

March Newsletter!

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March Newsletter!

The next general membership meeting is Tuesday, March 12th. Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00.



From the February meeting...



Fishing instructor Vance Tice led an excellent discussion on trolling for grouper and using downriggers.



Tournament updates

Free to play

Longest trout OR redfish OR snook caught. 1st/2nd/3rd -- \$25/15/10 payout

Pay to Play

January - March: \$10/specie entry for sheepshead and red grouper; payout 1st/2nd/3rd -- 50%/30%/20% of each pot.



(Alert -:- Alliteration Ahead)

A SPECIAL, ONE-DAY tournament will be held on May 4th
(rain date May 11)

Let's call it **The May Mish-Mash Mixer**

Two Objectives:

1. To get captains to experience fishing with other members of the club who may or may not have a boat.
2. Catch the longest fish, any specie (excluding sharks)

Entry Fee: \$10 per person

Captains: Agree to take fellow FOC members on your boat.

Passengers: Agree to fish with your assigned captain on their boat.

Process:

- **Captains:** Pay the fee and sign up for the tournament and indicate on the sign-up sheet how many passengers you will take with you.

- **Passengers:** Pay the fee and sign up for the tournament.

- Mike Spanhel and John/Lori Grieder will draw passengers names and assign them to a captain. First come first served, if we have more passengers than spaces on boats then the ones signing up last will be dropped from the tournament.

“Weigh in”: 4PM sharp at Mike Spanhel’s house, 5657 Westshore Dr, NPR (Gulf Harbors). Late entries will NOT be considered. **Do not bring fish, only a picture of your entry and its length is required.** Hot dogs and chips will be provided for those who enter the tournament. BYOB. Participants may arrive at the weigh-in between 3 and 4 PM.

Payout: 1st, 2nd, 3rd -- \$25/15/10.

The entry fee will be used to cover food costs.

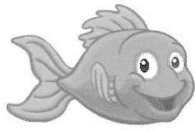
Any extra \$ will be added to the payout.



And let's not forget...

Our Spring picnic is set for March 23rd at our usual spot at A.L. Anderson Park on Lake Tarpon. Chairman Rich Robinson has a great day planned with lots of games, trivia, 50/50, bingo and more! Here's the schedule of events: The picnic starts at 10:00 BUT...the cornhole games will start at 9:30 for early birds who show up. The cornhole games will be over at 11:30. The first bingo game will start at 11:00 and the second at 11:15 all finishing at 11:30. Lunch is 11:30 to 12:30. The 50/50 will be held at 12:45. The first trivia game will start at 1:00 and the second at 1:15. 1:45 will be the time when all winners are announced!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!! SIGN UP AND JOIN US FOR THE



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Annual Spring Picnic

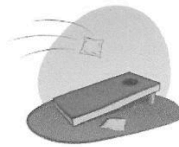
Saturday, March 23, 2024

A.L. Anderson Park, Pavilion #4

Starts 10:00, lunch 11:30 – 12:30

Early Bird Cornhole game starts at 9:30

**Grab your wallets for BINGO at 11:00
and Stu's 50/50 game.**



Come early and play corn hole

TRIVIA

games will start at 12:45 Don't forget



to test your shopping skills at the game.

**Email Richard Robinson at ricksrk02@outlook.com
Or sign up at the upcoming March 12th meeting.**

Here's a list of who's coming so far...

Please provide name, number of attendees, and what you are bringing.

APPETIZERS:

Stu Johnson – fish spread
John / Bonnie Earle
Jack / Pam Hexter

SALADS:

Pat / Patty Driegers - macaroni
Jim / Becky Carroll (4)
Mike / Judy Kaplan - veg

VEGETABLES:

Mary / Terry Reelitz

BAKED BEANS:

Mike/ Sherry Spanhel
Bill / Gaye Herr
Joe / Debbie Fiume

CASSEROLES:

Dick / Lynn Little
Dave / Sherry Taylor

DESSERTS:

Butch / Pam Kaelin
Dennis / Patty Surette
John / Lori Brieder
Tom Scherzinger
Eric Harrison
Terry and Jill Freeman

DEVILED EGGS:

Larry/ Dolly Mock

SNACKS:

Bud / Mary Ellen Magaldi

SPECIALTY DISH

Jim / Barbara Soper – Green Beans
Terry Hanes
Frank / Carol Bellizio
Carl / Pat Mogao

MEAT:

Dick / June Robinson

There was a late donation submission from **Great Clips** for the After Holidays Party and didn't make it on time to the silent auction. So there will be **silent auction** for a basket full of women's hair care products and certificates for hair cuts. The proceeds will be donated to our Wish to Fish subsidiary.

So come on out and join the fun -- see your old friends or, even better, make some new ones!

In addition :::: **Volunteers are needed to help with the cornhole games and with cleaup. Please call or email Rich Robinson (above coordinates) to help make this club picnic another great success!**

tip o'the hat to rr x2



In the know -- there's lots from the FWC this month:



Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission

Feb. 29, 2024



FWC's Catch a Florida Memory program announces the 2024 Triple Threat Throwdown

Calling all Florida saltwater anglers! The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) [Catch a Florida Memory](#) program is thrilled to announce the second season of the [Triple Threat Throwdown](#). This challenge runs from March 1 to Sept. 9, 2024, and will offer Triple Threat Club members the chance to win an exclusive Kayak Fishing Bundle.

One lucky angler will be randomly drawn to win a top-of-the-line Kayak Fishing Bundle valued at over \$4,500. This bundle includes a Bonafide P127 kayak, premium Mustad fishing gear bundle, and kayak safety kit, and is made possible thanks to the generous contributions of Catch a Florida Memory's Premier Partners: [Bonafide](#), [Mustad](#) and [Russ Vorhis Insurance Agency - State Farm](#).

