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2024 September Newsletter!

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**September Newsletter!**

The next general membership meeting is Tuesday, September 10th.  
Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00.

Our guest speaker will be Captain Dencil Powell (The Rajun Cajun).



**Please welcome new members:**



Louie Cutliff



Larry Lamarche



**General Membership Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2024**

**The meeting was called to order by President Mark Morningstar at 7:00pm.**

**Mark introduced several potential new members from a neighboring fishing club that recently disbanded. He explained what our club was about including our Wish to Fish subsidiary and how we sponsor four fishing charters per year for various organizations such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Hope Children's Home.**

**Mark then introduced the guest speaker – Captain Gary Strickland who gave an excellent presentation on fishing in very shallow water. Being a close friend of Captain Dencil Powell (the Rajun Cajun) Captain Gary said that Dencil is on the mend, doing better and better each day and slowly getting back out on the water.**

**Socials: The next social in September will be at Whiskey on the River. October's social will be at Gulf Harbors Yacht Club. Signup sheets are available for both.**

Our next picnic is set for October 19<sup>th</sup> and Frank Bellizio and Carol Smith will chair.

Fishing reports: Frank Bellizio was the only member who told of exploits on the water.

Tournaments: *Free-to-play* (all members can join in):

September – grouper and trout

October – redfish and hogfish

Prizes – 1/2/3 - \$25/15/10

*Pay-to-play:*

September – November snook \$20 longest fish; winner takes all.

Jack Hexter told us about the upcoming CCA dinner on August 16.

A vote was held after the proposed amendment to the By-Laws was presented to the membership and it passed unanimously.

The next general membership meeting will be September 10th.

The 50/50 winner was Dave Taylor- \$85

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder



Captain Gary Strickland of Reel Shallow Fishing Charters (and son Titan) gave a great presentation and answered all kinds of questions about fishing in skinny water.



From the FWC



**2024 recreational gag grouper season open Sept. 1–15 in Gulf state waters.**

**The 2024 recreational gag grouper season will be open Sept. 1-15 and will close at 12:01 a.m. on Sept. 16.**

**Earlier this year, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued an executive order to modify the recreational season of gag grouper in Gulf state waters, excluding all state waters off Monroe County. The 2024 Gulf gag grouper recreational season was modified to prevent overfishing following**

the quota overage that occurred in 2023 and to be consistent with the season in adjacent federal waters.

If you plan to fish for gag grouper or other specific reef fish species in Gulf state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel, you must sign up for the [State Reef Fish Angler Designation](#) (annual renewal is required). As a State Reef Fish Angler, you could be selected to receive a mail survey component of the State Reef Fish Survey.

Data from the State Reef Fish Survey is now being used for Gulf gag grouper management and by participating in the survey, you are improving recreational data that is used to provide optimum recreational fishing opportunities in Florida. To learn more about the State Reef Fish Survey, visit [MyFWC.com/SRFS](http://MyFWC.com/SRFS).



Previously sent out, but here's a rcap from the FWC:



Aug. 29, 2024

Gulf red snapper private recreational fall season open Sept. 1 through Nov. 30 for 3-day weekends

The fall red snapper season for private recreational anglers and state for-hire operations in the Gulf of Mexico will be open on the following weekends:

- Sept. 1–2 (Sunday through Monday of Labor Day Weekend)
- Sept. 6–8
- Sept. 13–15
- Sept. 20–22
- Sept. 27–29
- Oct. 4–6
- Oct. 11–13
- Oct. 18–20
- Oct. 25–27
- Nov. 1–3
- Nov. 8–11 (Veterans Day Weekend)

- Nov. 15–17
- Nov. 22–24
- Nov. 28–30 (Thursday through Saturday of Thanksgiving Weekend)

Private recreational anglers may harvest red snapper during these weekends in Gulf state and federal waters. However, state for-hire operations are limited to fishing for red snapper in Gulf state waters only. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will continue to monitor harvest relative to Florida’s available quota.

