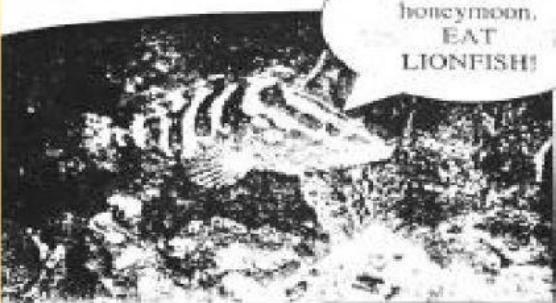


Reading Comprehension

Instructions: Read the poster carefully before attempting to answer the questions.

NASSAU GROUPER CLOSED SEASON

December 1, 2008 – February, 28, 2009



The closed season gives the Nassau grouper a chance to reproduce. The more fish that successfully spawn now, the more fish there will be for us to catch and eat later. Please support our Bahamian fishermen and enjoy other fish with your peas 'n rice during the closed season.

The over fishing of the Nassau grouper is common because they gather in predictable places in order to mate and spawn. This makes them an easy target for fishermen. Catching the fish at this time lessens the number of grouper we will have to eat and will threaten the likelihood of people enjoying grouper in the future.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Do not catch, buy or sell Nassau grouper during the closed season. Violators can be fined or jailed.
- Do not eat Nassau grouper during the closed season. Red snappers and Jacks make excellent boiled fish.

'The choices we make today, decide what we eat tomorrow'

Adapted from a notice found in the Nassau Guardian, November, 2008

1. According to the poster, during which time is it against the law to catch the Nassau Grouper?

2. Based on information from the poster, what makes the Nassau Grouper an easy target during closed season?
3. According to the poster, how can consumers help the fisherman during the closed season?

4. How are people discouraged from catching the Nassau Grouper during the closed season?

5. Read each statement. Write 'O' for opinion and 'F' for fact.

_____ The Nassau Grouper are silly creatures.

_____ The Nassau Grouper taste best when boiled.

_____ The Nassau Grouper mates the same time each year.

_____ The Nassau Grouper is the favorite fish of fishermen.