“Building off of last year’s successful season, we are excited to announce Season 2 of Catch a Florida Memory’s Triple Threat Throwdown with an even bigger prize from our generous sponsors,” said Jessica McCawley, director of FWC’s Division of Marine Fisheries Management. “We encourage anglers to get out on the water, make Florida memories and help conserve fisheries by targeting a diversity of species.”

For a chance to win, anglers must be a Triple Threat Club member by achieving recognition in all three Catch a Florida Memory programs: Saltwater Grand Slam, Saltwater Reel Big Fish and Saltwater Life List 10 Fish Club.

Anglers who are already a member of the Triple Threat Club will receive a drawing entry for each new recognition that they earn during the challenge period. New Triple Threat Club members will earn one drawing entry for achieving Triple Threat status and an additional entry for each subsequent recognition that they earn during the challenge period.

Show off your diverse fishing skills and dedication to Florida's marine resources, help support vital education and outreach programs, join a network of passionate Catch a Florida Memory anglers and celebrate Florida's amazing saltwater fishery! To learn more about program details, catch submissions and how to earn recognitions, visit CatchaFloridaMemory.com or contact AnglerRecognition@MyFWC.com. Follow Catch a Florida Memory on our [Facebook](#) and [Fishbrain](#).

Practice [proper fish handling](#) and follow all required [fishing regulations](#) where you are fishing. Your fishing license and responsible fishing practices contribute to a healthy future for Florida's fisheries. Learn more at MyFWC.com/SFR.



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NEW CORRECTION: The slot limit for all **west coast management regions listed below** is 28–33 inches.

Feb. 28, 2024

Recreational harvest of snook for Florida’s West Coast will open March 1

The recreational harvest of snook in the Panhandle, Big Bend, Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay, Charlotte Harbor and Southwest management regions will open March 1, and remain open through April 30. This includes all Florida state and inland waters as well as adjacent federal waters within each management region.

These regions and regulations are part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s (FWC) holistic management approach for Florida's most popular inshore fisheries. Through this approach, seven metrics are used to evaluate the fishery by region, adding a holistic perspective to management decisions and allowing the FWC to address regional concerns. To learn more, visit MyFWC.com/Snook.

Panhandle

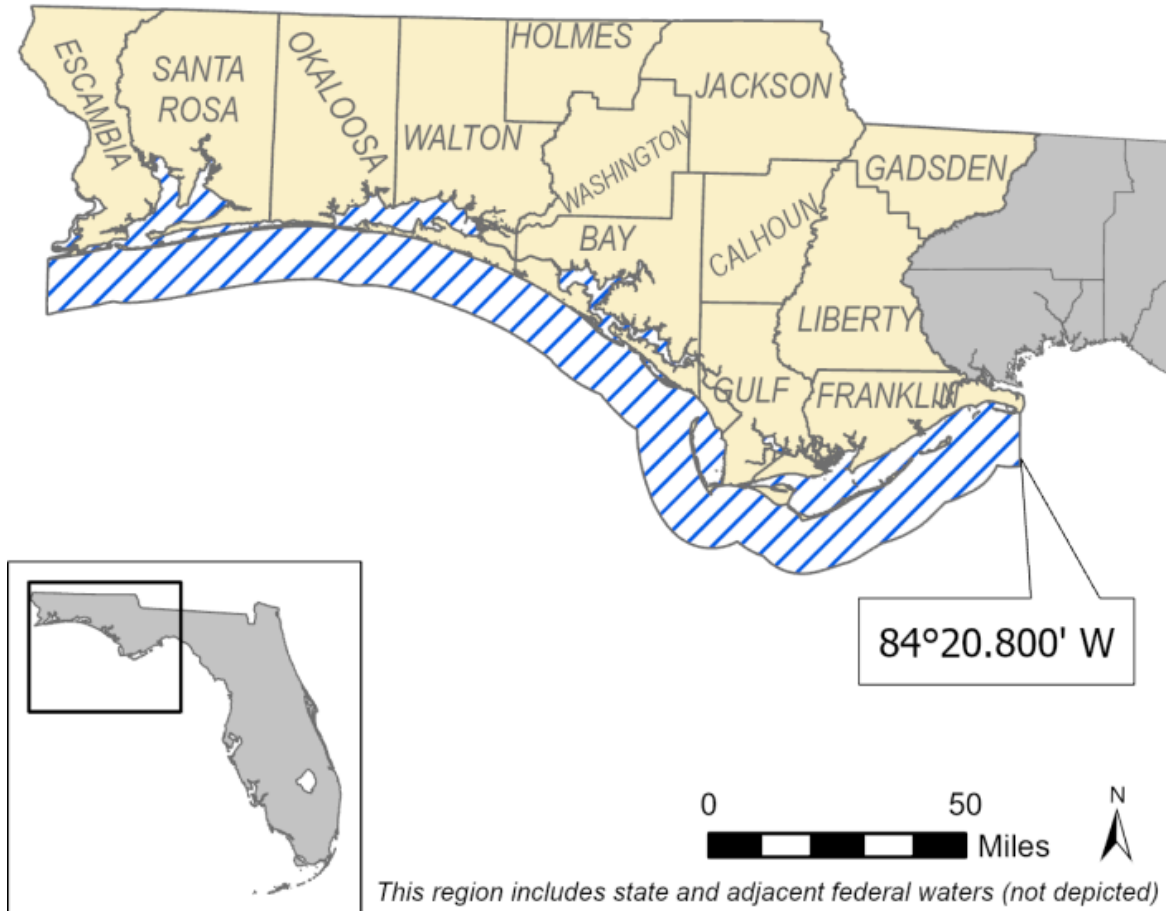
Open season: March 1 – April 30 and Sept. 1 – Nov. 30.

Closed season: Dec. 1 – end of Feb. and May 1 – Aug. 31.

Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–33 inches total length.

