



Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders' Alliance **Official Statement on Inter-Sector Trading**

The Shareholders' Alliance is working diligently to protect the American public's access to the Gulf's fisheries. We firmly believe that seafood consumers - whether they live near the coast or far from the water - deserve the opportunity to eat fresh, sustainably-harvested snapper and grouper caught by accountable and responsible commercial fishermen in Gulf of Mexico. Our innovative, sustainable fishing practices are making these wild fish more consistently available to consumers than ever before. It is because of our commitment to provide fresh seafood to American consumers that we cannot support any "inter-sector trading" proposals at this time that would reduce consumer access by shifting allocation from the commercial sector to the recreational sector.