Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP)
PERMIT NO.: 18-SERO-05

Management of the Harvest of Red Snapper by the Private Recreational Component in
the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Texas’s Gulf Coast for 2018 and 2019

This EFP is issued to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in accordance with
procedures established at 50 CFR 600.745(b). The EFP establishes a specific allocation of red
snapper, as described in the attached “Terms and Conditions” (Appendix I), to be harvested
during the 2018 and 2019 fishing years by private anglers and state-licensed charter vessels
included in Texas’ angler registry and land red snapper in Texas. The EFP exempts private
anglers, who hold a valid recreational fishing permit issued by the State of Texas and who are in
compliance with all other Texas requirements for landing red snapper in that state, from
regulations at 50 CFR § 622.34(b) (recreational season closure for red snapper) and 50 C.F.R.
622.41(q)(2)(i) (private angler component in-season closure). Private anglers will be able to land
red snapper harvested from state and federal waters during seasons announced by TPWD.

Persons aboard state-licensed charter boats are not exempt from these, or any other federal
regulations.1 TPWD will account for TPWD’s allocation of red snapper in its projections of when
the catch target will be met and will verify these landings through estimates through the Texas
Marine Sport Harvest Monitoring Program. This EFP does not exempt the TPWD’s participating
anglers from Section 407(d) (16 U.S.C. 1883) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation
and Management Act. Section 407(d) requires that if the National Marine Fisheries Service
determines the Gulf of Mexico red snapper recreational quota has been met, harvest must be
prohibited for the remainder of the fishing year, even if TPWD had allocation remaining.

The EFP is valid through December 31, 2019, when signed by both the Regional Administrator
and the authorized representative of the TPWD, and becomes effective on the later of the two
signature dates.

As specified in 50 C.F.R. § 600.745(b)(9), failure to comply with any of the attached conditions
in Appendix I may be grounds for revocation, suspension, or modification of the EFP with
respect to all persons and vessels conducting activities under the EFP:

[Signatures and dates]

Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D. Regional Administrator
National Marine Fisheries Service

Robin Riechers, Director
Coastal Fisheries Division

By signing this document, the EFP holder agrees that
anglers exempt from the specified regulations
understand, and will comply with, the intent and the
terms and conditions outlined in Appendix I of this
permit.

1 TPWD clarifies that the statement included above regarding persons aboard state-licensed
charter boats not being exempt from these, or any other federal regulations applies only to
federal waters, as stated in the attached Appendix, Terms and Conditions on page 2, within the
first paragraph. State-licensed charter boats fishing in state waters are bound by state
regulations.