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1st Quarter 2026 Average Price Data for each species and share category in the Gulf Catch Shares programs. For the most recent data, visit the “View Ex-Vessel Rolling Avg” page under “Landings” and the “View Allocation Rolling Avg” page under “Allocation” tab on the online System.

Share Category	Species	Share Price (per 1lb equivalent)	Allocation Price (per/lb)	Ex-Vessel Price
Red Snapper	Red Snapper	\$49.02	\$4.73	\$6.22
Deep Water Grouper	Snowy grouper	\$20.76	\$1.19	\$6.90
	Speckled hind			\$6.67
	Warsaw grouper			\$5.67
	Yellowedge grouper			\$7.21
Gag	Gag	\$63.32	\$5.05	\$8.06
			multi-use: \$5.08	
Shallow Water Grouper	Black grouper	\$10.05	\$0.69	\$8.08
	Scamp			\$7.70
	Yellowfin grouper			—
	Yellowmouth grouper			\$7.46
Red Grouper	Red grouper	\$16.54	\$0.68	\$6.53
			multi-use: **	
Tilefish	Blueline tilefish	—	\$0.50	\$3.09
	Golden tilefish			\$4.96
	Goldface tilefish			\$4.03

-- Insufficient data for average price calculation.
** No allocation was distributed because gag is in a rebuilding plan.

LEASED & LOADED: A GUIDE TO COMMERCIAL VESSEL LEASING

The Catch Shares Program and Southeast Fisheries Permits Office teams have noticed a growing trend: you have questions about leases, and plenty of them. To get you the clearest answers, we sat down with the Southeast Permits Office’s own Jeannette Dudley. A U.S. Army veteran, Jeannette has brought her mission-first dedication to NOAA for the last 15 years as a Program Analyst. If there’s a nuance to leasing you’ve been wondering about, Jeannette has likely already been asked about it. In this interview, she sheds some light on common vessel lease questions.

Q: What is the most common misconception you hear about vessel leasing?

A: Actually, there are two common misconceptions. The first is that people think permits can be leased, however, that is incorrect. Federal regulations do not allow permits to be leased.

The second, is that people don’t understand that adding or removing a lease to a vessel that has current, valid permits changes the permit holder and invalidates any permits that are already on the vessel.



Jeannette Dudley, NOAA Southeast Permits Office



Q: How does someone submit a vessel lease agreement?

A: The vessel lease agreement must be uploaded on the 'Required Documents' page of the [Southeast Region Online Permit System](#) along with the application to transfer the permit to the leased vessel.

Q: What information does SERO require for a vessel lease agreement?

A: It must include the following:

- Vessel name
- Vessel Coast Guard documentation or state registration number
- Lessor (vessel owner) name(s)
- Lessee (permit holder) name(s)
- Specific vessel lease start date
- Specific vessel lease end date
- Lessor and lessee's signatures

The Southeast Regional Permits Office does not require vessel lease agreements to be notarized.

Q: Is there a SERO specific lease agreement form?

A: No. Some states may require specific lease agreements, and SERO will accept those as long as it also

contains all of the information listed above.

Q: May both open access and limited access permits be associated with leased vessels?

A: Yes.

Q: May a vessel have multiple permit holders associated with the same vessel?

A: No. All permits on a vessel must have the same permit holder.

Q: Once a vessel is leased, can additional permits be added to that vessel?

A: Yes, but any permits added to that vessel must be issued to the same permit holder (vessel lessee). If an application is submitted by the owner without the name of the lessee, it is presumed that the lease has been terminated and the existing permits issued in the name of the lessee will become invalid.

Q: What else is important to know about leasing a vessel?

A: Depending upon the circumstances, the vessel's owner, operator, and lessee (permit holder) may all be held

responsible for any fisheries violations committed while the vessel is fishing under the lessee's permits.

Also, the federal government considers catch history proprietary business information. Releasing the information for a vessel that was leased requires signatures from the lessee (permit holder) for the time period requested. This means that the vessel owner would not be able to request catch history for any time period the vessel was fishing under the lease agreement.

For more detailed information, please visit the 'Leases' section of the [Frequent Questions](#) on the Southeast Fisheries Permits [webpage](#) or contact:

NOAA Southeast Permits Office Customer Service
(877) 376-4877 M - F, 8 - 4:30 EST
nmfs.ser.permitssupport@noaa.gov



Q: What should you consider before entering a vessel lease agreement?

A: Before setting up a lease agreement with a vessel owner, please confirm the vessel owner does not already have the same type of permit currently issued to the vessel. A vessel cannot hold multiple permits for the same fishery. Once a lease agreement is established, any pre-existing permits for that vessel become invalid. The lessee should also ensure the vessel meets all other necessary permit requirements before entering into the lease agreement.

