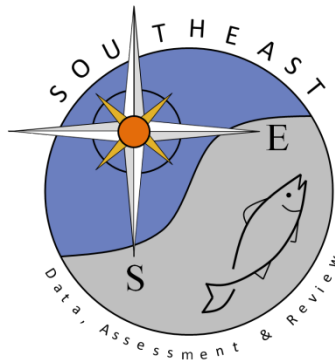


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A Management History database is being compiled, cataloged, and standardized by the Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies (CIMAS) of the University of Miami in collaboration with the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (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. Support for this project is provided by the Fisheries Information System National Observer Program.

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 is 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.

We queried a prototype of the database for records related to gray triggerfish in the South Atlantic. The records associated with size limits, annual catch limits (ACLs), trip limits, bag limits, and closures for both the commercial and recreational fisheries are summarized in Table 1 - Table 7.

While not included in a table, it is also important to note that in 2015 the commercial fishing season split into two six-month seasons from January 1 through June 30 and July 1 through December 31 ([80 FR 30947](#)). The recreational fishing season remained aligned with the calendar year.

Table 1. Commercial (Com) size limits contained within the Management History database for South Atlantic gray triggerfish.

Fishery	Region Affected	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	Size Limit	Length Type	FR Reference	Amendment Number or Rule Type
Com All	South Atlantic Off Florida	1995	5/22/1995	6/30/2015	12"	Minimum Total Length	60 FR 19683	Final Rule
		2015	7/1/2015	2/25/2020	14"	Minimum Fork Length	80 FR 30947	Amendment 29
		2020	2/26/2020	Present	12"		85 FR 4588	Regulatory Amendment 27
	South Atlantic Off North Carolina, South Carolina, & Georgia	2015	7/1/2015	Present	12"	Minimum Fork Length	80 FR 30947	Amendment 29

Table 2. Recreational (Rec) size limits contained within the Management History database for South Atlantic gray triggerfish.

Fishery	Region Affected	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	Size Limit	Length Type	FR Reference	Amendment Number or Rule Type
Rec All	South Atlantic Off Florida	1995	5/22/1995	6/30/2015	12"	Minimum Total Length	60 FR 19683	Final Rule
		2015	7/1/2015	3/29/2020	14"	Minimum Fork Length	80 FR 30947	Amendment 29
		2020	3/30/2020	Present	12"		85 FR 11307	Regulatory Amendment 26
	South Atlantic Off North Carolina, South Carolina, & Georgia	2015	7/1/2015	Present	12"	Minimum Fork Length	80 FR 30947	Amendment 29

Table 3. Commercial (Com) annual catch limits (ACL) contained within the Management History database for South Atlantic gray triggerfish.

Fishery	Region Affected	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	First Day in Effect	Last Day in Effect	ACL	Weight Type	FR Reference	Amendment Number or Rule Type
Com All	South Atlantic EEZ	2012	4/16/2012	7/16/2013	1-Jan	31-Dec	305,262 lbs	Round (whole) weight	77 FR 15915	Final Rule
		2013	7/17/2013	6/30/2015	1-Jan	31-Dec	272,880 lbs		78 FR 36113	Regulatory Amendment 13
		2015	7/1/2015	Present	1-Jan	30-Jun	156,162 lbs		80 FR 30947	Amendment 29
		2015	7/1/2015	Present	1-Jul	31-Dec	156,162 lbs		80 FR 30947	Amendment 29

Table 4. Recreational (Rec) annual catch limits (ACL) contained within the Management History database for South Atlantic gray triggerfish.

Fishery	Region Affected	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	First Day in Effect	Last Day in Effect	ACL	Weight Type	FR Reference	Amendment Number or Rule Type
Rec All	South Atlantic EEZ	2012	4/16/2012	7/16/2013	1-Jan	31-Dec	367,303 lbs	Round (whole) weight	77 FR 15915	Final Rule
		2013	7/17/2013	6/30/2015	1-Jan	31-Dec	353,638 lbs		78 FR 36113	Regulatory Amendment 13
		2015	7/1/2015	Present	1-Jan	31-Dec	404,675 lbs		80 FR 30947	Amendment 29

Table 5. Commercial (Com) trip limit contained within the Management History database for South Atlantic gray triggerfish.

Fishery	Region Affected	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	Trip Limit Per Fishing Trip	Weight Type	FR Reference	Amendment Number or Rule Type
Com All	South Atlantic EEZ	2015	7/1/2015	Present	1,000 lbs	Round weight	80 FR 30947	Amendment 29

Table 6. Recreational (Rec) bag limits contained within the Management History database for South Atlantic gray triggerfish. Gray triggerfish are included within the snapper-grouper aggregate bag limit.

Fishery	Region Affected	Start Year	Effective Date	End Date	Bag Limit Per Person Per Day	FR Reference	Amendment Number or Rule Type
Rec All	South Atlantic EEZ	1999	2/24/1999	3/29/2020	20 fish	64 FR 3624	Amendment 9
		2020	3/30/2020	Present	10 fish ¹	85 FR 11307	Regulatory Amendment 26

¹85 FR 11307 modified the 20-fish snapper-grouper aggregate bag limit by specifying that no more than 10 fish could be of any one species. Therefore, this limit is still included within the 20-fish aggregate limit.

Table 7. Commercial (Com) and recreational (Rec) closures and reopenings contained within the Management History database for South Atlantic gray triggerfish.

Fishery	Region Affected	Regulation Type	Start Year	First Day in Effect	Last Day in Effect	FR Reference
Com All	South Atlantic EEZ	Closure	2012	9/11/2012	12/11/2012	77 FR 53776 77 FR 73555
		Reopening	2012	12/12/2012	12/18/2012	77 FR 73555
		Closure	2012	12/19/2012	12/31/2012	77 FR 53776 77 FR 73555
		Closure	2013	7/7/2013	10/27/2013	78 FR 39188 78 FR 64181
		Reopening	2013	10/28/2013	11/13/2013	78 FR 64181
		Closure	2013	11/14/2013	12/31/2013	78 FR 39188 78 FR 64181
		Closure	2014	5/12/2014	12/31/2014	79 FR 26375
		Closure	2015	5/8/2015	6/30/2015 ²	80 FR 25966
		Closure	2015	9/8/2015	12/31/2015	80 FR 53263
		Closure	2016	4/2/2016	6/12/2013	81 FR 17094 81 FR 33150
		Reopening	2016	6/13/2016	6/30/2016	81 FR 33150
		Closure	2016	12/16/2016	12/31/2016	81 FR 90751
		Closure	2017	11/8/2017	12/31/2017	82 FR 51777
		Closure	2018	6/13/2018	6/30/2018	83 FR 27300
		Closure	2018	11/6/2018	12/31/2018	83 FR 55293
		Closure	2019	4/17/2019	6/30/2019	84 FR 15986
		Closure	2019	10/27/2019	12/31/2019	84 FR 57367
		Closure	2020	11/29/2020	12/31/2020	85 FR 75917
		Rec All		Closure	2014	11/26/2014

²As of 2015, the commercial fishery was divided into two six-month fishing seasons from January 1 to June 30 and July 1 to December 31. 80 FR 25966 stated that the fishery would remain closed until “the start of the next fishing season.” Therefore, the last day in effect for the closure starting on May 8, 2015 was inferred based on the establishment of the two commercial seasons.