

NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
OFFICE OF MARINE FISHERIES

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Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: No rules have been repealed or suspended. Previous Title 22 Part 7 has been updated to comply with new Federal Regulations. Reduces recreational limit on Red Snapper from four to two fish, prohibits charter boat captain and crew from possessing bag limit for Red Snapper and State possession and size limits for Red Snapper shall not apply to federally permitted commercial red snapper fishermen or dealers legally harvesting and/or selling Red Snapper harvested from federal waters only.

Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Mississippi Code Ann. § 49-15-15, Administrative Procedures Act, § 25-43-1.101 *et seq.*

Date Rule Proposed: April 17, 2007

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule: Title 22 Part 7 has been updated to comply with recent Federal Regulation changes to Red Snapper catch. TITLE 22 – MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES PART 7 REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE SIZE LIMITS AND BAG LIMITS ON CERTAIN FISH SPECIES AND TO PREVENT SALE OF SEAFOOD BY RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN.

The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.

An oral proceeding was held on this rule:

Date: {Insert Date}
Time: {Insert Time}
Place: {Insert Place}

An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and

This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are:
Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption, the logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and
The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Effective Date of Rule: June 1, 2007



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