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A Management History database is being compiled, cataloged, and standardized by the Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies (CIMAS) of the University of Miami in collaboration with the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Fisheries Statistics and Sustainable Fisheries Divisions.

The Management History Database effort involves:

- Identifying Federal Register documentation associated with management actions affecting federally managed species throughout the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and U.S. Caribbean regions.
- Creating standardized records specifying the Fishery Management Plan (FMP), species, jurisdiction, and fishing sector (commercial and recreational) to which each management action applied.

Once complete, the goal of the database is to provide a comprehensive and standardized record of published management actions to increase the efficiency of fisheries stock assessments, ACL monitoring, and ecosystem approaches. However, the database is still in development and is not yet available to the public. The intention of this working paper is not to replace current management history documents, but provide complementary tables of cited regulations.

For the SEDAR 74 research track assessment we queried a prototype of the database for records related to red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico. The records associated with bag limits, size limits, and closures were reviewed and are summarized here. Table 1 - Table 4 outline bag limit and size limit records for red snapper from the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Plan as they are currently documented within the Management History database.

Table 5 - Table 8 outline closures and reopenings for the recreational and commercial fisheries. Recurring regulations include seasonal, monthly, and weekly closures and reopenings that reoccur periodically over the time periods specified in Tables 5 and 7. In addition to these recurring rules, distinct closures and reopenings are documented that may overwrite or exist simultaneously with the recurring regulations. Distinct closures are outlined in Tables 6 and 8. For this working paper, we have separated these records into individual tables as the database is still in development.

Table 1. Recreational (Rec) bag limits contained within the Management History database for Gulf of Mexico red snapper. These bag limits are not included within the 10 snapper aggregate bag limit.

Fishery	Region Affected	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	Bag Limit Per Person/Day	Bag Limit Per Boat/Day	FR Reference(s)	Amendment Number or Rule Type
Rec All	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	1990	4/23/1990	12/31/1994	7 fish	None	55 FR 2078	Amendment 1
		1995	1/1/1995	4/28/1998	5 fish		59 FR 67646	Final Rule
		1998	4/29/1998	10/13/1998	4 fish		63 FR 18144	Interim Rule
		1998	10/14/1998	12/31/1998	5 fish		59 FR 67646	Final Rule
		1999	1/1/1999	5/1/2007	4 fish		63 FR 72200 64 FR 33800 64 FR 47711	Emergency Interim Rule/Final Rule
		2007	5/2/2007	Present	2 fish		72 FR 15617 72 FR 54223 72 FR 66080 73 FR 5117	Temporary Rule/Final Rule

Table 2. Recreational (rec) for-hire crew bag limits contained within the Management History database for Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

Fishery	Region Affected	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	Bag Limit Per Crew/Day	Bag Limit Per Boat/Day	FR Reference(s)	Amendment Number or Rule Type
Rec For-Hire	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	1999	10/1/1999	1/18/2000	0 fish	None	64 FR 47711	Final Rule
		2000	1/19/2000	5/1/2007	4 fish		64 FR 71056 65 FR 36643 65 FR 50158	Interim Rule/Final Rule
		2007	5/2/2007	Present	0 fish		72 FR 15617 72 FR 54223 72 FR 66080 73 FR 5117	Temporary Rule/Final Rule

Table 3. Recreational (Rec) size limits contained within the Management History database for Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

Fishery	Region Affected	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	Size Limit	Length Type	FR Reference	Amendment Number or Rule Type
Rec All	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	1984	11/8/1984**	2/20/1990	12'''*	Minimum FL	49 FR 39548	Original FMP
		1990	2/21/1990	2/6/1994	13''	Minimum TL	55 FR 2078	Amendment 1
		1994	2/7/1994	12/31/1994	14''		59 FR 966	Amendment 5
		1995	1/1/1995	6/3/1999	15''		59 FR 67646 59 FR 966 63 FR 443	Final Rule
		1999	6/4/1999	8/29/1999	18''		64 FR 30445	Emergency Interim Rule
		1999	8/30/1999	1/18/2000	15''		63 FR 443	Final Rule
		2000	1/19/2000	Present	16''		64 FR 71056 65 FR 36643 65 FR 50158	Interim Rule/Final Rule
* Recreational anglers could keep up to 5 fish below the 12-inch size limit per person per trip.								
** Headboats were exempt from the regulation until May 8, 1986								

