

Reef Fish Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab B

Agenda Item IV: Review of Reef Fish Landings

Timeline Status: Status Report

Council input and next steps: NMFS staff will review the status of reef fish landings relative to ACLs. This is an ongoing report to the Council and requires no action by the Committee.

Agenda Item V: Update on State Management of Recreational Red Snapper EFPs

Timeline Status: For Information Only

Council input and next steps: NMFS staff will present an update on the progress of implementing the state recreational red snapper EFPs that the Council recommended for approval at the January Council meeting. This is for information only. No action is required by the Committee.

Agenda item VI: Public Hearing Draft – Reef Fish Amendment 48/Red Drum 4 – Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield

Timeline Status: Public Hearing Draft

Council input and next steps: Staff will review the actions and alternatives in the amendment. The Committee may recommend preferred alternatives and may recommend approval of the amendment for public hearings. If approved, a public hearing will be held via webinar, and the amendment will be brought back to the Council in June for final action.

Agenda Item VII State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper

Timeline Status: Draft Amendments

Council input and next steps: The Committee should review and discuss the actions in the State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper Amendment, including the components that would be managed under state management and the allocation alternatives. If appropriate, the Committee may consider reducing the number of allocation alternatives. In the individual state amendments, staff will review the options for delegation. The Committee should discuss the options and decide whether to retain those options that would require the use of lines demarcating federal waters adjacent to each state. The Committee should discuss the appropriate accountability measures for the program and potentially move the post-season accountability measures action to the Program Amendment. Finally, the Committee should discuss the timeline for the amendments.

Agenda Item VIII: Recreational data challenges and potential SAFMC responses

Timeline Status: Presentation

Council Input and Next Steps: John Carmichael, Deputy Executive Director for Science & Statistics at the South Atlantic Council, will provide a presentation to the Committee on recreational data challenges, and the work that the South Atlantic Council and staff have completed in response to these data challenges. The Committee should ask questions and inform Council staff of any future requests via motions.

Agenda Item IX: Commercial IFQ Programs

Timeline Status: Review

Council Input and Next Steps:

GT-IFQ Program 5-year Review Draft: Staff will present the 5-year review of the grouper-tilefish IFQ program. The SSC representative will discuss the SSC's comments on the 5-year review. The Committee may suggest revisions and should discuss the conclusions of the review and provide recommendations.

Rents, Auctions and Royalties in the Commercial Red Snapper Fishery: Staff will summarize a draft paper on rents, auctions, and royalties for the commercial red snapper IFQ program. The Committee is expected to suggest the next steps, as warranted.

Reef Fish Amendment 36B: Staff will review the revised amendment alongside the LETC and AP's recommendations. The Committee should discuss the IFQ programs' goals and objectives and make any modifications, as appropriate. The Committee should discuss the potential actions and the LETC and AP recommendations. The Committee may request further development of the options paper.

Agenda Item X: Options Paper – Framework Action – Greater Amberjack Recreational Bag Limits, Seasonal Quotas, and Commercial Trip Limits

Timeline Status: Options Paper

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will provide an overview of the public hearing draft of the greater amberjack options paper. This document has three draft actions. The first action considers modifying the recreational bag limit below 1 fish per angler per day. The second action considers implementing a split quota for the fall and spring recreational fishing seasons that was recently implemented. Action three has option to reduce the commercial trip limit below the current 1,500 lbs gw. The Committee will review the draft document and provide feedback on the draft action and range of alternatives.

Agenda Item XI: Amendment 42 – Reef Fish Management for Headboat Survey Vessels

Timeline Status: Draft Amendment

Council Input and Next Steps: NMFS staff will present the decision tool on methods for distributing quota of species included in Amendment 42. Council staff will present a revised draft Amendment 42. The Committee may suggest modifications to the actions, management alternatives and options included in the amendment. The Committee is expected to discuss a timeline and next steps for this amendment.

Agenda Item XII: Amendment 41 – Allocation-based Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels

Timeline Status: Draft Amendment

Council Input and Next Steps: NMFS staff will present the decision tool on methods for distributing charter quota of species included in Amendment 41. Council staff will then give a presentation of an updated draft Amendment 41. The Committee is requested to discuss current actions and alternatives and provide recommendations for preferred alternatives. Timeline and next steps are dependent on the Committee’s recommendations.

Agenda Item XIII: SSC Summary Report

Timeline Status: For Information Only

Council Input and Next Steps: The SSC representative will summarize items reviewed by the SSC at its March 26-27, 2018 meeting that are not addressed under other agenda items. These include:

- Further Development of a Stock Assessment Prioritization Spreadsheet
- Update on MRIP Fishing Effort Survey and Status of Certification of State Data Collection Programs
- Habitat Mapping and Characterization on the West Florida Shelf
- Other Business – Review of Report by Jake Tetzlaff

Agenda Item XIII: Other Business

Timeline Status: Additional items that can be brought up for discussion, but no action can be taken since they have not been announced

Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by Committee members, time permitting. If the committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.