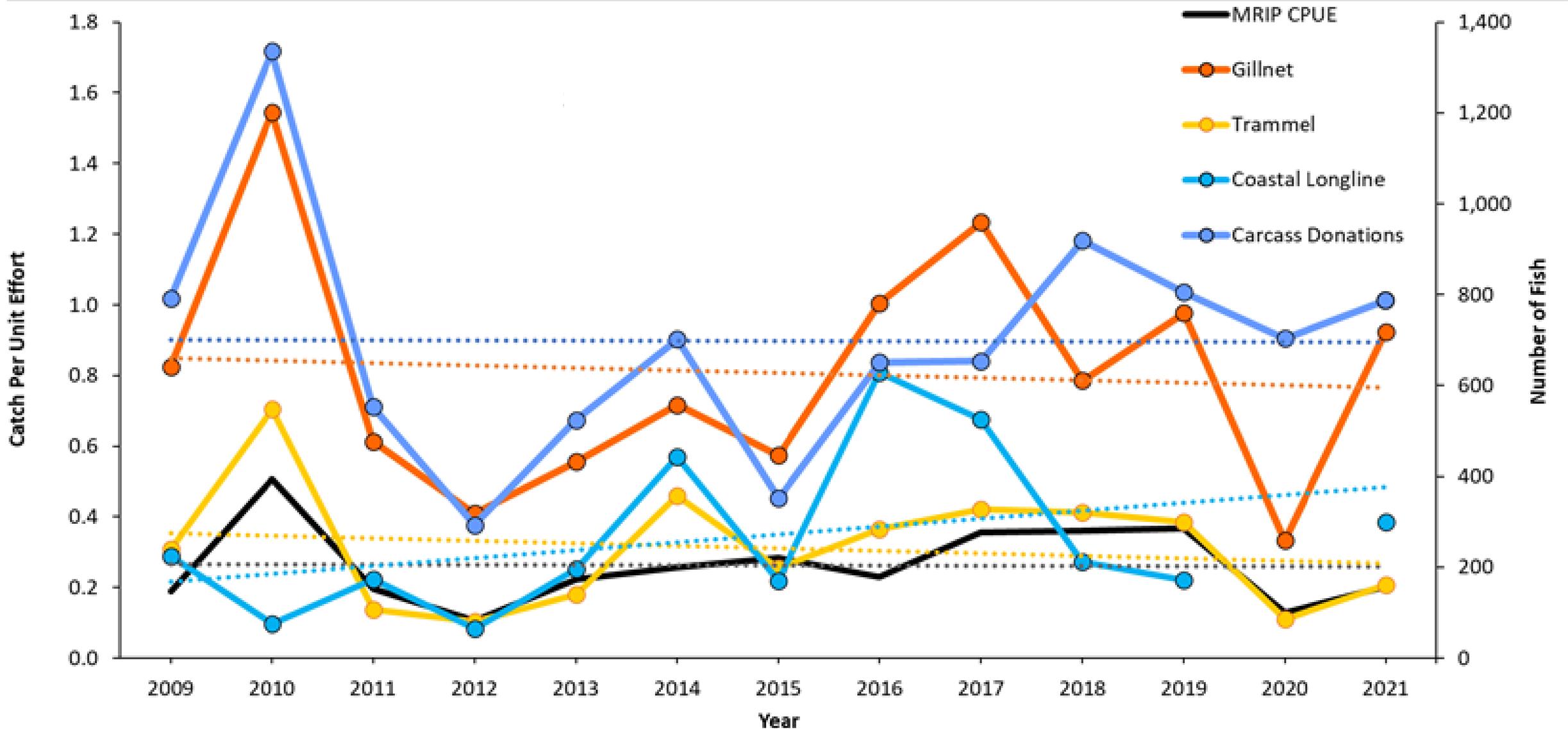




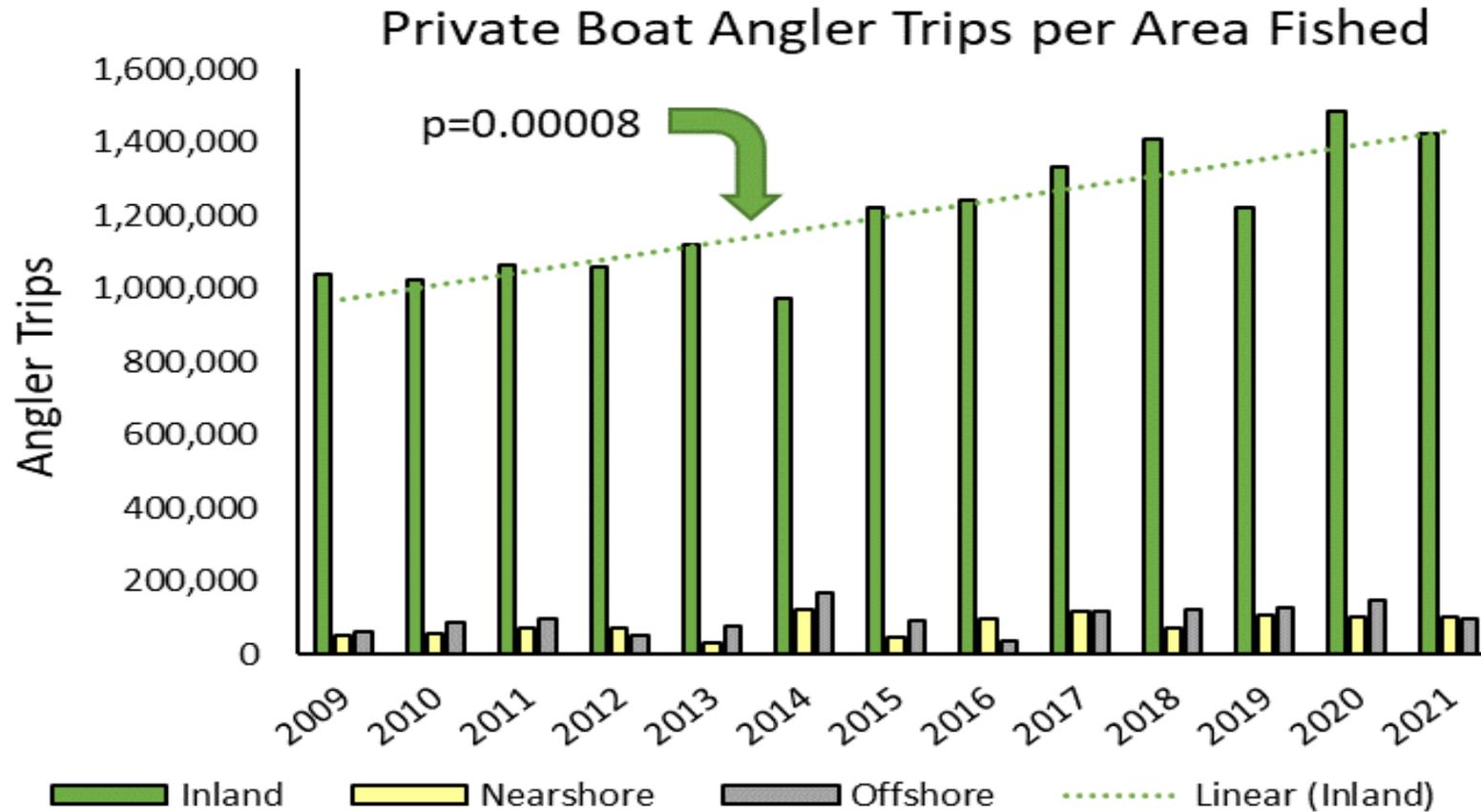
# Briefing on Proposed Amendment to 391-2-4-.04 Saltwater Finfishing (Red Drum)