Table 4. Commercial (Com) size limits contained within the Management History database for Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

Fishery	Region Affected	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	Size Limit	Length Type	FR Reference	Amendment Number or Rule Type
Com All	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	1984	11/8/1984	2/20/1990	12"	Minimum Fork Length	49 FR 39548	Original FMP
		1990	2/21/1990	2/6/1994	13"	Minimum Total Length	55 FR 2078	Amendment 1
		1994	2/7/1994	12/31/1995	14"		59 FR 966	Amendment 5
		1996	1/1/1996	4/1/2007	15"		59 FR 966 63 FR 443	Amendment 5/Final Rule
		2007	4/2/2007	Present	13"		72 FR 15617 72 FR 54223 72 FR 66080 73 FR 5117	Temporary Rule/Joint Amendment

Table 5. Recurring recreational (Rec) closures and reopenings contained within the Management History database for Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

Fishery	Region Affected	Regulation Type	Start Year	End Year	Effective Date	End Date	First Day In Effect	Last Day In Effect	FR Reference
Rec All	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	Seasonal Closure	2000	2008	9/18/2000	2/27/2008	1-Jan 1-Nov	20-Apr 31-Dec	65 FR 50158
		Seasonal Closure	2008	2012	2/28/2008	6/28/2012	1-Jan 1-Oct	31-May 31-Dec	73 FR 5117
		Seasonal Closure	2012	Present	6/29/2012	Present	1-Jan	31-May	77 FR 31734
		Weekly Recurring Reopening	2010	2010	10/1/2010	11/21/2010	Fridays 1-Oct	Mondays 21-Nov	75 FR 58334
Rec Private		Weekly Recurring Reopening	2017	2017	6/16/2017	9/4/2017	Fridays 16-Jun	Mondays 4-Sep	82 FR 27777

Table 6. Recreational (Rec) closures and reopenings contained within the Management History database for Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

Fishery	Region Affected	Regulation Type	Start Year	First Day In Effect	Last Day In Effect	FR Reference
Rec All	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	Closure	1997	11/27/1997	12/31/1997	62 FR 61700
		Closure	1998	9/30/1998	12/31/1998	63 FR 45760
		Closure	1999	8/29/1999	12/31/1999	64 FR 30445
		Closure	2000	1/1/2000	4/21/2000	64 FR 71056 65 FR 36643
		Closure	2000	11/1/2000	12/31/2000	64 FR 71056 65 FR 36643
		Closure	2004	11/1/2004	4/20/2005	69 FR 62818
		Closure	2008	8/5/2008	12/31/2008	73 FR 15674
		Closure	2009	8/15/2009	12/31/2009	74 FR 21558
		Closure	2010	7/24/2010	12/31/2010	75 FR 23186
		Closure	2011	7/19/2011	9/30/2011	76 FR 23911 76 FR 50143
		Reopening	2011	10/1/2011	12/31/2011	76 FR 50143
		Closure	2012	7/17/2012	12/31/2012	77 FR 31734 77 FR 39647
	Off Texas	Closure	2013	6/18/2013	12/31/2013	78 FR 32179
	Off Louisiana	Closure	2013	6/25/2013	12/31/2013	78 FR 32179
	Off Florida	Closure	2013	6/27/2013	12/31/2013	78 FR 32179
	Off Mississippi	Closure	2013	7/5/2013	12/31/2013	78 FR 32179
	Off Alabama	Closure	2013	7/5/2013	12/31/2013	78 FR 32179
	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	Closure	2013	6/29/2013	9/30/2013	78 FR 34586 78 FR 57313
		Reopening	2013	10/1/2013	10/14/2013	78 FR 57313
		Closure	2013	10/15/2013	12/31/2013	78 FR 34586 78 FR 57313
		Closure	2014	6/10/2014	12/31/2014	78 FR 76758 79 FR 27768

