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May 2025 Newsletter!

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May 2025 Newsletter!

The next general membership meeting is Tuesday, May 13th. Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Mike -- the owner of the Armed Angler in Tarpon Springs



General Membership Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2025

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

Our guest speakers were Captains Jesse (Senior and Junior) Zuban, owners of the Miss Virginia and Two Georges charter vessels who shared with us the intricacies of fishing inshore and offshore waters from a charter captain's perspective.

Our Wish to Fish subsidiary has a trip scheduled for June 3 with the Girl Scouts.

Socials: The next social dinner will be 5:30 Wednesday, April 16 at Whiskey River on the Water.

Many compliments were given to both Frank Bellizio and Rich Robinson for organizing and putting together our spring picnic at Anderson Park on Lake Tarpon. It was a great time with 32 people attending.

There were no entries for the month's tournament for kingfish. The next monthly tournament (which runs from meeting to meeting) will be for grouper.

The next general membership meeting will be May 13.

The 50/50 winner was Chet Jasak - \$83.

Tarpon Fishing Outfitters donated lots of tackle which was given out via number drawings to members who purchased 50/50 tickets.

Number of members and guests in attendance – 35.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

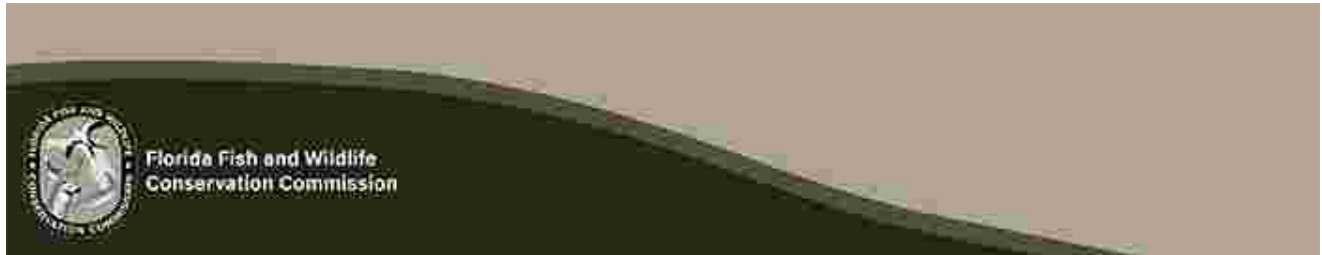
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Captains Jesse and Jesse discussing aspects of fishing from a charter captain's point of view.



From the FWC



April 28, 2025

Recreational harvest of snook for Florida's west coast will close May 1

The recreational harvest of snook in the Panhandle, Big Bend, Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay, Charlotte Harbor and Southwest management regions will close May 1. The recreational harvest season will reopen Sept. 1, in the Panhandle, Big Bend, Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay management regions. The recreational harvest season will reopen Oct. 1, in the Charlotte Harbor and Southwest management regions. Within each region, this includes all Florida state and inland waters as well as adjacent federal waters.

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 be more responsive to regional concerns. To learn more, visit [MyFWC.com/Snook](https://myfwc.com/snook).

Panhandle

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

Closed season: Dec. 1-end of February 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 at 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. The management region extends inland, as shown on the map, and into adjacent federal waters. 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 February 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 at 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. The management region extends inland, as shown on the map, and into adjacent federal waters.

Tampa Bay

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

Closed season: Dec. 1-end of February 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 at Fred Howard Park, near the border of Pasco and Pinellas counties and the region extends south to State Road 64 in Manatee County. The management region extends inland, as shown on the map, and into adjacent federal waters. 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

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

Closed season: Dec. 1-end of February 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 at 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. Does not include the waters of the Braden and Manatee rivers. The management region extends inland, as shown on the map, and into adjacent federal waters.

Charlotte Harbor

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

Closed season: Dec. 1-end of February 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 at 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. The management region extends inland, as shown on the map, and into adjacent federal waters. Includes all waters of the Caloosahatchee, Myakka and Peace rivers and their tributaries. Does not include Lake Okeechobee.