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August 23, 2022  
GADNR Board

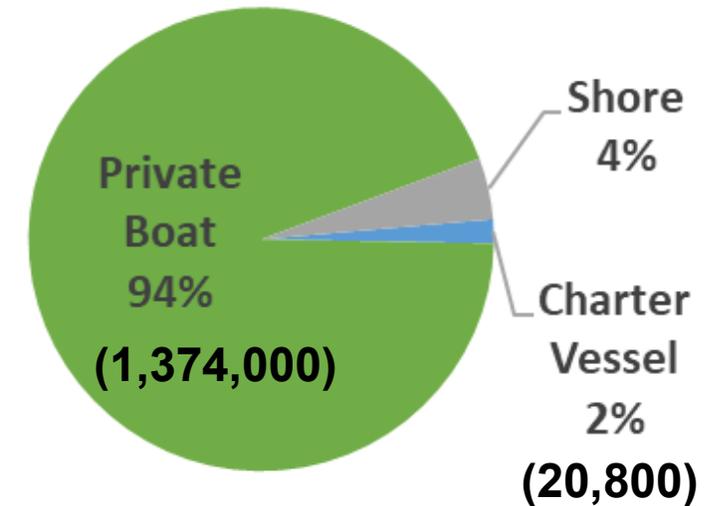
# Results - Red Drum State Surveys & MRIP



