

STATE OF FLORIDA

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 10-45

Closure for Snook

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, through its Executive Director under Delegations of Authority Paragraph 17 and Paragraph 22, and due to the prolonged natural cold weather event in the winter of 2010 that caused significant, widespread mortality of snook, hereby closes the harvest of snook as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-21, F.A.C., no person may harvest in or from state waters or possess snook taken from the Gulf of Mexico, Monroe County, and Everglades National Park during the period beginning on the effective date of this order and continuing through August 31, 2011, unless the fishery is opened sooner or the closure is extended by subsequent order.
2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-21, F.A.C., no person may harvest in or from state waters or possess snook taken from the Atlantic Ocean, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, during the period beginning on December 15, 2010 continuing through August 31, 2011, unless the fishery is opened sooner or the closure is extended by subsequent order.
3. This order does not prevent catch and release fishing for snook during the harvest closures.
4. This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on September 17, 2010 and remain in effect through August 31, 2011 unless repealed, extended, or modified by subsequent order.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and 120.81(5), Florida Statutes

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., September 17, 2010

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
On this 15th day of September

_____/signed/_____
Nick Wiley, Executive Director

Attest: ___/signed/___
Agency Clerk