Boundaries: The western boundary is the Florida-Alabama border and the region extends to the eastern coastal boundary at 84°20.800' West Longitude in Franklin County near Alligator Point. Includes all inland waters of the counties named and colored yellow on the map. Does not include all waters of the Ochlockonee Bay, the Ochlockonee River and its tributaries.



Big Bend

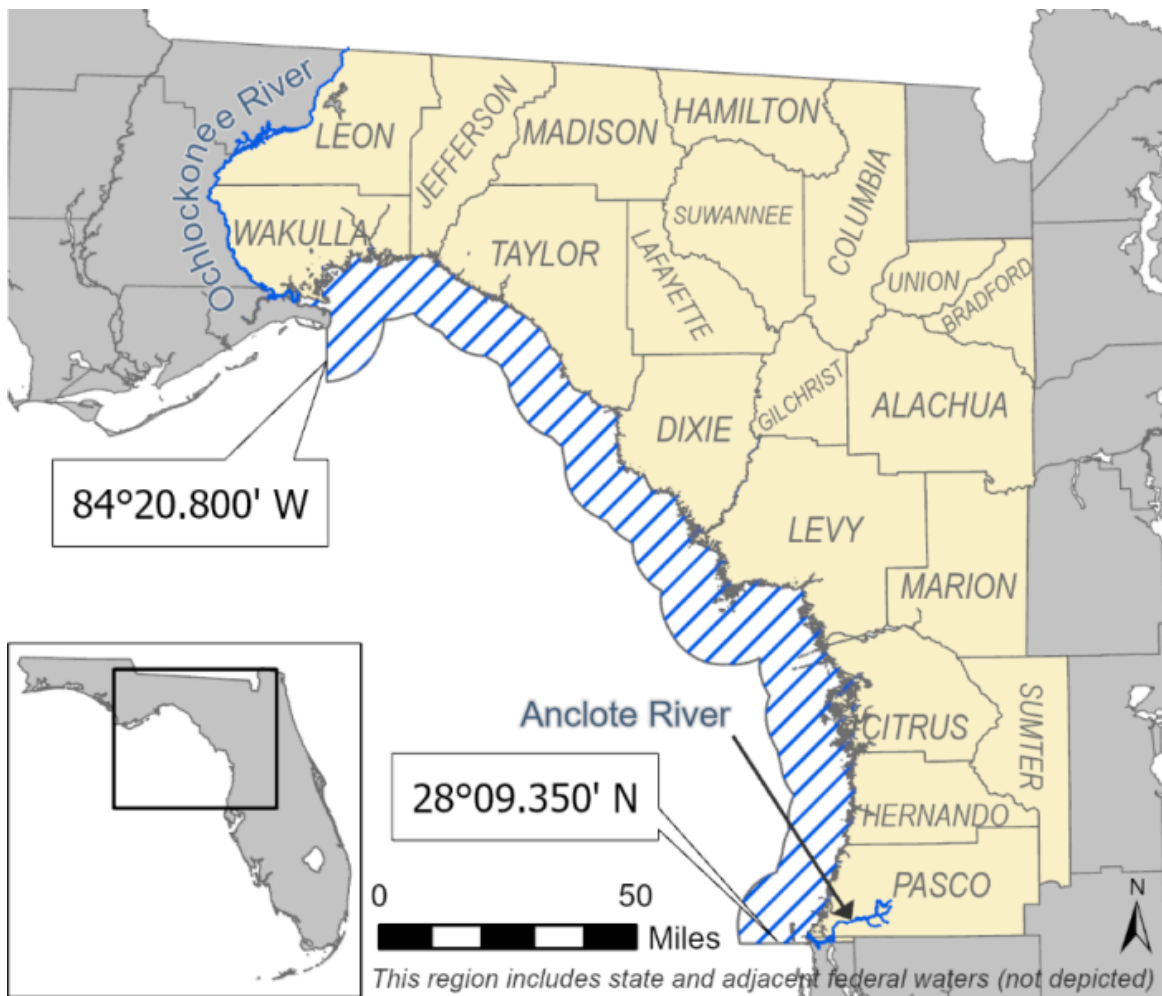
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Closed season: Dec. 1 – end of Feb. and May 1 – Aug. 31.

Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–33 inches total length.

Boundaries: The western coastal boundary is 84°20.800' West Longitude in Franklin County near Alligator Point. The region extends east and south to Fred Howard Park, near the border of Pasco and Pinellas counties. Includes all waters of the Ochlockonee, Withlacoochee and Anclote rivers and their tributaries. This region also includes all inland waters of the counties named and colored yellow on the map.



