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**IFA Redfish Tour has Exciting News for Georgia**

LIZELLA, GA – The Inshore Fishing Association (IFA) kicks off the Georgia division with the Darien event on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The IFA has had some exciting news handed down from the Georgia DNR; their request for expanding the GA slot limits for keeper size Redfish has been approved. The DNR has agreed to extend the slot limit from 23” to 27” for all three (3) IFA Redfish Tour Georgia events. This will help ensure some big catches and exciting weigh-ins for the IFA in Georgia.

"The redfish has just been named our official state saltwater fish due to its great qualities as a gamefish and importance in our coastal ecosystem. The IFA has set a high standard by ensuring that redfish caught in its events are released alive and healthy. Georgia DNR looks forward to working with the IFA to promote conservation of redfish and public awareness of our great fishery." said Spud Woodward, Assistant Director of the Coastal Resources Division.

The IFA has made significant changes to their tournament format for the 2006 season. This year's IFA Redfish Tour will be a series of one-day, catch and release, close-to-home events, with two-angler teams using artificial lures only. The tour will consist of six divisions with three single-day local events each.

Entry fees will be just \$400 per team and the guaranteed first place prize, at each of this year's 18 qualifying events, is a Ranger Banshee rigged with a 40 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha outboard, Loadmaster trailer, Power Pole shallow water anchor, MinnKota trolling motor and Humminbird electronics. As a plus, there is a 100% payback at the ramp every time. All teams that fish a minimum of three events will qualify for the no entry fee Championship. The Championship grand prize will be a Ranger 169 Ghost with a 90 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha outboard, Loadmaster trailer, Power Pole shallow water anchor, MinnKota trolling motor and Humminbird electronics. If you would like to register for the Darien event, please visit us online at [www.redfishtour.com](http://www.redfishtour.com).

IFA sponsors include Ranger Boats, Yamaha Outboards, Cabela's, MinnKota, Humminbird, Loadmaster, Power Pole, Solar Bat, Shimano, Powertex Group, *Florida Fishing Weekly*, Choice Hotels and Careco Multimedia.

Now the strongest grass roots inshore tournament series dedicated to catch and release in competitive fishing, the IFA's focus is centered on competition, recognition and education. For more information, please contact Bart Schad with Palmer Conrad Consulting by calling 870-431-8495, e-mailing [info@palmerconrad.com](mailto:info@palmerconrad.com) or visiting [www.palmerconrad.com](http://www.palmerconrad.com).

**2006 Redfish Tour Schedule**

(all dates and locations are subject to change):

**Florida East Coast Division:**

Jacksonville	April 8, 2006
New Smyrna Beach	July 22, 2006
St. Augustine	Sept. 16, 2006

**South Carolina Division:**

Charleston	March 11, 2006
Georgetown	May 13, 2006
Hilton Head	Sept. 9, 2006

**Florida West Coast Division:**

Ruskin	May 6, 2006
Ft. Myers	June 24, 2006
Port Charlotte	October 14, 2006

**Louisiana Division:**

Lafitte	April 1, 2006
Grand Isle	August 19, 2006
Venice	September 23, 2006

**Georgia Division:**

Darien	April 22, 2006
Brunswick Gold Isles	June 3, 2006
Savannah	August 12, 2006

**Texas Division:**

Galveston	March 25, 2006
Port Aransas	April 29, 2006
Port O'Connor	June 10, 2006

**Championship:**

Location: To Be Determined  
Date: November 10-11, 2006