

Greetings,

Governor Scott's letter to Secretary of Commerce Pritzker clearly lays out the long simmering issues of trying to manage red snapper with inadequate science. Much of what is written applies to all other species of fish as well.

Governor Scott expresses the broad concern related to the management of the fishing federal waters recognizing how important fish are to anglers, commercial fishermen and the restaurants and retailers who depend on access to the commonly-owned resource. The letter is fair to all sectors of the seafood and fishing industry and should open up the eyes on those who are in charge of funding honest, current science.

Southeastern Fisheries Association thanks Governor Scott for bringing all the issues to light concerning how to provide sustainable, traceable and safe seafood to non-boaters and access to the anglers for their fair share.

There is no one entity to blame, but everything begins with science. Until empirical data is available on biological, social and economic science, the nation suffers.

Thank you again Governor Scott

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