Tampa Bay

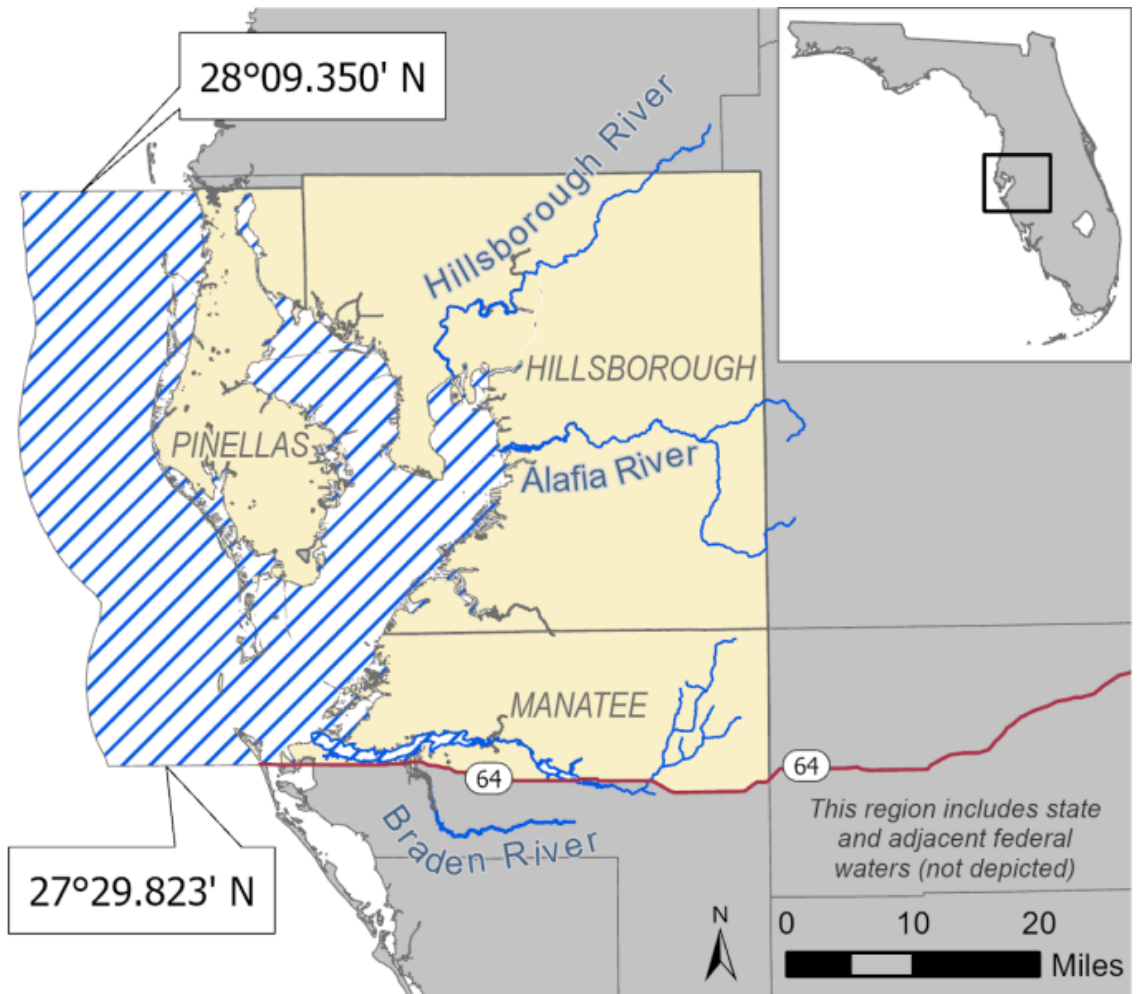
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Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–33 inches total length.

Boundaries: The northern coastal boundary is Fred Howard Park, near the border of Pasco and Pinellas counties and the region extends south to State Road 64 in Manatee County. Includes all inland waters of the area colored yellow on the map. Includes all waters of the Alafia, Braden, Manatee, and Hillsborough rivers and their tributaries. Does not include the waters of Palma Sola Bay and all waters of the Anclote River and its tributaries.



Sarasota Bay

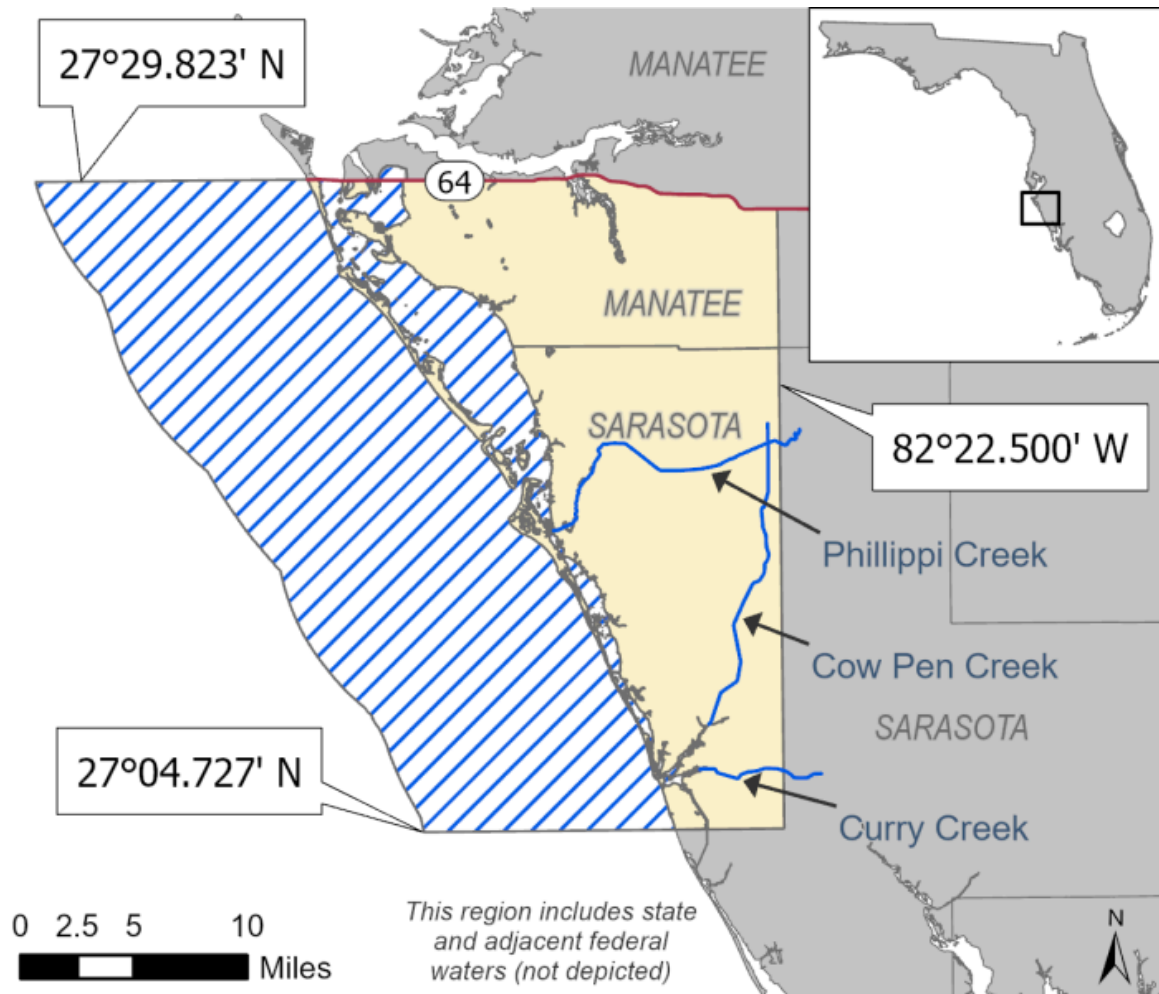
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Closed season: Dec. 1 – end of Feb. and May 1 – Aug. 31.

Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–33 inches total length.

Boundaries: The northern coastal boundary is State Road 64 in Manatee County and the region extends south to 27°04.727' North Latitude, near the Venice Municipal Airport. Includes all waters of Palma Sola Bay, Phillippi Creek, Cow Pen Slough Canal and Curry Creek. Includes all inland waters of the are colored yellow on the map. Does not include the waters of the Braden and Manatee rivers.



Charlotte Harbor

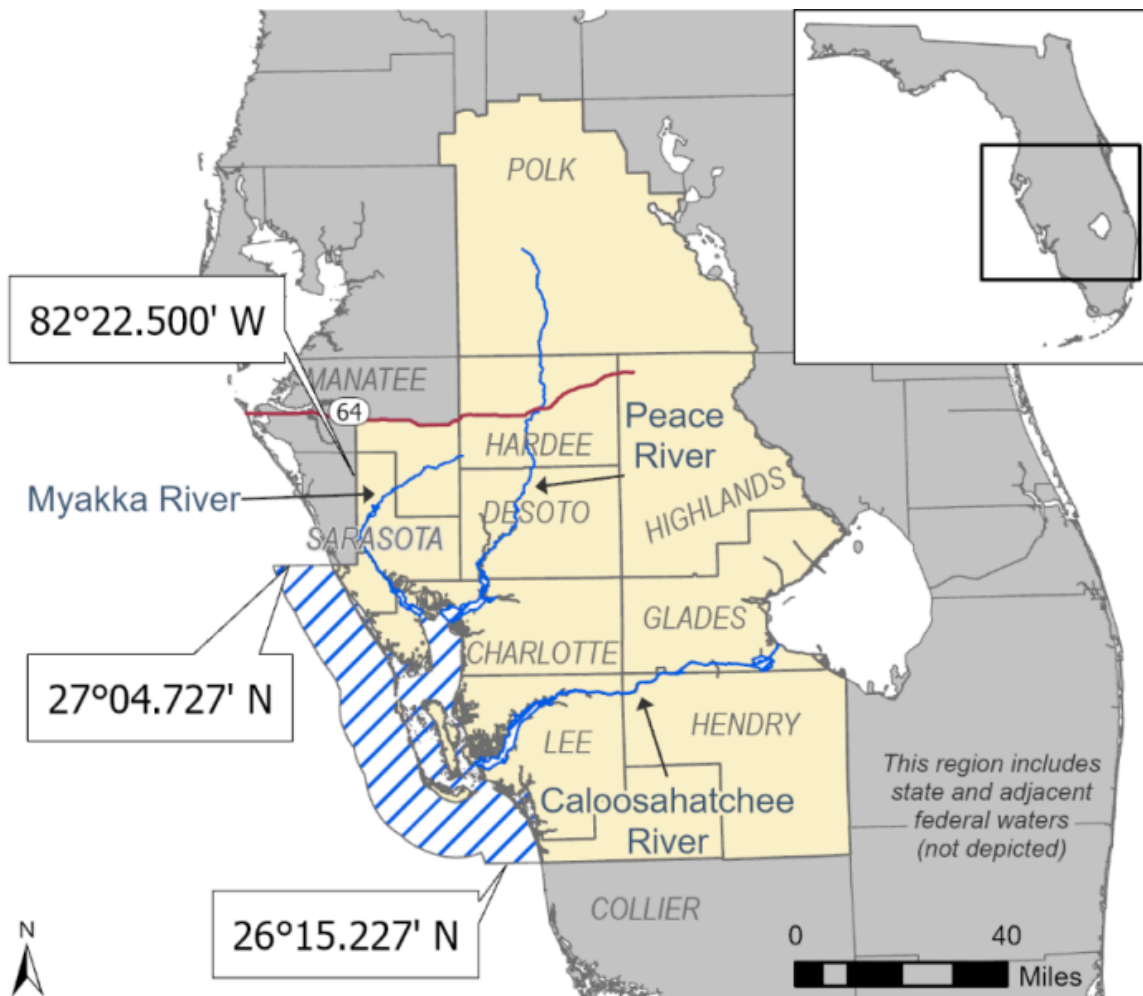
Open season: March 1 – April 30 and Oct. 1 – Nov. 30.

Closed season: Dec. 1 – end of Feb. and May 1 – Sept. 30.

Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–33 inches total length.

Boundaries: The northern coastal boundary is 27°04.727' North Latitude, near the Venice Municipal Airport, and the region extends south to 26°15.227' North Latitude, near Vanderbilt Beach Road in Collier County. Includes all inland waters of the area colored yellow on the map. Includes all waters of the Caloosahatchee, Myakka and Peace rivers and their tributaries. Does not include Lake Okeechobee.



