



Hook'em Up Charters Highlights Extended Red Snapper Season Through October

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Hook'em Up Charters, a Panama City Beach fishing charter company, is reminding anglers that the federal red snapper season remains open through October, providing extended opportunities for both experienced and recreational fishermen to target this prized Gulf species.

The extended season, confirmed through a recent NOAA bulletin, allows charter operators throughout the Gulf region to continue offering red snapper fishing experiences during what many consider ideal weather conditions. The announcement affects both private charter operations and walk-on trips operating in federal waters.

"The extended red snapper fishing season gives our clients more flexibility to plan their charter fishing adventures," said Captain BJ Burkett, owner of Hook'em Up Charters. "October conditions in the Gulf are typically excellent, with calmer seas and active fish, making it an ideal time for both seasoned anglers and families looking to experience bottom fishing."

Red snapper, one of the most sought-after species in the Gulf of Mexico, are primarily caught using bottom fishing techniques over natural and artificial reef structures. The species inhabits depths ranging from 60 to 200 feet, where charter captains target them using specialized tackle and local knowledge of productive fishing grounds.

Hook'em Up fishing operations include access to exclusive reef locations known only to their captains, developed through three generations of local fishing experience. These private spots, combined with the company's fleet of vessels accommodating groups from six to 28 passengers, provide anglers with varied options for pursuing red snapper and other reef species.

The Panama City Beach area has long been recognized as a premier destination for Gulf fishing, with its proximity to productive offshore waters and extensive artificial reef system. Charter operators in the region have reported consistent red snapper catches throughout the current season, with fish ranging from the minimum 16-inch size limit to trophy specimens exceeding 20 pounds.

"Understanding the federal regulations and seasonal patterns is crucial for successful red snapper fishing," added Captain Burkett. "We are properly licensed and educated about size and bag limits for each charter fishing trip out of Panama City, so we can maintain the sustainability of red snapper fishing in the Gulf."

The extended red snapper fishing season also benefits the local economy, as fishing charters in Panama City represent a significant portion of Panama City Beach's tourism industry. Charter bookings typically include half-day, full-day, and multi-day options, with bottom fishing trips specifically targeting red snapper and other reef species such as grouper, amberjack, and triggerfish.

Federal regulations for red snapper are managed through the National Marine Fisheries Service, which monitors stock assessments and adjusts seasons based on population data. The current season extension reflects positive trends in red snapper populations throughout the Gulf region.

Hook'em Up Charters operates a fleet of three vessels from Panama City Beach, offering bottom fishing, trolling, and specialized shark fishing experiences. The company, established by third-generation fisherman Captain BJ Burkett, provides both private charters and walk-on trips throughout the year, targeting various Gulf species based on seasonal availability.

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Hook'em Up Charters offers private deep-sea, inshore, and shark fishing trips from Panama City Beach, serving 30A and the Gulf Coast. With 20+ years of experience, they provide safe, fun, and memorable fishing adventures for all skill levels.

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