Table 6 Continued. Recreational (Rec) closures and reopenings contained within the Management History database for Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

Fishery	Region Affected	Regulation Type	Start Year	First Day In Effect	Last Day In Effect	FR Reference
Rec For-Hire	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	Closure	2015	7/15/2015	12/31/2015	80 FR 24832
		Closure	2016	7/17/2016	12/31/2016	81 FR 25583
		Closure	2017	7/20/2017	12/31/2017	82 FR 21140
		Closure	2018	7/22/2018	12/31/2018	83 FR 17623
		Closure	2019	8/2/2019	12/31/2019	84 FR 8825
		Closure	2020	8/2/2020	12/31/2020	85 FR 14171
Rec Private	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	Closure	2015	6/11/2015	12/31/2015	80 FR 24832
		Closure	2016	6/12/2016	12/31/2016	81 FR 25583 81 FR 38110
		Closure	2017	6/4/2017	7/2/2017	82 FR 21140 82 FR 27777
		Reopening	2017	7/3/2017	7/4/2017	82 FR 27777
		Closure	2017	7/5/2017	9/3/2017	82 FR 21140 82 FR 27777
		Reopening	2017	9/4/2017	9/4/2017	82 FR 27777
		Closure	2017	9/5/2017	12/31/2017	82 FR 21140 82 FR 27777
		Closure	2018	6/1/2018	12/31/2018	83 FR 17623
		Closure	2019	6/1/2019	12/31/2019	84 FR 8825
	Off Texas	Closure	2020	4/1/2020	5/31/2020	85 FR 19396
		Closure	2020	8/3/2020	12/31/2020	85 FR 19396

Table 7. Recurring commercial (Com) closures contained within the Management History database for Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

Fishery	Region Affected	Regulation Type	Start Year	End Year	Effective Date	End Date	First Day In Effect	Last Day In Effect	FR Reference
Com All	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	Seasonal Closure	1998	2000	1/1/1998	12/31/2006	1-Jan	1-Feb 12:00 PM	62 FR 67714 63 FR 72200 64 FR 71056 65 FR 36643 65 FR 50158 71 FR 67447
		Monthly Recurring Closure	1997	1999	9/15/1997	8/31/1999	15-Feb 12:00 PM 15-Mar 12:00 PM 15-Apr 12:00 PM 15-May 12:00 PM 15-Jun 12:00 PM 15-Jul 12:00 PM 15-Aug 12:00 PM 15-Sep 12:00 PM 15-Oct 12:00 PM 15-Nov 12:00 PM 15-Dec 12:00 PM	1-Mar 12:00 PM 1-Apr 12:00 PM 1-May 12:00 PM 1-Jun 12:00 PM 1-Jul 12:00 PM 1-Aug 12:00 PM 1-Sep 12:00 PM 1-Oct 12:00 PM 1-Nov 12:00 PM 1-Dec 12:00 PM 1-Jan 12:00 PM	62 FR 46677 62 FR 67714 63 FR 72200 64 FR 47711
		Monthly Recurring Closure	1999	2006	9/1/1999	12/31/2006	10-Feb 12:00 PM 10-Mar 12:00 PM 10-Apr 12:00 PM 10-May 12:00 PM 10-Jun 12:00 PM 10-Jul 12:00 PM 10-Aug 12:00 PM 10-Sep 12:00 PM 10-Oct 12:00 PM 10-Nov 12:00 PM 10-Dec 12:00 PM	1-Mar 12:00 PM 1-Apr 12:00 PM 1-May 12:00 PM 1-Jun 12:00 PM 1-Jul 12:00 PM 1-Aug 12:00 PM 1-Sep 12:00 PM 1-Oct 12:00 PM 1-Nov 12:00 PM 1-Dec 12:00 PM 1-Jan 12:00 PM	64 FR 47711 64 FR 71056 65 FR 36643 65 FR 50158 71 FR 67447

Table 8. Commercial (Com) closures and reopenings contained within the Management History database for Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