Southwest

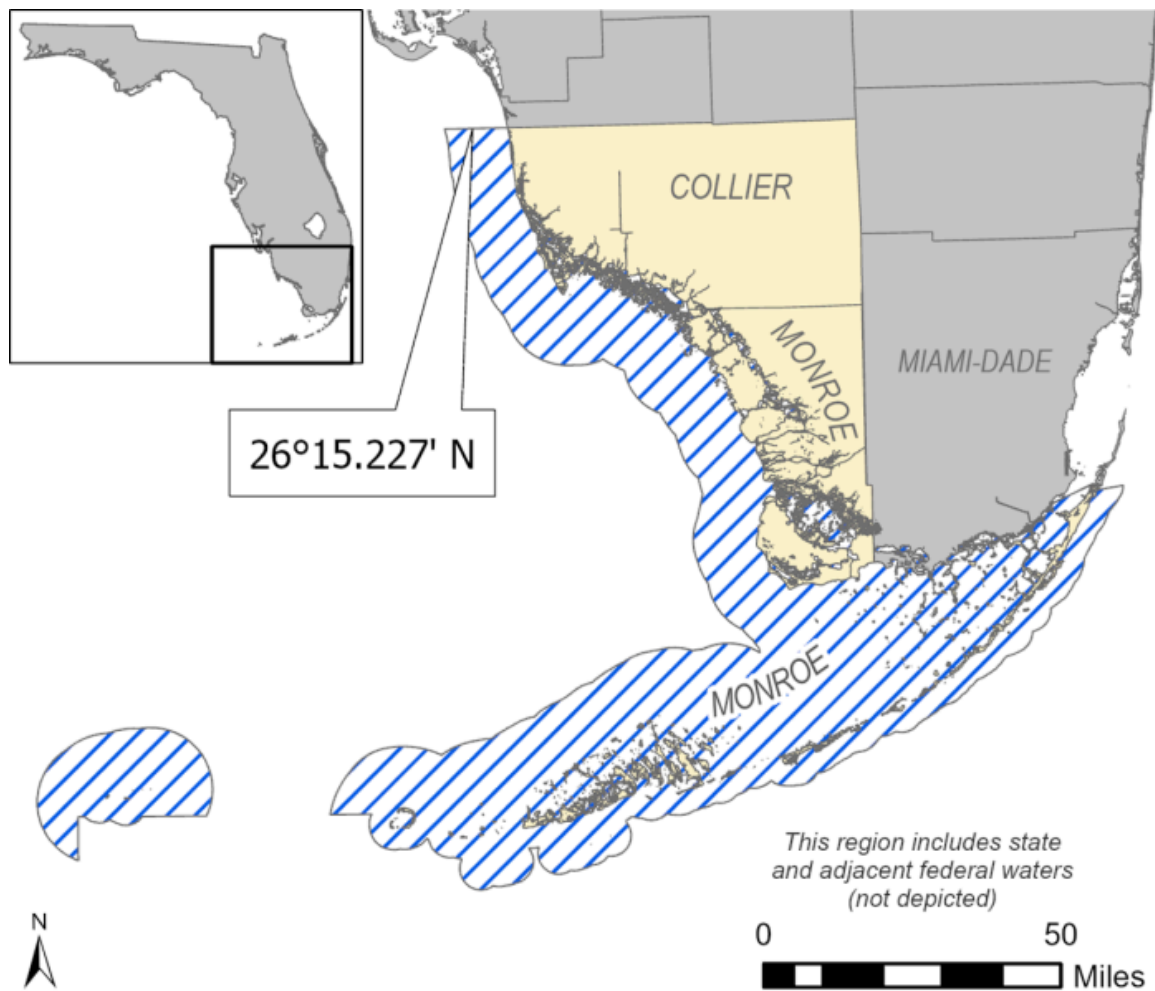
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Closed season: Dec. 1 – end of Feb. and May 1 – Sept. 30.

Bag limit: One fish per person per day.

Slot limit: 28–33 inches total length.

Boundaries: The northern boundary is 26°15.227' North Latitude, near Vanderbilt Beach Road in Collier County, and the region extends through the Florida Keys to the Monroe/Miami-Dade county line. Includes all inland waters of the area colored yellow on the map and all waters of Everglades National Park.



For more information on [recreational snook regulations](#), visit MyFWC.com/Snook. This page includes the snook annual reviews that provide summaries of key findings from the annual evaluation of management metrics for each region.



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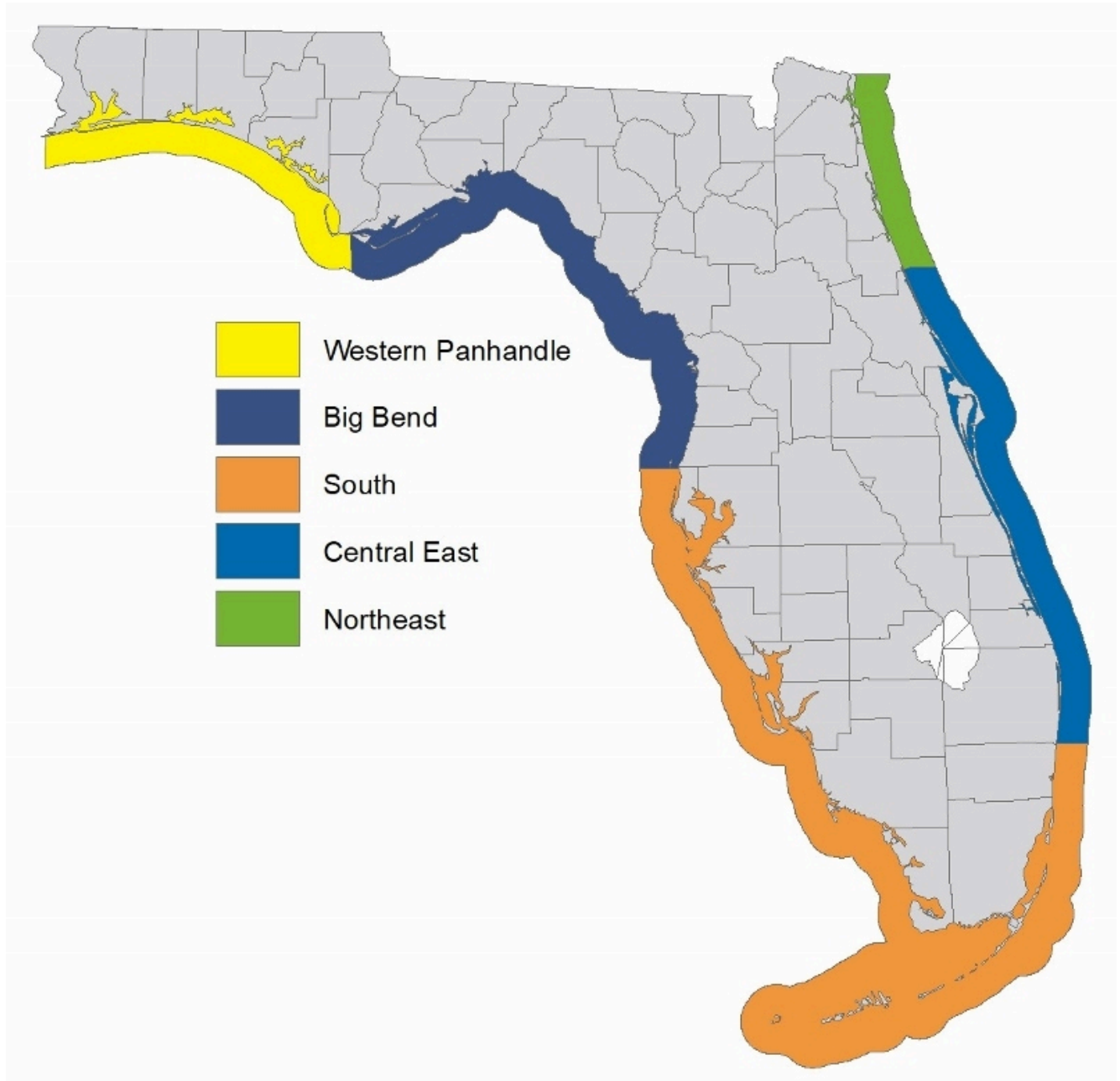
Gulf gray triggerfish and spotted seatrout open for recreational harvest on March 1

