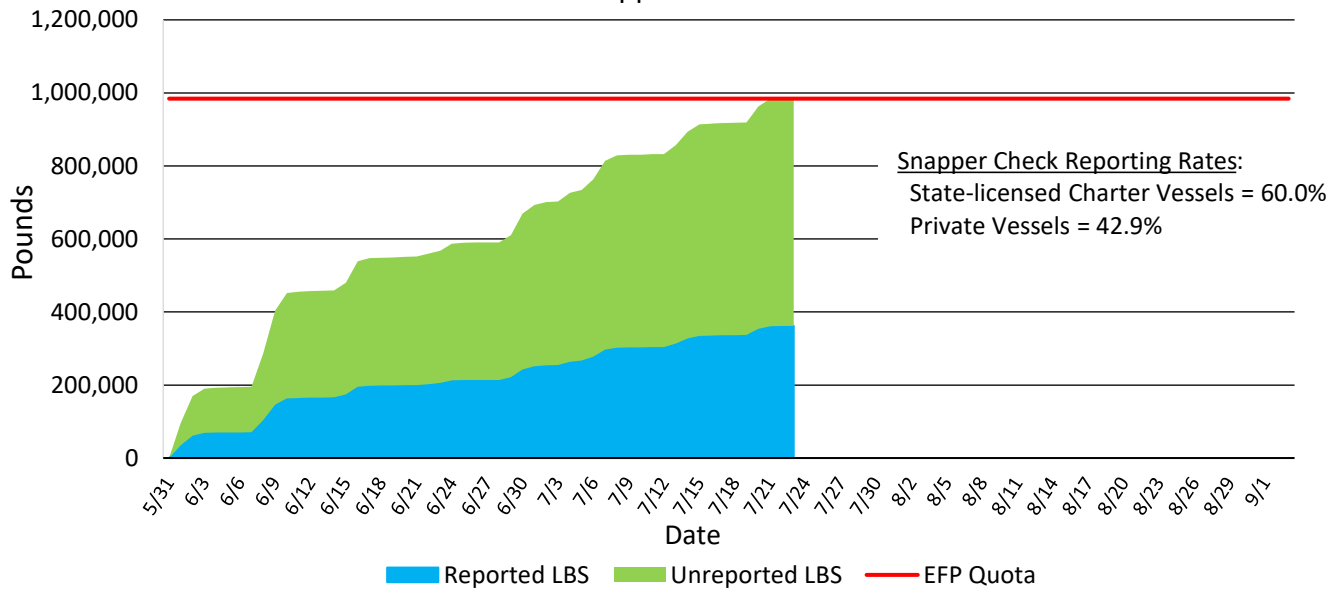
During 2018 and 2019, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) has been issued an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) from NOAA Fisheries to manage the private vessel and state-licensed charter vessel components of Alabama’s recreational Red Snapper fishery (excludes federally-permitted charter vessels). During both years of the EFP, ADCNR will attempt to manage landings within a quota of 984,291 pounds. ADCNR will monitor Red Snapper landings via Snapper Check, the program established to collect mandatory reports from recreational anglers landing Red Snapper in Alabama. Any amount above the quota in 2018 will be deducted from the 2019 quota prior to the start of the 2019 season. The following figures represent summary data from the 2018 Alabama Red Snapper recreational season and in some instances data from the 2017 season are provided.



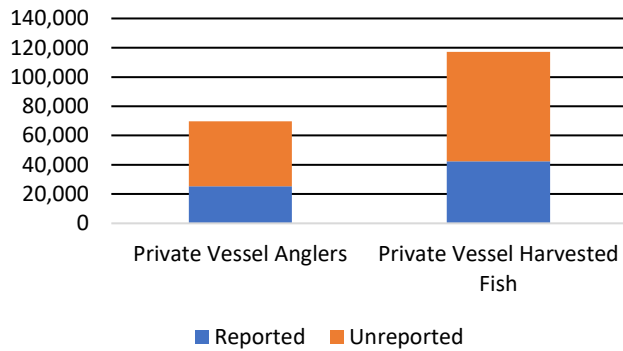
* - In 2017, a state water only Red Snapper season occurred May 26-June 15. Landings include harvests from anglers on private vessels and state-licensed charter vessels.