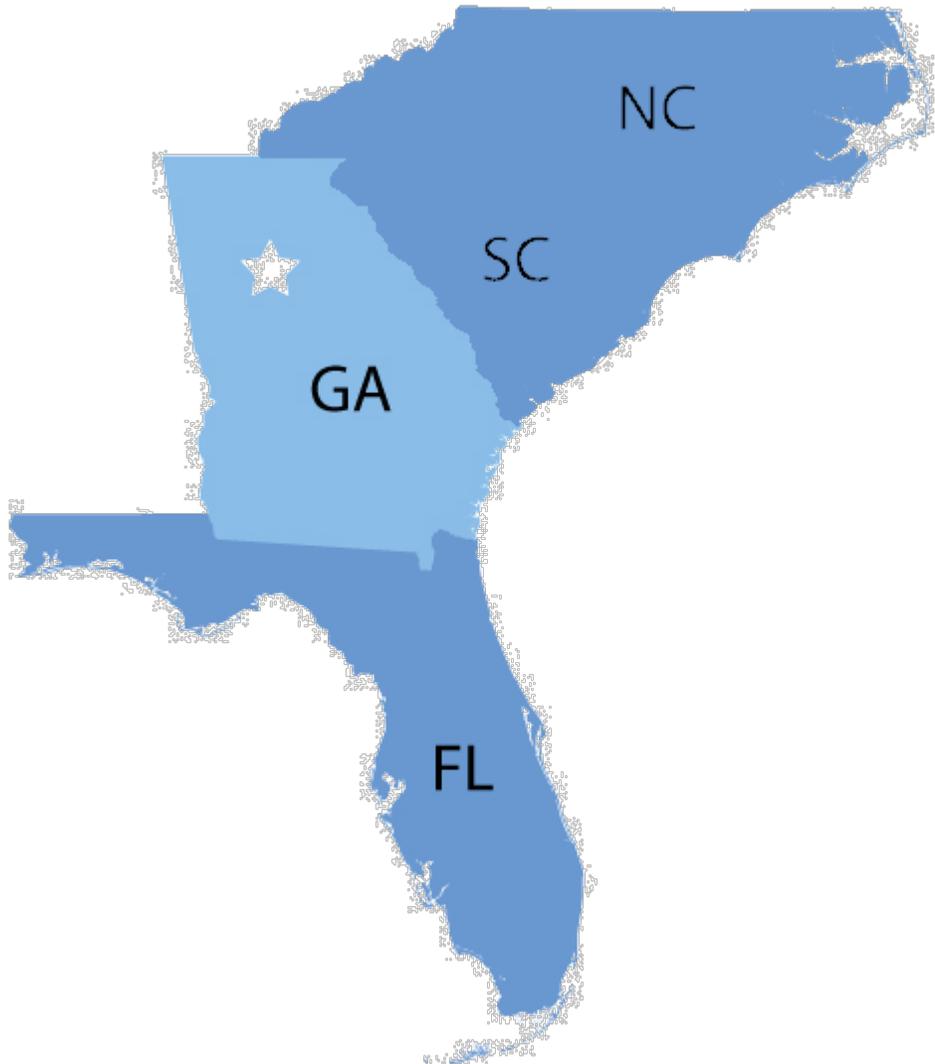
# Red Drum Catch & Effort Data (MRIP)