The following species will open to recreational harvest March 1:

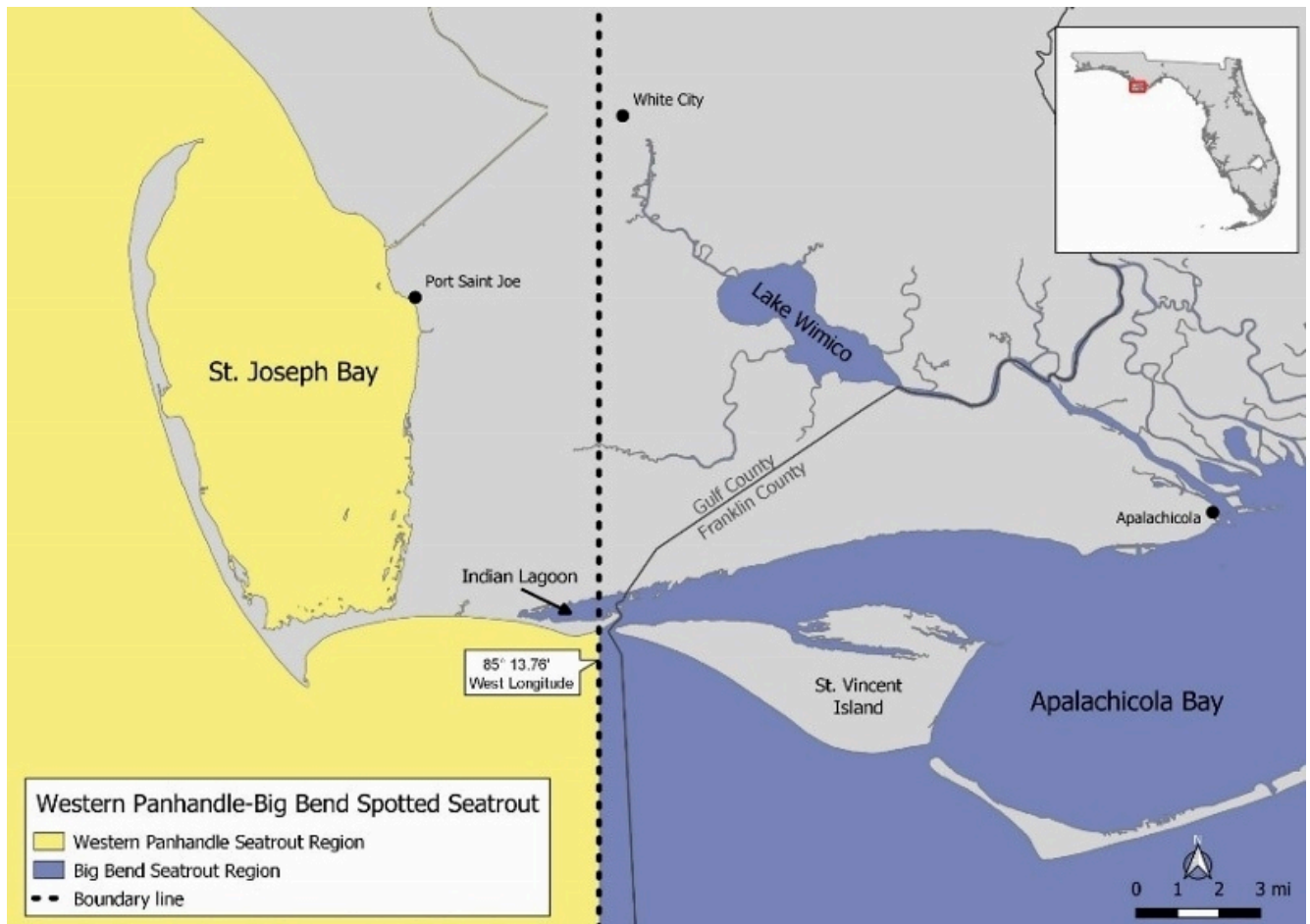
- [Gray triggerfish](#) opens in Gulf state and federal waters.
 - If you plan to fish for gray triggerfish in state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel, you must sign up as [a State Reef Fish Angler](#) (annual renewal is required). To learn more, visit MyFWC.com/Marine and click on “Recreational Regulations” and “State Reef Fish Survey” under “Reef Fish.” [Sign up today](#) at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.
- [Spotted seatrout](#) reopens in the Western Panhandle Management Region, which includes all state and adjacent federal waters from Escambia County through the portion of Gulf County west of 85

degrees, 13.76 minutes west longitude.

