Red Drum
Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)

EFH for red drum consists of all Gulf of Mexico estuaries; waters and substrates extending from Vermilion Bay, Louisiana to the eastern edge of Mobile Bay, Alabama out to depths of 25 fathoms; waters and substrates extending from Crystal River, Florida to Naples, Florida between depths of 5 and 10 fathoms; waters and substrates extending from Cape Sable, Florida to the boundary between the areas covered by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council between depths of 5 and 10 fathoms.

Approximate Boundaries
Vermilion Bay: 92°15' W. Longitude
Mobile Bay: 87°45' W. Longitude
Crystal River: 29°00' N. Latitude
Naples: 26°00' N. Latitude
Cape Sable: 25°20' N. Latitude


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