### Harvest by Mode '17-'21 (Avg # INSHORE Trips)



# SE Red Drum Recreational Regs



NC: 18"-27" 1/angler  
commercial harvest allowed

SC: 15"-23" 2/angler 6/vessel

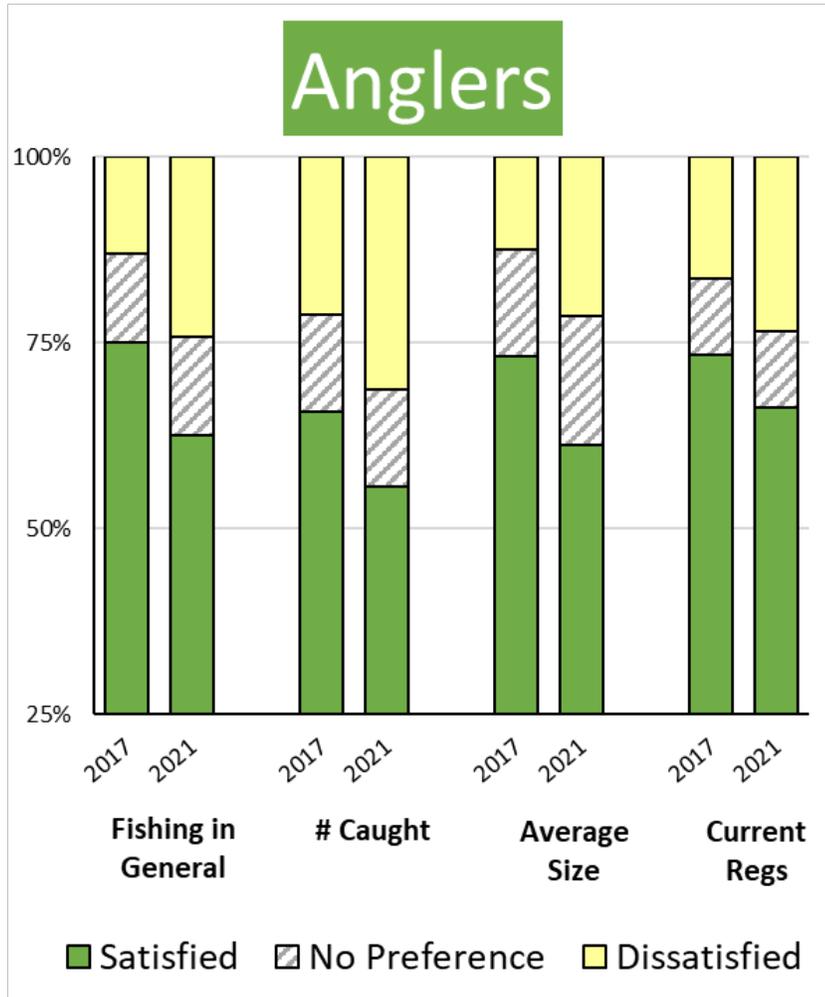
GA: 14"-23" 5/angler

NEFL: 18"-27" 2/angler 4/vessel  
No capt/crew bag

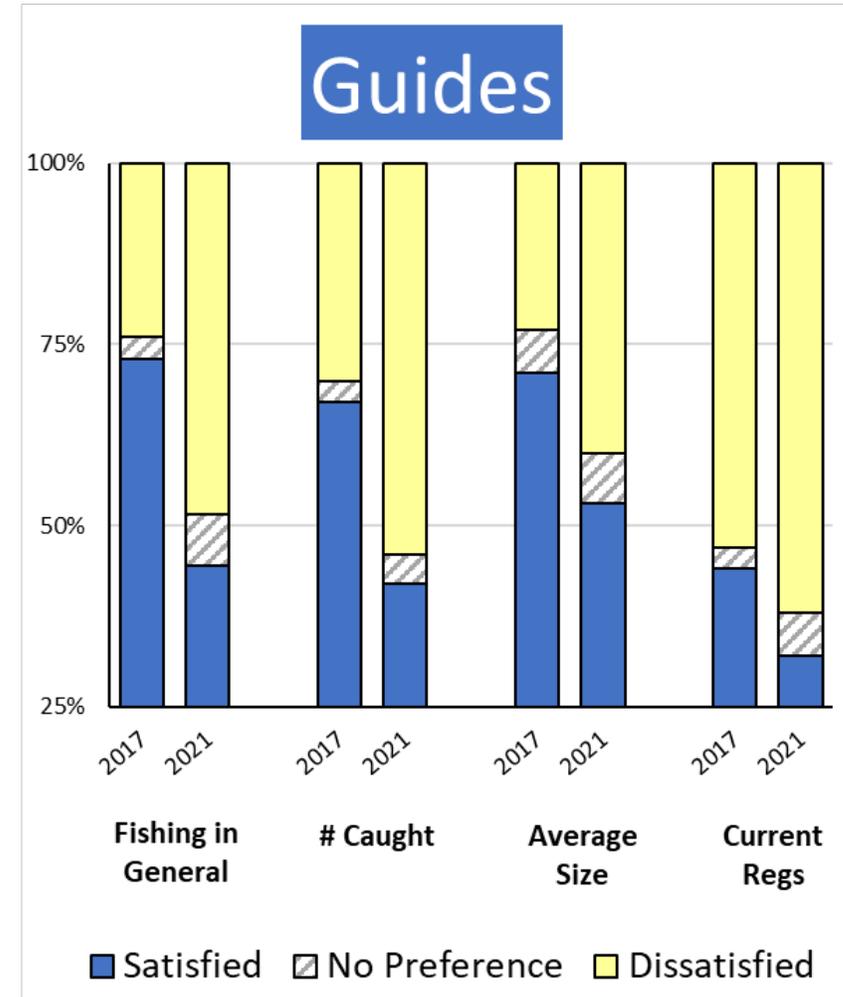
# Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your Red Drum fishing?



