

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

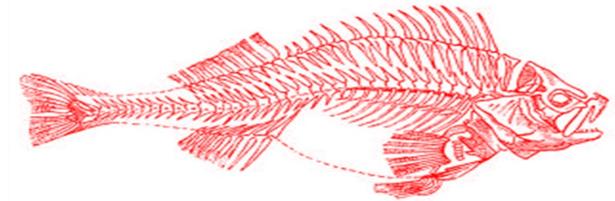
Map of Red Snapper Carcass Drop Off Locations



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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

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.

Trip Information		Catch/Carcass Information			
Date of Trip Month / Day / Year		Coastal Species		Offshore Species	
Fishing Depth (avg. in feet) _____ ft.		Species	Number	Species	Number
Waterbody (see back of card)		Black Drum	_____	Almaco Jack	_____
Trip Type (check one)		Bluefish	_____	Queen Triggerfish	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Charterboat	<input type="checkbox"/> Pier	Flounder	_____	Black Sea Bass	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Headboat	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank/Surf	Gray Trout	_____	Blackfin Snapper	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Boat	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge	Mullet	_____	Blueline Tilefish	_____
Angler Address (OPTIONAL, if reward is desired)		Red Drum	_____	Cubera Snapper	_____
Name _____		Sheepshead	_____	Gag	_____
Street _____		Spanish Mackerel	_____	Golden Tilefish	_____
City/Zip _____		Spotted Seatrout	_____	Gray Snapper	_____
		Striped Bass	_____	Gray Triggerfish	_____
		Hog Snapper	_____	White Grunt	_____
		Jolthead Porgy	_____	Wreckfish	_____
		Knobbed Porgy	_____	Yellowtail Snapper	_____
		Mutton Snapper	_____		
		Queen Snapper	_____		

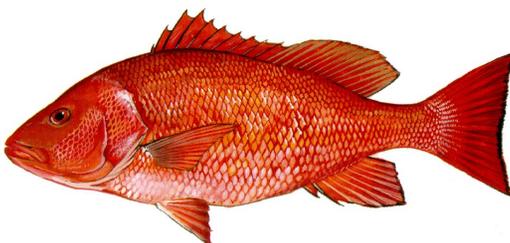
When you can't provide a carcass you can still contribute by recording trip information online at www.NCRecFish.com. Click on "Surveys and Reporting", then "Carcass Collection Program"

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

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

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-limits>