Total landings were calculated by multiplying the number of fish submitted on Snapper Check reports by the ratio of non-reporting anglers to reporting anglers. The ratio is determined by comparing information collected by ADCNR staff at public boat ramps and marinas to reports submitted by anglers through Snapper Check. Reporting rates for private anglers during 2018 were the highest since the beginning of Snapper Check in 2014. However, half of all private vessel trips with Red Snapper observed by ADCNR staff did not submit a Snapper Check landing report on the same day of encounter. Additional trips observed by ADCNR staff were considered as unreported because they were reported well after the time of interview. As per the reporting regulation, all Red Snapper landed in Alabama must be reported before fish or the vessel holding the fish is brought to shore.

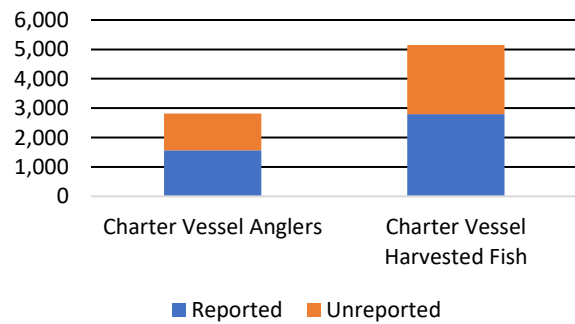
2018 Cumulative Daily Reported and Unreported Red Snapper Landings From Snapper Check



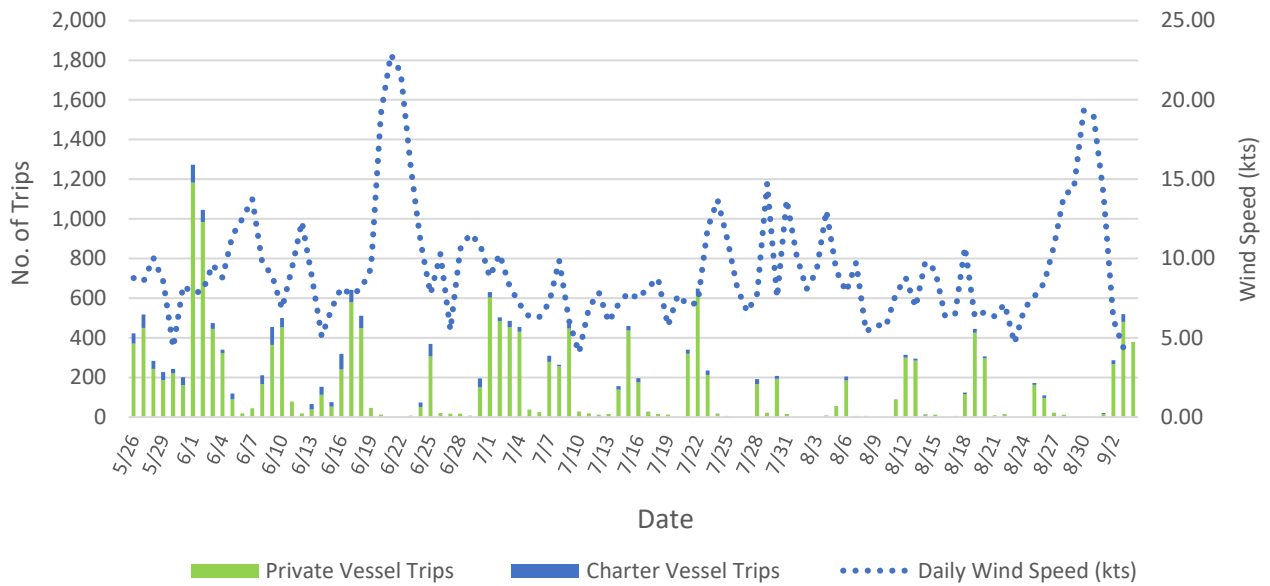
2018 Reported and Estimated Unreported Red Snapper Anglers and Harvested Red Snapper From Private Vessels