10% less satisfied



21% less satisfied



Satisfaction = "Very" + "Somewhat"

# Next Steps

- Finfish Advisory Panel
- Town Halls: June 6 & 9
  - Savannah (55)
  - Brunswick & online (97)
- 5 management questions
  - 257 recreational anglers
  - 55 guides participated
- Their opinions, along with those from the Satisfaction Surveys follow.
  - Reminder: Satisfaction Surveys are statistically valid to  $\pm 2\%$ . But we don't generally have scientifically valid surveys for every rule change.
  - **Town hall type meetings are generally the norm.**



# Decrease the Daily Creel Limit

Creel Limit	6-10 Fish	5 Fish (status quo)	4 fish	<b>3 fish</b>	2 fish	1 fish
<b>2017/2021 Satisfaction Survey Results</b>						
	2017 / 2021	2017 / 2021	2017 / 2021	2017 / 2021	2017 / 2021	2017 / 2021
<b>Anglers</b>	26% / 22%	56% / 46%	3% / 5%	7% / 12%	4% / 10%	1% / 3%
<b>Guides</b>	5% / 4%	28% / 28%	3% / 0%	26% / 21%	25% / 33%	14% / 14%
<b>2022 Town Hall Results</b>						
<b>Anglers</b>		14%	3%	14%	47%	22%
<b>Guides</b>		9%	2%	9%	51%	29%
<b>Average Percent Reduction (2009-2021) calculated from the MRIP Survey</b>						
			-5%	<b>-11%</b>	-23%	-43%

# Establish a Vessel Limit

	No Limit (status quo)	10 fish	<b>9 fish</b>	8 fish	7 fish	6 fish	5 fish
<b>2021 Satisfaction Survey Results (Q not asked in 2017)</b>							
<b>2021 Anglers = 58% support a vessel limit</b>							
<b>2021 Guides = 77% support a vessel limit</b>							
<b>2022 Town Hall Results</b>							
<b>Anglers</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>7%</b>		<b>12%</b>		<b>65%</b>	
<b>Guides</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>4%</b>		<b>18%</b>		<b>71%</b>	
<b>Average Percent Reduction (2009-2021) calculated from the MRIP Survey</b>							
<b>2009-2021</b>		<b>-2%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-15%</b>
<b>Average # of Anglers / Vessel: Private Vessel = 2.2 Guide Vessel = 2.8</b>							

# Guide creel limit; Season; Slot limits

- **Prohibit guides/mates from retaining daily creel limit**

- This question was asked only at the Town Hall Meetings.
- 75% of anglers and 83% of guides agreed that guides and their mates should not retain a creel limit.

- **Fishing Season**

- Both anglers and guides opposed a fishing season for Red Drum. No change is being requested.

- **Slot Size Change**

- Although both groups supported changing the slot limit size, currently 14"-23", the Department does not have enough information at present to analyze the effects of a change.
- A regional stock assessment will be conducted in 2024, the results of which can better inform this question.

# Proposed Amended Rule 391-2-4-.04 Saltwater Finfishing

## 391-2-4-.04 (3) Seasons, Daily Creel and Possession Limits, Minimum and Maximum Size Limits.

Species	Season	Daily Creel and Possession Limit	Minimum Size (inches)	Maximum Size (inches)
(m) Red Drum	All Year	<u>5-3 per person not to exceed 9 per boat</u>	14 TL	23 TL
<u>1. Guides and mates are prohibited from retaining a daily creel or possession limit.</u>				

# Targeted Public Participation

June 1 – Finfish Advisory Panel

June 6 and 9 – Public Town Hall meetings conducted in Savannah and Brunswick, respectively

August 23 – Briefing on proposed amended Rule 391-2-4-.04

August 24 – Public Notice announcing comment period

September 21 – Public hearing in Savannah, Georgia Southern University, Armstrong Center

September 22 – Public hearing in Brunswick, College of Coastal Georgia, Campus Center (includes virtual option)

October 6 – Public comment period closes

October 25 – Final Action on proposed amended Rule

Assuming affirmative, amended rule filed with the Secretary of State such that the rule becomes effective on January 1, 2023

Questions?