Planning to participate in the fall season? All anglers fishing from private recreational vessels must sign up annually as a [State Reef Fish Angler](#) to target red snapper and several other reef fish in state and federal waters, even if they are exempt from fishing license requirements. Sign up as a State Reef Fish Angler at no cost at [GoOutdoorsFlorida.com](#) or by visiting any location where you can purchase a license. State Reef Fish Anglers might receive a questionnaire in the mail regarding their reef fish trips as part of Florida’s State Reef Fish Survey. If you receive a survey, please respond whether you fished this season or not or whether you’ve submitted data via other methods. These additional days would not be possible without the [State Reef Fish Survey](#).

To learn more about the [recreational red snapper season](#) in Gulf state and federal waters, including season size and bag limits, visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](#) and click on “Saltwater Fishing,” “Recreational Regulations” and select “Snappers.”

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**Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission**

**Aug. 30, 2024**

**Recreational harvest of snook in all east coast and most west coast management regions opens Sept. 1**

The recreational harvest season for snook starts Sept. 1 in all east coast (Southeast, Indian River Lagoon and Northeast) and most west coast (Panhandle, Big Bend, Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay) management regions. The harvest season in the Panhandle, Big Bend, Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay management regions will remain open through Nov. 30. The harvest season in the Southeast, Indian River Lagoon and Northeast management regions will remain open



through Dec. 14. This includes all Florida state and inland waters within each management region

The regional management zones are part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) holistic management approach for Florida's most popular inshore fisheries. This approach uses seven metrics to evaluate the fishery by region, allowing the FWC to be more responsive to local concerns. To learn more, visit [MyFWC.com/Snook](http://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. It does not include all waters of the Ochlockonee Bay, the Ochlockonee River and its tributaries.

### **Big Bend**

**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 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. It includes all waters of the Ochlockonee, Withlacoochee and Anclote rivers and their tributaries.

### **Tampa Bay**

**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 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. It includes all waters of the Alafia, Braden, Manatee, and

**Hillsborough rivers and their tributaries. It does not include the waters of Palma Sola Bay and all waters of the Anclote River and its tributaries.**

### **Sarasota Bay**

**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 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. It includes all waters of Palma Sola Bay, Phillippi Creek, Cow Pen Slough Canal and Curry Creek. It does not include the waters of the Braden and Manatee rivers.**

### **Southeast**

**Open season: Feb. 1 – May 31 and Sept. 1 – Dec. 14.**

**Closed season: Dec. 15 – Jan. 31 and June 1 – Aug. 31.**

**Bag limit: One fish per person per day.**

**Slot limit: 28–32 inches total length.**

**Boundaries: The northern boundary is the Martin-Palm Beach county line and the region extends south to the Miami-Dade/Monroe county line. Includes all waters of Hillsboro Canal, Miami Canal, North New River Canal, and West Palm Beach Canal, and the Loxahatchee River and its tributaries. Does not include Lake Okeechobee and Everglades National Park.**

### **Indian River Lagoon**

**Open season: Feb. 1 – May 31 and Sept. 1 – Dec. 14.**

**Closed season: Dec. 15 – Jan. 31 and June 1 – Aug. 31.**

**Bag limit: One fish per person per day.**

**Slot limit: 28–32 inches total length.**

**Boundaries: The northern coastal boundary is at Lytle Avenue/South Causeway in New Smyrna Beach and the region extends south to the Martin-Palm Beach county line. It includes all waters of the Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee. It does not include the waters of Loxahatchee and St. Johns rivers and their tributaries.**