2018 Reported and Estimated Unreported Red Snapper Anglers and Harvested Red Snapper From State-licensed Charter Vessels

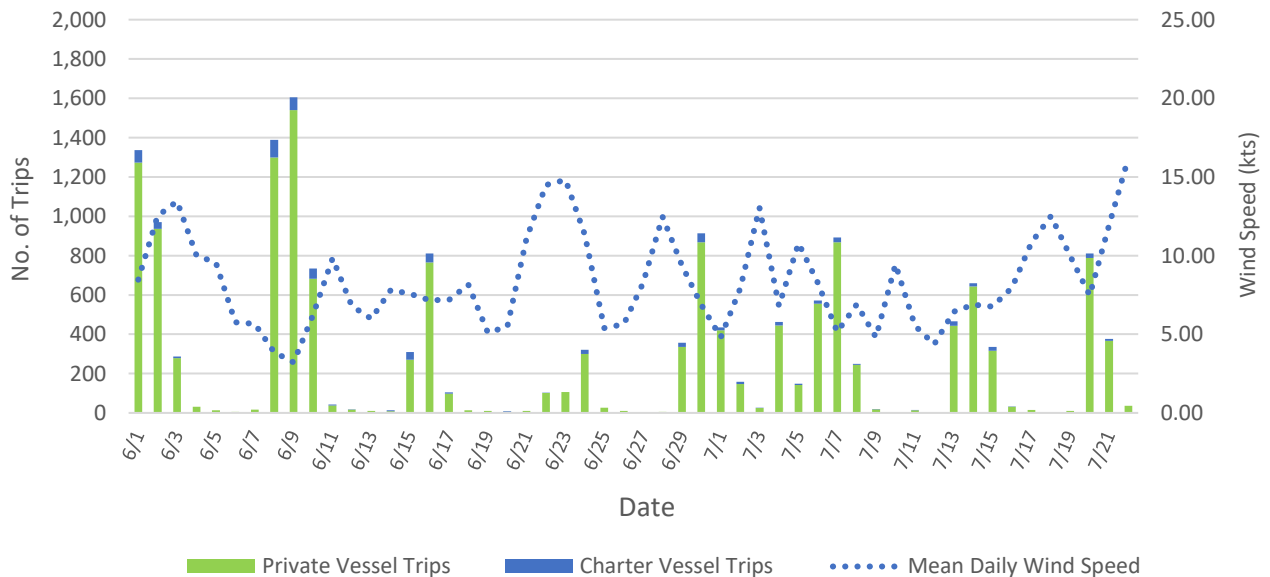


Daily Private Vessel and State-licensed Charter Vessel Trips Landing Red Snapper In Alabama and Wind Speed During the 2017 Red Snapper Season*



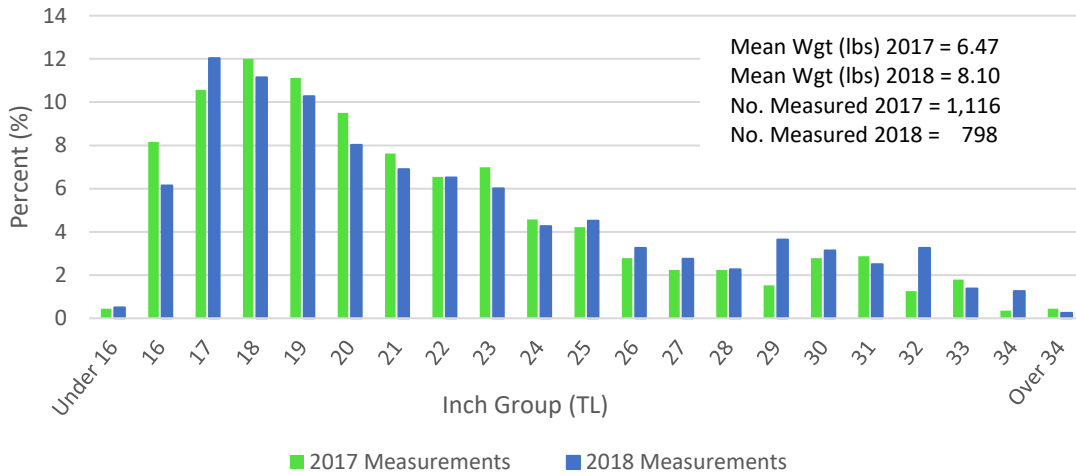
* - In 2017, the Alabama season was May 26th - June 15th. The federal season occurred June 1-3, and three-day weekends from June 16th - Sept. 4th including Independence Day and Labor Day. Mean daily wind speed calculated from data provided by the NOAA National Data Buoy Center, Station 42012 (Orange Beach, AL).

Daily Private Vessel and State-licensed Charter Vessel Trips Landing Red Snapper In Alabama and Wind Speed During the 2018 Red Snapper Season*



* - In 2018, anglers could only land Red Snapper in Alabama when the Alabama season was open. The season was open during three-day weekends beginning June 1st - July 22nd including the week of Independence Day. Mean daily wind speed calculated from data provided by the NOAA National Data Buoy Center, Station 42012 (Orange Beach, AL).

Length-frequency of Red Snapper Sampled from Private Vessels During the 2017 and 2018 Seasons



Length-frequency of Red Snapper Sampled from State-Licensed Charter Vessels During the 2017 and 2018 Seasons

