

The Gulf Reef Fish Quota Bank

What is the Quota Bank?

- The Quota Bank leases red snapper allocation to eligible fishermen in order to
 1. reduce red snapper discards and/or
 2. support the next generation of commercial reef fish fishermen.
- Quota Bank members agree to be accountable, report their trips electronically, and work with managers to improve fishery regulations.
- The Quota Bank is the only allocation-leasing program of its kind in the Gulf of America.

How Does the Quota Bank benefit YOU?

- You get access to red snapper allocation.
- You reduce your discards and help support a sustainable fishery.
- You have a voice in the fishery management process.
- You build relationships and networks with other Gulf fishermen.
- You receive information on important management and regulatory issues.
- You make more money.



How do I get involved?

- Review the program details on our [website](#)
- If you meet the program's Eligibility Criteria and agree to the program's Best Business Practices, you are welcome to submit an application by the following deadlines (applications are accepted and reviewed on a quarterly basis *if there is allocation available*):
 - Quarter 1: December 30, 2025
 - Quarter 2: Late March, 2026
 - Quarter 3: Late June, 2026
 - Quarter 4: TBD
- The Quota Bank will hold an Annual Meeting toward the end of each calendar year where Quota Bank Members have the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations to the Board of Directors to modify and improve the program.
- Read the [2026 Operations Plan](#).
- Fill out and submit a 2026 [application](#).

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