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GRAY (MANGROVE) SNAPPER MANAGEMENT PROFILE

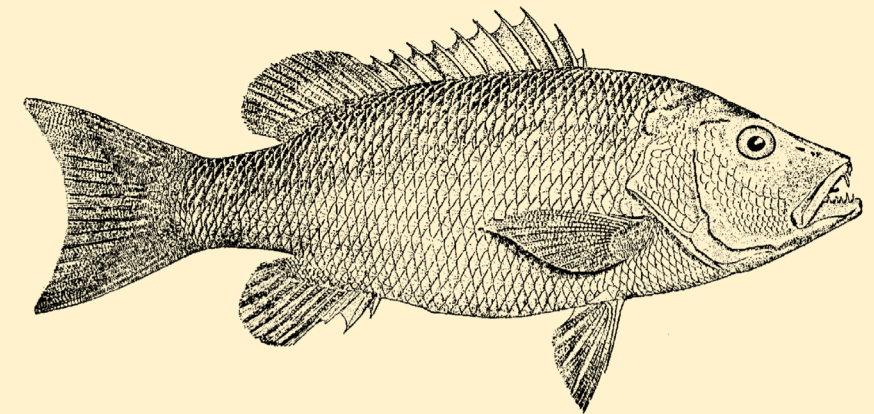
The Mangrove Snapper management profile covers the entire range of the species from Texas through the South Atlantic. It was completed last fall and approved and published this past March.



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**Management Profile for Gray (Mangrove)
Snapper in the Southeastern
United States**

March 2025



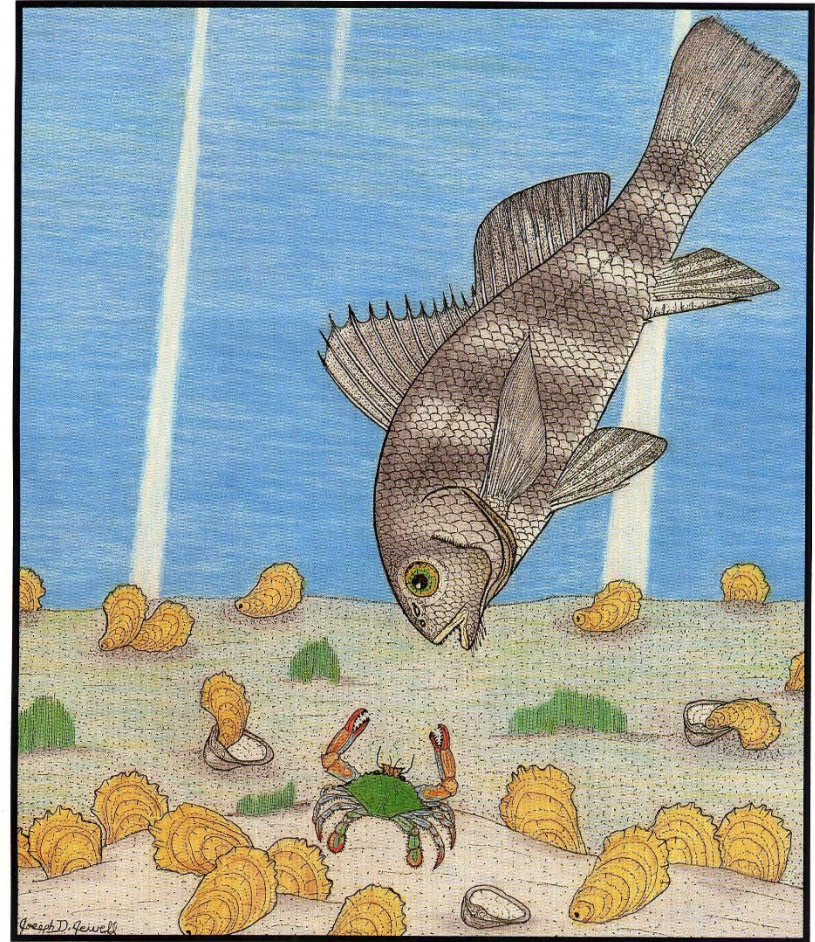
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BLACK DRUM MANAGEMENT PROFILE

The Black Drum TTF met in November 2024 and March 2025 but the funding issues prevented us from meeting again in person.

The profile is still in progress but nearing completion. The TTF Chair Erin Parker (FWC) presented the basics to the TCC yesterday.

The Black Drum Fishery of the
Gulf of Mexico, United States:
A Regional Management Plan



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FISH TAGGING

The IJF Program piloted work on acoustic tagging Tripletail and Mangrove Snapper based on profile development.

In 2024, we began working jointly with the USGS WARC staff (Dr. Meg Lemont) to tag Cobia with acoustic and SAT tags as a pilot study. As of Spring 2025, 41 Cobia were tagged from Naples to Destin, Florida.



SURF PROJECTS

The IJF Program has provided supplemental funding for IJ related work that the states are otherwise unable to conduct.

Current projects include

- experimental gears for fishery-independent sampling,
- tracking of various species in nearshore waters, and
- fishery-dependent data collection not part of regular sampling.

A total of around \$1M is available again for 2026.

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GULF MENHADEN

Since NOAA has eliminated support for the Gulf Menhaden fishery in the region, the IJF Program has taken ownership of port sampling in the Gulf as well as setting up and providing electronic reporting for the historic CDFRs.

In addition, the State of Louisiana contracted the Commission to run an agency funded project to characterize the bycatch in the reduction fleet during the 2024 season. That work is complete and the findings are available through the LDWF.



QUESTIONS?



IJF SuRF - 2026

AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE	AWARDS	TOTAL
FWC	Commercial Sampling of State Priority Species	\$234,769	\$234,769
ADCNR/MRD	Flounder cryopreservation evaluation and Stocking Program	\$39,481	\$178,457
	Sheepshead (<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>) movement, spawning dynamics, and population status in coastal Alabama.	\$98,855	
	Optimizing quick freezing protocols and in vitro fertilization techniques for southern flounder using frozen-thawed sperm.	\$40,121	
MDMR	Alternative Gear Studies in Mississippi Waters – Traps, Seines, and Trawls	\$108,643	\$218,511
	Eastern Oyster Recruitment and Settlement Patterns on Oyster Reefs in the Mississippi Sound	\$109,868	
LDWF	Marine Electrofishing Pilot Project to collect early year classes of recreationally and commercially important stock assessment species.	\$235,055	\$235,055
TPWD	Satellite Tagging of Crevalle Jacks	\$40,100	\$196,401
	Texas Acoustic Array Network (Sheepshead and Seatrout)	\$82,910	
	Southern Flounder Genome Sequencing (Collaboration with TAMU-CC)	\$73,391	

Total \$1,063,193

IJF SuRF - FY2026

Research Proposals	SOW/Budgets	Approval	Project Dates
March	July	October	Jan - Dec
State Agencies	TCC	SFFMC & Commission	

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