

The Snook Nook

Old linesides or soapfish are common names for Snook, often seen in Biscayne Bay. They have a distinguishing pointed head with a strongly protruding lower jaw and a distinctive black lateral line. They are commonly found inshore and move from bay to freshwater. Freshwater and brackish tidal creeks, salt marshes and seagrass beds are important nursery habitats for snook. When fishing for snook, look under docks and piers at night and along the mangrove shorelines. Snook is a regulated species that cannot be captured from December 15 - January 31 and June - August. Snook are the only species that have two closed seasons statewide. The winter is when they are most vulnerable to cold temperatures, thus closure helps protect them during the coldest months of the year. The summer closure is when most of their spawning is taking place. This will increase the chances that mature snook get an opportunity to spawn.