Fishery	Region Affected	Regulation Type	Start Year	First Day In Effect	Last Day In Effect	FR Reference
Com All	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	Closure	1991	8/24/1991	12/31/1991	56 FR 42711
		Closure	1992	2/22/1992 12:01 PM	12/31/1992	57 FR 6561
		Closure	1992	12/30/1992	2/15/1993	57 FR 62236
		Closure	1993	5/21/1993	12/31/1993	58 FR 29556
		Closure	1994	1/1/1994	2/9/1994	58 FR 68325
		Closure	1994	4/28/1994	12/31/1994	59 FR 22760
		Closure	1995	1/1/1995	2/23/1995	59 FR 67646
		Closure	1995	4/15/1995	10/31/1995	60 FR 19363 60 FR 55805
		Reopening	1995	11/1/1995	11/2/1995 12:00 PM	60 FR 55805
		Closure	1995	11/2/1995 12:00 PM	12/31/1995	60 FR 19363 60 FR 55805
		Closure	1996	1/1/1996	1/31/1996	61 FR 17
		Closure	1996	4/5/1996	9/14/1996	61 FR 14683 61 FR 48641
		Reopening	1996	9/15/1996	10/6/1996	61 FR 48641 61 FR 52715
		Closure	1996	10/7/1996	12/31/1996	61 FR 52715
		Closure	1997	1/1/1997	1/31/1997	61 FR 48641
		Closure	1997	3/26/1997	9/2/1997	62 FR 14651 62 FR 46677
		Reopening	1997	9/2/1997 12:00 PM	9/15/1997 12:00 PM	62 FR 46677
		Closure	1997	10/6/1997 12:00 PM	12/31/1997	62 FR 52045
		Closure	1998	4/13/1998	9/1/1998 12:00 PM	63 FR 18147
		Closure	1998	11/1/1998	2/1/1999 12:00 PM	63 FR 58327
		Closure	1999	4/15/1999 12:00 PM	9/1/1999 12:00 PM	64 FR 23026
		Closure	1999	11/5/1999 12:00 PM	2/1/2000 12:00 PM	64 FR 57585
		Closure	2000	5/8/2000 12:00 PM	9/1/2000 12:00 PM	65 FR 21377
		Closure	2000	12/8/2000 12:00 PM	2/1/2001 12:00 PM	65 FR 70808
		Closure	2001	7/6/2001 12:00 PM	10/1/2001 12:00 PM	66 FR 33917
		Closure	2001	11/10/2001 12:00 PM	12/1/2001 12:00 PM	66 FR 54723 66 FR 60161
		Reopening	2001	12/1/2001 12:00 PM	12/3/2001 12:00 PM	66 FR 60161
		Closure	2001	12/3/2001 12:00 PM	2/1/2002 12:00 PM	66 FR 54723 66 FR 60161

Table 8 Continued. Commercial (Com) closures and reopenings contained within the Management History database for Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

Fishery	Region Affected	Regulation Type	Start Year	First Day In Effect	Last Day In Effect	FR Reference
Com All	Gulf of Mexico EEZ	Closure	2002	7/7/2002 12:00 PM	8/1/2002 12:00 PM	67 FR 44569 67 FR 50367
		Reopening	2002	8/1/2002 12:00 PM	8/7/2002 12:00 PM	67 FR 50367
		Closure	2002	8/7/2002 12:00 PM	10/1/2002 12:00 PM	67 FR 44569 67 FR 50367
		Closure	2002	12/7/2002 12:00 PM	2/1/2003 12:00 PM	67 FR 72112
		Closure	2003	8/7/2003 12:00 PM	10/1/2003 12:00 PM	68 FR 47498
		Closure	2003	12/7/2003 12:00 PM	2/1/2004 12:00 PM	68 FR 68784
		Closure	2004	8/10/2004 12:00 PM	10/1/2004 12:00 PM	69 FR 53015
		Closure	2004	12/15/2004 12:00 PM	2/1/2005 12:00 PM	69 FR 70196
		Closure	2006	12/26/2006 12:00 PM	12/31/2006	71 FR 75894