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Recreational Harvest of Wrasses in Puerto Rico Federal Waters Closes on October 21, 2013

NOAA Fisheries reminds fishers that the recreational harvest of federally managed wrasses closes in Puerto Rico federal waters **at 12:01 a.m. (local time) on October 21, 2013**. The 2014 fishing season will reopen at 12:01 a.m. (local time) on January 1, 2014. During the closure, no recreational fishers may fish for or keep wrasses in or from Puerto Rico federal waters. Data indicates that the recreational annual catch limit for wrasses has been exceeded.

The U.S. Caribbean federal waters around Puerto Rico consist of those waters extending from the nine nautical mile seaward boundary of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico out to 200 nautical miles offshore.

This action complies with regulations implemented under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and is necessary to protect these resources.

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