

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

### **Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

2026 Recreational Red Snapper Bag Limit Modification  
June 25, 2026

Louisiana's recreational red snapper season was previously set by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular March 2026 meeting to be open daily, beginning on May 1, 2026, until further notice with a bag limit of four fish per person. Under the provisions of state management, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries has delegated season and bag limit authority and an allocated quota to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the management of private recreational and state charter harvest of red snapper. In order to provide more opportunity to Louisiana's recreational anglers, the bag limit is being modified from four fish to five fish for the weekend of Independence Day.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:962, which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency rules to set finfish seasons, R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, and the authority given to the secretary by the commission at its regular March 2026 meeting and in LAC 76:VII.335.G.5 to modify the recreational red snapper season, size, and bag limits as deemed necessary, the secretary hereby declares:

The bag limit for the private recreational and state charter harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters and federal waters off Louisiana shall be five fish for the weekend of Independence Day from 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2026 through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at which time it will revert back to four fish per person until further notice.

This modification does not apply to federally permitted charter boats operating under federal law during federally established seasons and under federally established rules for those vessels.



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Tyler M. Bosworth, Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries



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Date Signed