### **Northeast**

**Open season: Feb. 1 – May 31 and Sept. 1 – Dec. 14.**

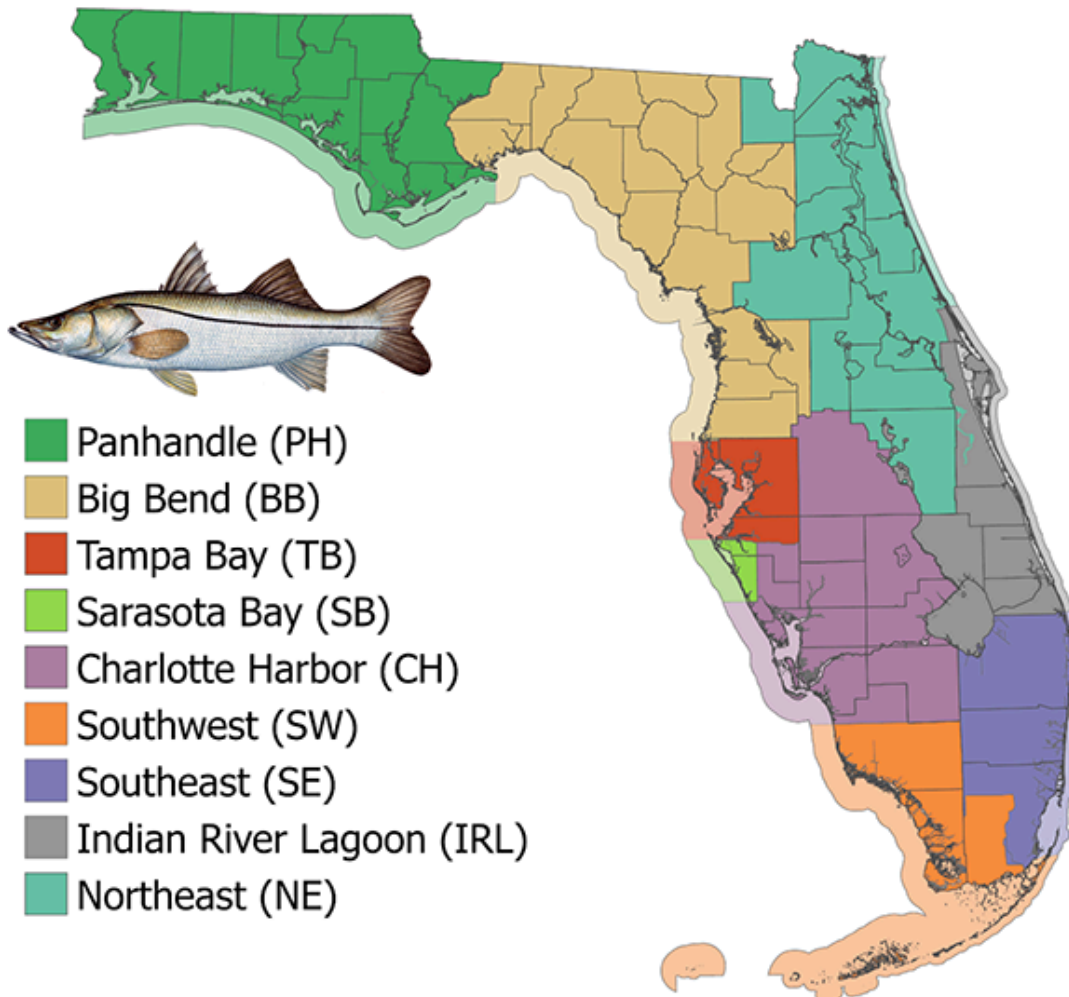
**Closed season: Dec. 15 – Jan. 31 and June 1 – Aug. 31.**

**Bag limit: One fish per person per day.**

**Slot limit: 28–32 inches total length.**

**Boundaries: The northern coastal boundary is at the Florida-Georgia border and the region extends south to the Lytle Avenue/South Causeway in New Smyrna Beach. It includes all waters of the St. Johns River and its tributaries. It does not include the waters of the Withlacoochee and Kissimmee rivers, Cypress Lake, and lakes Hatchineha and Kissimmee.**

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



**\*\* Meeting called to order at 7:00 by President Mark Morningstar. Also in attendance: Chet Jasak, Bruce Archambault, Mike Spanhel, Stu Johnson, Jack Hexter and John Grieder.**

**\*The minutes of the previous board meeting of June 24 were accepted as written.**

**\* Treasurer's report: General fund - \$2,808.94. There are 63 members.**

**\* The speaker for the September meeting will be Captain Dencil Powell (The Rajun Cajun).**

**\*Socials: The September social is scheduled for September 17 at Whiskey Joes on the River; the October social is scheduled for October 15 at the Gulf Harbors Yacht Club.**

