

Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Quota Bank

Membership Application - Fishing Year 2017

The Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders' Alliance launched the first Quota Bank in the Gulf of Mexico in 2015 as an innovative solution to reduce red snapper discards and to demonstrate that fishermen can solve fishery problems. In 2016, the Shareholders' Alliance expanded this successful program to provide more benefit to the fishery. We anticipate 2017 being even better and we hope you'll consider joining us. Here's how it works:

1. We lease eligible fishermen the allocation they need to cover their red snapper bycatch. We are also working to help support the next generation of reef fish fishermen in the Gulf of Mexico.
2. In exchange for leasing this allocation, Members agree to hold themselves to a high standard of accountability, report their catch electronically to us within 24 hours of landing, operate under a set of Best Business Practices, and join the Shareholders' Alliance to build capacity for this program to help even more fishermen in the future.
3. We are a fishermen's program that is generating triple-bottom-line benefits by reducing red snapper discards, making red grouper businesses more profitable, supporting the next generation of fishermen, and getting more fishermen involved in solving their management and regulatory problems.

To apply for this innovative program, please complete this application, scan both pages, and email them to:

Eric Brazer, Deputy Director, Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders' Alliance

eric@shareholdersalliance.org

Applications will be processed in the order in which they arrive and red snapper allocation is available on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email or call. Thank you for interest in the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Quota Bank.



Eric Brazer

phone: 919-451-1971

Best Business Practices

Applicants agree to the following Quota Bank Policies:

- Unless otherwise specified, red snapper allocation will be used only for bycatch in the red grouper fishery, not for a targeted fishery.
- All legal-sized red snapper caught will be landed and accounted for (i.e. no regulatory discarding) to the extent possible.
- The mortality rate of the released sublegal snapper will be minimized to the extent possible using appropriate techniques or devices.
- The Shareholders' Alliance has a Right of First Refusal on any unused Quota Bank allocation, not to exceed initial lease price.
- Members will submit copies of their trip ticket or logbook electronically to the Shareholders' Alliance within 24 hours of landing and be open to using electronic video monitoring in the future. Failure to do so may impact the ability to lease additional allocation.

- Members are strongly encouraged to voluntarily and accurately report their red snapper discards to the Quota Bank on all trips.
- Members will work with the Shareholders' Alliance to attend at least one management/regulatory meeting over the course of the year
- Members will work with the Shareholders' Alliance to improve the Quota Bank as it continues to grow, and will act as "fishermen ambassadors" to promote the Quota Bank in their fishing communities.

Eligibility Criteria

Please check the appropriate boxes.

- Use only bandits, handgear, bottom longlines, or buoy gear to catch reef fish.
- Own an active reef fish permit.
- Have an active IFQ account.
- Agree to join the Shareholders' Alliance (\$0.20/pound of leased allocation, up to \$1,000).
- Commitment to provide copies of either the trip ticket or logbook electronically to the Shareholders' Alliance within 24 hours of landing.
- Agree to attend at least one meeting of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, or participate in a Washington DC Fishermen's Fly-In with the Shareholders' Alliance.
- If this is your first year in the program, agree to provide trip tickets and logbooks for the previous fishing year.

Owner Information

Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone	Email	

Vessel Information

Vessel Name	Reef Fish Permit #
Primary Landing Port/Dock	
Gear Type	Target Fishery
Dealer/Fish House Name & Location	
Requested Amount of Red Snapper Allocation*	

*Multiples of 500 pounds with a 1,000 pound minimum.

Meeting Participation (check one)

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council	Washington DC Fishermen's Fly-In
February 8-9, 2017 Crystal River, Florida <input type="checkbox"/>	January 30 - February 2, 2017 New Orleans, Louisiana <input type="checkbox"/>	TBD Spring 2017 <input type="checkbox"/>
April 19-20, 2017 Tallahassee, Florida <input type="checkbox"/>	April 3-7, 2017 Birmingham, Alabama <input type="checkbox"/>	TBD Summer 2017 <input type="checkbox"/>
July 10-11, 2017 Kissimmee Area, Florida <input type="checkbox"/>	June 5-9, 2017 Naples, Florida <input type="checkbox"/>	TBD Fall 2017 <input type="checkbox"/>
September 27-28, 2017 Gainesville, Florida <input type="checkbox"/>	August 7-11, 2017 San Antonio, Texas <input type="checkbox"/>	
December 6-7, 2017 Okeechobee, Florida <input type="checkbox"/>	October 2-6, 2017 Biloxi, Mississippi <input type="checkbox"/>	

The undersigned party agrees that the information contained in this Application is accurate and wishes to be considered for participation in the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Quota Bank in 2017.

Name

Signature

Date