



Quick Facts about Red drum

Red Drum 'Fish' Facts:

- Red drum are also commonly called redfish.
- Red drum usually have one spot on their tails.
- Red drum inhabit inshore and offshore waters along the Atlantic coast from Massachusetts to Key West and throughout the Gulf of Mexico.
- Much of the red drum life cycle is spent in nearshore waters and estuaries.
- Red drum in Florida may live up to 35 years and can reach lengths up to 45 inches and weights up to 51 pounds.
- Red drum become parents at 3 years of age.
- Red drum usually spawn August through October and are triggered by cooling water temperatures and decreasing daylight hours.
- One Female red drum can spawn 1-2 million eggs at a time every 2-7 days.

Red Drum 'Hatchery' Facts:

- Florida Fish and Wildlife's original saltwater hatchery (Stock Enhancement Research Facility) is located at Port Manatee, Florida.
- A modern facility is under construction at Apollo Beach, Florida and will replace the original hatchery soon.
- FWC has raised and released over 6,300,000 red drum in Florida waters.
- The largest FWC hatchery-reared red drum captured to date was 45 inches long.
- The greatest distance traveled by an FWC hatchery-reared red drum was 220 miles during a period of 1,041 days (3 years).
- The longest time between release and capture of an FWC hatchery-reared red drum was 2,183 days (6 years).

For more information on red drum and current recreational fishing regulations please visit MyFWC.com/marine