Understanding Your Catch Shares Online System Account Status



SERO Catch Shares Programs

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2. NameJANE ANN SMITH

3. Mailing Address8317 TILEFISH RD

Mailing City/ State/ ZipDUNEDIN / FL / 34698

Account Validity Date10/31/2027

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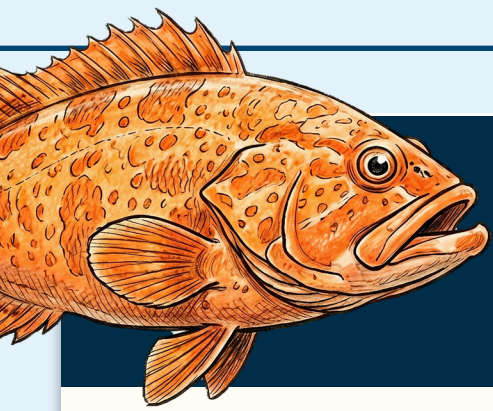
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7. Permits	8. Vessel	9. Status	10. Effective Date	11. Expiration Date	12. Termination Date
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IFQ Online Application ID	Comments	Date Received	Application Status	Status Date
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What does it mean?

The [Catch Share Online System](#) is packed with features designed to keep essential information right at your fingertips. One useful tool is the 'Account Status' page, located within the 'Account' tab dropdown menu.

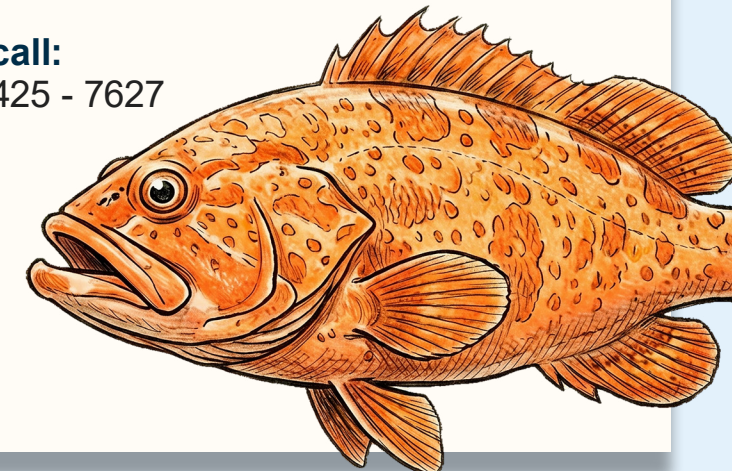
If you've ever navigated there and felt a bit lost among the terms and dates, this guide is for you. Open your 'Account Status' page and follow along as we break down the key terms and "need-to-know" dates in order to keep your account status active and your fishing uninterrupted.

1. **Account Name** shows the name(s) of the individual(s) or business(es) listed as the shareholder. If there is more than one entity (individual or business) listed as a shareholder, each entity will have its own tab with its own information. If the shareholder account also has an associated commercial reef fish permit, the name(s) on the account must match the name(s) on the permit.
2. **Account Validity Date** shows the date the Catch Share Online System account is valid until for shareholders. Your account will go into a 'SUSPENDED' status after this date. This date is based on when you last confirmed your U.S. Citizenship, either by:
 - a. Renewing your commercial reef fish permit **annually**, OR
 - b. Completing an IFQ online account application form and checking the box for valid U.S. citizen, if your shareholder account **does not** have a valid commercial reef fish permit associated with it. You will need to confirm your U.S. citizenship by completing an [IFQ online account renewal application](#) **every 2 years**.
3. **Initial Login** shows the date and time the account was first logged into the Catch Share Online System, which was built to contain both Red Snapper and Grouper-Tilefish IFQ programs. Therefore, you will not see the first date of when you logged into the old Red Snapper IFQ program.
4. **DBA** stands for 'Doing Business As,' when an individual or business entity decides to operate under a name different from its legal, registered name.

5. **Citizenship Status / Date** shows whether the shareholder is a valid U.S citizen (True or False) and the date the citizenship status was confirmed.
6. **Last Login** shows the date and time the account was last logged into.
7. **Permits** shows the commercial reef fish permit number(s) associated with the shareholder account (if any).
8. **Vessel** shows the vessel name and state registration or Coast Guard documentation number the commercial reef fish permit is associated with (if any).
9. **Status** shows the status of the commercial reef fish permit. A few common statuses are listed below.
 - a. MAILED indicates the permit is currently valid.
 - b. TRANSFERRED indicates the permit was moved to a different vessel.
 - c. EXPIRED indicates the permit was not renewed before its 'End Date,' but it is still eligible for renewal before its 'Termination Date.'
 - d. TERMINATED indicates the permit was not renewed before its 'Termination Date' and was removed by the National Marine Fisheries Service.
10. **Effective Date** shows the day the permit became valid to harvest reef fish.
11. **Expiration Date** shows the day the permit expires and no longer allows for reef fish harvest. This permit is still eligible for renewal, and you may hear this referred to as a "Renewable" permit.
12. **Termination Date** (one year from the 'Expiration Date') shows the day the permit terminates, is no longer eligible for renewal, and will be removed by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

For questions about your IFQ account call:
Catch Share Program Support Line (866) 425 - 7627

For questions about your permit call:
Southeast Permits Office (877) 376 - 4877



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or call 866-425-7627 (option 2).