Spotted Seatrout Management Zones



Western Panhandle and Big Bend Spotted Seatrout Management Zones Boundary



**Florida Fish and Wildlife
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March 6, 2024



FWC: Now accepting applications for the annual School Fishing Club Program grant

The application period is now open for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) School Fishing Club Program. This annual educational program focuses on teaching youth anglers about best fishing practices to help ensure the future of fishing in Florida.

Each participating club will be provided with program curriculum and educational materials to be taught throughout the school year by the club sponsor. The curriculum is comprised of lessons and activities on ethical angling, conservation, Florida's aquatic habitats, basic fishing gear, and general fishing concepts, and is applicable to both freshwater and saltwater fishing. Additionally, at least one conservation project activity must be completed each school year and is an opportunity for clubs to earn points for a chance to win prizes.

To apply for the grant and register for the School Fishing Club program, interested club sponsors will need to complete a Florida R3 Fishing Grant application, which is funded by the FWC's [Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network](#), [Coastal Conservation Association](#) and the [Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida](#). This grant will award up to 50 school fishing clubs or teams \$500 each to assist with club expenses, such as gear for participants or the purchase of fishing licenses for students over 16 years old.

The grant program is open to new or existing freshwater and/or saltwater fishing clubs or teams at public, private and charter schools throughout Florida. To be considered for the grant, school fishing clubs or teams must submit a minimum of five student pre-surveys, one conservation project outline and be represented by a school faculty member or parent.

The FWC moved the application period for the program to earlier in the year so each school will receive materials and grant funding sooner. The **grant application period is open now until May 17**, but grant funding is not required to participate in the School Fishing Club Program. All selected grant applications will be announced Aug. 16.

The deadline for submitting applications is May 17. The application can be found online at MyFWC.com/SFC by scrolling down to "Florida's R3 Fishing Grant Program." Applicants can complete the form online or download the application to submit by email. Please email completed applications to R3Fishing@MyFWC.com.

About the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida

The Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the FWC and other public and private partners to conserve Florida's native animals and plants, and the lands and waters they need to survive. Operating as a statewide community foundation for conservation, the Foundation has raised and donated more than \$71 million to conserve nature and our outdoor heritage. More information can be found at WildlifeFlorida.org.

Contact Brandon Stys at Brandon.Stys@MyFWC.com or 850-617-6012 for more information.



And let's keep this one in mind for the future...



Rusty Bucket Baithouse



Jan 18 · 🌐

Save the date! We're getting started a little early this year for max participation!

!! UPDATE: We will post on FB when sign up is available in the store! Be on the lookout around the end of April.





From the February meeting: Tarpon Fishing Outfitters winner Chet Jasak (L) and 50/50 winner John Grieder (R)



General Membership Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Chet Jasak at 7:00pm

The next social will be February 20 at Whiskey River on the Water at 5:30.

Chet introduced our guest speaker for the evening: Fishing Instructor Vance Tice. Although he fishes primarily in and around Tampa Bay, he gave an outstanding presentation on trolling for gag grouper. He explained rigging and usage of downriggers and told us all about how to use solunar tables, the tides, and where to fish specific areas to attain great results. All members should make an effort to come to the meetings to hear these great speakers share their expertise. They're all experts in their fields and are very willing to share what they know to help us all learn more about fishing.

Our guest speaker for the March meeting will be Captain Dave Blanchard.

Rich Robinson is once again chairing our semiannual picnic set for March 23 at A. L. Anderson Park on Lake Tarpon and is looking for volunteers to help with setting up, running the Cornhole games and with cleaning up.

As this was our annual meeting to elect officers of the club, the floor was again opened for the final chance of nominations for all board-of-director positions. When there were no nominations made from the floor a motion was then made and passed that nominations be closed. A unanimous vote was then cast by the Secretary for all nominees.

Tournaments – current free-to-play for February is the longest snook, trout or redfish. Pay-to-play is sheepshead and red grouper from 1/1 – 3/31/2024 and the entry fee is \$10 per specie which must be paid prior to catch and qualification.

Fishing reports: Several members told of their exploits on the water, with some having luck and some not – depending on which side of the boat they were on.

Jack Hexter gave an update on the latest from the FWC: the reported ‘catch’ for gag grouper was reduced by half because the original statistics were grossly exaggerated. (Duh)

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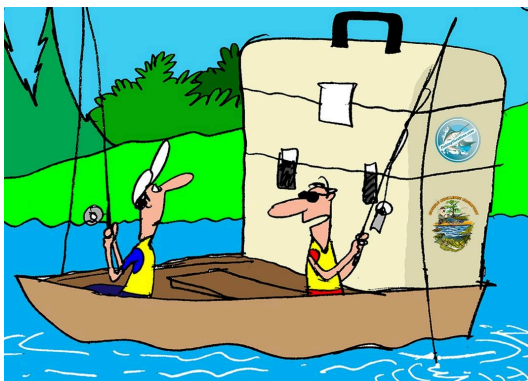
The 50/50 winner was John Grieder - \$95. The Tarpon Fishing Outfitter gift certificate winner was Chet Jasak.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder

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*“If you need a lure,
I brought extras.”*



See you all at the meeting!

Tight lines!!

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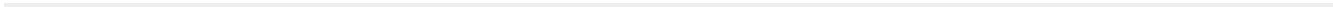
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