Southwest

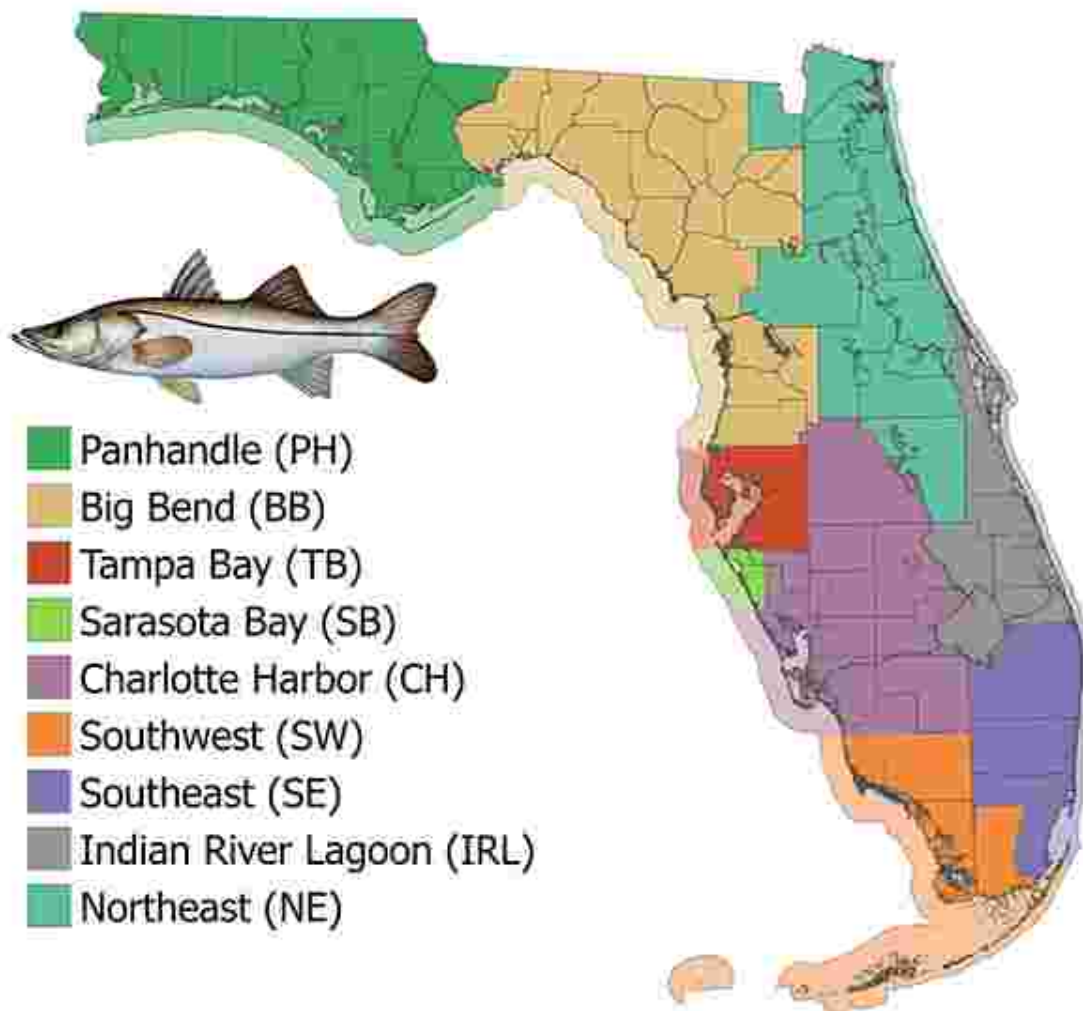
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Closed season: Dec. 1-end of February and May 1-Sept. 30

Bag limit: One fish per person per day

Slot limit: 28–33 inches total length

Boundaries: The northern boundary is at 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. The management region extends inland, as shown on the map, and into adjacent federal waters. Includes all waters of Everglades National Park.





April 7, 2025



FWC announces winners of 2025 Florida State Fish Art Contest

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), in collaboration with [Wildlife Forever](#), is eager to announce the winners of the Florida State Fish Art Contest this year. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade submitted their artwork in this free contest for a chance to win state and national honors,

and prizes. This program sparks imagination and nurtures a new wave of anglers and conservationists, inspiring them to explore, protect and appreciate Florida fisheries.

