

**Prize: 45 quart
YETI cooler!**



Calling all Anglers...

The GCRL research team is offering a prize of a new 45-quart YETI Tundra cooler for submitting the heaviest cumulative weight of Southern Flounder over 16" caught from December 2015 through February 2016. This is in support of a research project that hopes to answer important life history questions about the Southern Flounder in the north-central Gulf of Mexico.

TO QUALIFY FOR THIS PRIZE:

- **Must submit the fish within 24 hours of capture**
We will record the total weight, collect samples, and fillet fish for you.
- **Fish must be kept whole on ice immediately after catch**
Only fresh fish will be accepted!
- **Must be a Southern Flounder, not Gulf Flounder**
Southern Flounder are characterized by a brown splotchy pattern all over with no distinct spots, while Gulf Flounder can be recognized by having 3 distinct spots (see photo).
- **Fish must be greater than 16" in total length**
We are targeting mature, actively spawning females for this research and are particularly interested in Southern Flounder caught offshore. Although Southern Flounder can be mature at a smaller size, the 16" catch limit will ensure that all fish are capable of spawning.
- **Provide contact information**
The prize will be awarded for the heaviest cumulative weight of Southern Flounder at the end of the spawning season (early-March).

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