

Fish Carcass Drop Off Locations

Oden's Dock
57878 NC Hwy 12
Hatteras, NC 27943

Carolina Princess
604 Evans St.
Morehead City, NC 28557

Capt. Stacy Fishing Center
416 Atlantic Beach Cswy
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

Dudley's Marina
106 Cedar Point Blvd
Cedar Point, NC 28584

Tex's Tackle and Bait
215 Old Eastwood Rd
Wilmington, NC 28403

Carolina Beach Fishing Center
313 Canal Dr
Carolina Beach, NC 28428

Ocean Isle Fishing Center
65 Causeway Dr
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

Hurricane Fleet
9975 Nance St
Calabash, NC 28467

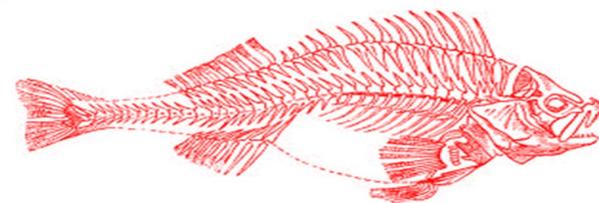
Map of Red Snapper Carcass Drop Off Locations



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<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf//snapper/red-snapper-collection>

Red Snapper Carcass Collection Program



Getting to the Bones of the Catch

A red snapper carcass collection program is being initiated by the NC Division of Marine Fisheries. The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council requested the red snapper opening which was approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service. Donated carcasses will serve as a collection source of biological data from recreationally harvested fish for the upcoming stock assessment. The program is currently only open to red snapper. Anglers who participate in the program will receive limited edition gear and a red snapper citation certificate.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Step by Step Guide to Donating A Red Snapper Carcass

Step 1. Once back to the dock, filet your fish. If you are part of a charter or headboat party please let your fish cleaner know you'd like to donate your carcass.

Step 2. Keep the head and tail intact. This is important to the biologist collecting data.

Step 3. Take the carcass to the nearest donation location (see map for details).

Step 4. Fill out the provided catch card in full.


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Trip Information		Catch Information		
Date of Trip Month / Day / Year		Species		
Trip Type (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Charterboat <input type="checkbox"/> Headboat <input type="checkbox"/> Private Boat		Number Harvested	Number Discards	
Depth (in feet) of water where most fishing took place (ask Mate) _____ ft.		Red Snapper		
Time Gear in Water (to nearest 1/2 hour, for example, 4:30) Hours: _____ Minutes: _____		Groupers		
Number of Anglers in Party (Charter and Private Boat Only) _____		Sea Bass		
Vessel Name _____		Porgies		
Angler Address Name _____ Street _____ City/Zip _____		Other Snapper		
<small>For future trips when you can't provide a carcass you can still contribute by providing the following information online at www.NCRecFish.com. Click on "Surveys and Reporting", then "Carcass Collection Program"</small>		Write in any species missing below 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____		
		Target Species (write in all that apply) 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____		

Step 5. Place the completed catch card and your carcass in the provided bag then place your closed bag in the collection freezer.

Snapper Identification

Red Snapper and Vermillion Snapper can often be confused, here are some helpful tips in properly identifying your fish.

Red Snapper



Color pinkish red over entire body
 Long triangular snout
 Anal fin is sharply pointed
 No dark lateral spot
 Red eye

Vermillion Snapper



Color of entire body reddish
 Series of short, irregular lines on its sides, diagonal blue lines formed by spots on the scales above the lateral line
 Large canine teeth absent
 Orientation of mouth and eye give it the appearance of looking upward

Left—Biologist removes red snapper otolith
 Right—Red snapper otolith under a microscope (3 years old)



Some Reminders

- The limit for Red Snapper during this limited season is one fish per person per day with no minimum size limit.
- Make sure you and everyone on board have or are covered by a valid N.C. Saltwater Fishing License.
- Check for other changes to regulations before your trip. Current size and bag limits can be found at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/recreational-fishing-size-and-bag->

