

during the five year comprehensive review. To elaborate on this matter, I believe that the Council is under the impression that all current Gulf Fishermen have capital to invest in shares and also have access to adequate Red Snapper allocation. I want to assure The Council this is not the case for not only myself, but for other persons struggling through my same situation.

I believe the following things are also important and are currently being addressed by the council now: i.e. Public outreach and participation, ease of public access to issues affecting fishermen, more fisheries studies, and adaptive management plans.

The following are suggestions of mine on how the Red Snapper issue mentioned above, could be addressed .

1. Inactive accounts need to be absolved and given to historic Gulf fishermen without shares.
2. Future increases in TAC that exceed the benchmark set at the inception of the Red Snapper IFQ program need to be given to historic Gulf fishermen without shares.
3. Unused allocation that was not sanctioned needs to be given to historical Gulf fishermen without shares. In the following year. Perhaps even retroactively would be nice. I understand the later probably wont happen, and I respect that.
4. When shareholders are deceased and unless direct descendants are involved in fisheries, a portion of their share's need to be divided among gulf fishermen without shares.

It is my personal belief that there are no limits, the waters are always calm, the weather always fair and the fish are always biting in a fisherman's afterlife.

Now then, at the end of 2007, 2008, and 2009, combined there was a quota of 247,826 lbs left unused. The data on this number for 2010 was not available to me at the time I composed this letter. Correct me if I'm wrong but I also think NMFS sets a 2% cushion on the TAC to address overages. And also there was a portion of the TAC set aside for discrepancies. I don't know about other gulf fishermen but I for one could have used a portion of this quota, or cushion, at full shareholder price or otherwise, especially given the fact that I was and continue to incur more costs than current shareholders. I was also discarding hundreds if not thousands of lbs. per trip, which is both disheartening and wasteful to myself, my crew, and others. I suppose there could be a bright side to this