**\* Tournaments: Free-to-play tournament in September is trout and any grouper. Pay-to-play in October is snook.**

**\*Wish to Fish report: Two trips are scheduled –September 22 with Foster Kids and December 8 with the Boy Scouts.**

**\*By-Laws – The amendment that has been in the works for the past few months was presented to and voted on by the general membership at our last meeting. It passed unanimously.**

**\*FOC picnic coming up in October – Frank Bellizio and Carol Smith will chair.**

**\*After Holidays Party coming up in January – Mark will contact Butch Kaelin to see if he will again be the chairman.**

**\*CCA dinner – Jack Hexter reported that there were about 340 people in attendance which was down about 100 people from the previous year.**

**\*New members – We had three new members join at the last meeting from the recently disbanded Port Hudson Fishing Club and there will probably a bunch more joining at the next meeting. It was suggested that we have plenty of membership applications to accommodate these potential new members.**

**\*Newsletter – Chet suggested that the general membership meeting minutes which are posted in the monthly newsletter be moved from the end of the newsletter and be placed towards the top.**

**\*The next general membership meeting will be September 10.**

**\* The next board meeting will be September 30.**

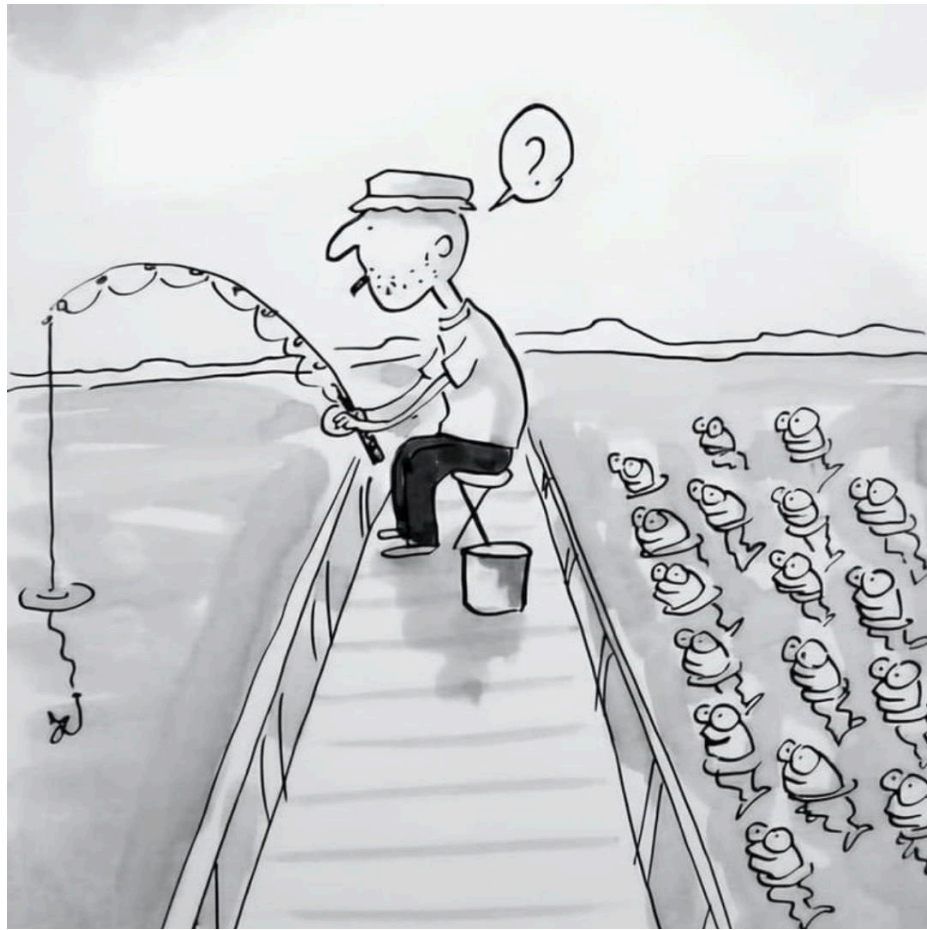
**\* Meeting adjourned at 7:50.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John Grieder**



*thnx and a tip o'the hat to fb*



**See you all at the meeting!**

***Tight lines!!***

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