



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## **Seasonal Prohibition on the Possession of Silk Snapper, Blackfin, Vermilion, and Black Snapper in Caribbean Federal Waters Begins at 12:01 a.m., Local Time, October 1, 2011**

NOAA Fisheries Service reminds commercial and recreational fishers that from October 1 through December 31, each year, no person may fish for or possess vermilion, black, silk, or blackfin snapper in or from the U. S. Caribbean Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

The seasonal prohibition on commercial and recreational fishing for silk snapper, blackfin, vermilion, and black snapper begins at 12:01 a.m., local time, on October 1 and extends through December 31, each year, in U.S. Caribbean federal waters. U. S. Caribbean federal waters (Exclusive Economic Zone) are those waters extending from the nine nautical mile seaward boundary of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the three nautical mile seaward boundary of the territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands out to 200 nautical miles offshore.

This action complies with regulations implemented under Amendment 3 to the Fishery Management Plan for

the Reef Fish Fishery of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to address required provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and is necessary to protect these resources. The Caribbean Fishery Management Council, in cooperation with NOAA Fisheries Service, developed the amendment to regulate fishing mortality.

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