

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

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**Agenda Item IV:** Reef Fish Landings

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council input and next steps:** This document is provided by NMFS and provides the status of reef fish landings relative to ACLs. This is provided for information only. This is an ongoing report to the Council and requires no action by the Committee.

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**Agenda Item V:** Joint Enforcement Agreement Presentation

**Timeline Status:** Background Information

**Council input and next steps:** NOAA OLE will provide a presentation about Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) funding. The presentation will address current funding levels and how funds may be used, as well as the implications for JEA enforcement operations following implementation of state management of red snapper for the private angling component.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Draft Amendment 36B: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs and Presentations

**Timeline Status:** Draft Amendment

**Council input and next steps:** Staff will review the Council's recently added IFQ program goals and the actions in the draft amendment. Mr. Eric Brazer will give a presentation on the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders' Alliance quota bank. NOAA Office of the General Counsel will provide a presentation on assessing penalties and sanctions for violations in the IFQ programs this was specifically requested by the Council in April based on the proposed action to require accuracy of estimated weights in advanced landing notifications. Sergeant Carron, Chair of the Council's Law Enforcement Technical Committee (LETC), will discuss the LETC's concerns. The Committee should discuss the actions and alternatives and make modifications as appropriate.

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**Agenda Item VII:** Final Action: Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Commercial Trip Limits

**Timeline Status:** Final Action

**Council input and next steps:** The Committee will review the updated greater amberjack commercial trip limit framework. Updates to the document include making Alternative 4 the

preferred alternative, inclusion of data for Florida-specific commercial landings per trip, and an additional alternative with analyses for a step-down once a percentage of the commercial annual catch target has been projected to be met. The Committee will also a meeting summary from the Reef Fish AP providing input on the document, and a summary of public comments received. NMFS staff will review the codified text and if the management action is deemed necessary and appropriate, the Committee can recommend that the Council certify it as such, and the framework action will be transmitted to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation.

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**Agenda item VIII:** Draft Framework Action to Modify the Recreational For-hire Red Snapper Annual Catch Target Buffer

**Timeline Status:** Draft Framework Action

**Council input and next steps:** Staff will present the purpose and need and proposed alternatives for reducing the buffer between the annual catch target and the annual catch limit for the federal for-hire component for red snapper. The Committee will review the proposed alternatives and recommend any modifications to the Council. Staff will plan to bring a final version of the framework action back to the Council in August 2019.

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**Agenda item IX:** Public Hearing Draft Amendment 51: Establish Gray Snapper Status Determination Criteria, Reference Points, and Modify Annual Catch Limits

**Timeline Status:** Public Hearing Draft

**Council input and next steps:** The Committee will be presented with a draft public hearing document to establish status determination criteria and modify annual catch limits for gray snapper. The Committee will consider the range of alternatives in each action, select preferred alternatives if appropriate, and consider approving the document for public hearings. The Council agreed during the January 2019 meeting to hold a webinar public hearing and YouTube video to collect public comments. If warranted the Committee should approve the document for a public hearing meeting via webinar so that staff can develop a final action document for the August 2019 Council meeting.

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**Agenda item X:** Discussion of Commercial Crew Size Requirements

**Timeline Status:** Discussion

**Council input and next steps:** A Council member requested this be put on the agenda for the June 2019 meeting. Staff will provide background information on the history of crew size limitations for Committee discussion.

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**Agenda Item XI:** Other Business

**Timeline Status:** Additional items that can be brought up for discussion

**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.

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