The winning artists, selected by the FWC, per category (freshwater and saltwater), in four grade brackets will advance to the National Competition to be judged for top prizes such as the Best of Show. Visit [MyFWC.com/FishArt](https://myfwc.com/fishart) to view all the winning artwork from this year. Congratulations to this year's winners!

Grades 10-12

Winners: Jessica Neef and Savannah LaViolette

Runners-Up: Jenna Geiser and Nicolas Leon

Grades 7-9

Winners: Sebastian Romo and Aleksandra Pelegrin

Runners-Up: Hailey Chen and Joy Lin

Grades 4-6

Winners: Mila Das and Hopper Borchardt

Runners-Up: Iris Zhang and Advika Sonule

Grades K-3

Winners: Michelle He and Rider Leib

Runners-Up: Sophia Guan and Yihao Wu

"The talent and creativity displayed by these young artists in the Florida Fish Art Contest is truly inspiring. This competition serves as an outstanding opportunity to engage the next generation in both fishing and conservation," said FWC Commissioner Sonya Rood. "Year after year, we are impressed by the dedication and passion reflected in each student's portrayal of Florida's diverse freshwater and saltwater species."



April 30, 2025

Recreational harvest of Atlantic greater amberjack, red porgy, hogfish, blueline tilefish and several groupers will open May 1

Several reef fish species will open to recreational harvest May 1 in Florida state waters of the Atlantic, as outlined below.

Greater amberjack and red porgy will open to recreational harvest in all Florida state waters of the Atlantic.

Blueline tilefish and several species of grouper including: gag, black, red, yellowmouth and yellowfin grouper; scamp; snowy; red hind; rock hind; coney and graysby will open to recreational harvest in all Florida state waters of the Atlantic and all state waters of Monroe County.

Lastly, hogfish will open for recreational harvest in all state waters on the east coast of Florida as well as all state waters south of Cape Sable, including the Florida Keys.



April 28, 2025

ICYMI: Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Record 126-Day Gulf Red Snapper Recreational Season for 2025

DESTIN, Fla.— Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced a record-breaking 126-day Gulf Red Snapper recreational season for 2025, the longest season since Florida assumed management of Gulf red snapper. The expanded season includes additional summer and fall fishing days from 2024, offering anglers more opportunities to fish over major holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving.

“Florida is the fishing capital of the world—with 4 million licensed anglers and generations of families who enjoy our waters. After setting a record last year, we’re doing it again with the longest Gulf Red Snapper season in state history, giving Floridians and visitors even more time to fish on Florida’s waterways, said Governor Ron DeSantis. “Smart state management of Gulf waters has allowed us to offer these record-breaking opportunities to Floridians year after year.”

“We want to thank Governor DeSantis for once again demonstrating Florida's commitment to being the Fishing and Boating Capital of the world," said Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Chairman Rodney Barreto. "With more weekend and holiday opportunities, families will have more chances than ever to enjoy Florida’s unparalleled fishing opportunities and create long-lasting memories.”

“The Gulf recreational red snapper season is a highly anticipated and celebrated event for anglers nationwide, emphasizing Florida's exemplary fishing resources,” noted Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Executive Director Roger Young. “This record-long season results from the strong data collected through the State Reef Fish Survey, which Governor DeSantis, the Florida Legislature, and our recreational anglers have consistently supported.”

The 2025 Gulf red snapper season is open to those fishing from private recreational vessels or charter vessels. The summer season will begin over Memorial Day Weekend, from May 24 – May 26, and reopen June 1 through July 31. The fall season will include the following dates:

- **September 1 –14**
- **September 19 – 21**
- **September 26 – 28**
- **October 3 –5**
- **October 10 – 12**
- **October 17 – 19**
- **October 24 – 26**
- **October 31 – November 2**
- **November 7 – 9, 11 (Veterans Day)**
- **November 14 –16,**
- **November 21 – 23**
- **November 27 – 30 (Thanksgiving weekend)**
- **December 5 – 7**
- **December 12 –14**
- **December 19 – 21**
- **December 25 – 28 (Christmas weekend)**



The winner of the 50/50 (\$83) was Chet Jasak. There were also several winners of raffled goodies that were donated by Tarpon Fishing Outfitters. (All were camera shy)





See you all at the meeting!

Tight lines!!

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