

**Reef Fish Committee: Action Schedule for Tab B**

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**Agenda Item IV: Red Snapper Update Assessment**

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The SSC representative will review the 2014/15 red snapper update assessment that was prepared by the SEFSC, and the comments of the SSC. OFL and ABC recommendations will be provided to the Council. Staff will provide the ACT recommendations based on both the ACL/ACT control rule and on the 20% buffer adopted in the October 2014 Framework Action – Recreational Accountability Measures for Red Snapper. The Committee should recommend whether to proceed with a framework action to adjust the red snapper ACLs and ACTs, and whether any other management changes should be considered in this framework action.

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**Agenda Item V: Re-evaluation of Gag OFL and ABC for 2015-2016**

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The SSC representative will review the SSC’s re-evaluation of ABC recommendations for gag based on the 2014 SEDAR 33 gag benchmark assessment and consideration of possible impacts of the 2014 red tide event. The Council originally requested a constant catch ABC through 2018. However, that request was made prior to the red tide event and its possible impacts. The most recent request from the Council, made at the October 2014 meeting, was for the SSC to provide ABCs for 2015 and 2016. Staff will provide the ACT recommendations based on ACL/ACT control rule. The Committee should recommend whether to proceed with a framework action to adjust the gag ACLs and ACTs, and whether any other management changes should be considered in this framework action.

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**Agenda Item VI: Draft Framework Action – Greater Amberjack**

**Timeline Status:** Draft Framework Options paper, Draft Framework (April 2015); Final Action (June 2015)

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The SSC representative will review the SSC comments on the additional analysis presented regarding rebuilding timeline estimates from SEFSC relative to management options under consideration. The Committee will then review the draft Framework Action, and should determine if range of actions and options are appropriate.

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**Agenda Item VII:** Draft Amendment 39 – Red Snapper Recreational Regional Management

**Timeline Status:** Review and Discussion

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Staff will present the updated document containing restructured actions and alternatives. These changes incorporate a regional approach modeled after summer flounder management, and updates to current information on red snapper management and landings. Staff from the Mid-Atlantic Council will make a presentation on summer flounder management. The Committee will discuss and provide recommendations on the direction and timeline for regional management.

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**Agenda Item VIII:** Revised Public Hearing Draft Amendment 28 – Red Snapper Allocation

**Timeline Status:** Review and Discussion

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The committee will review a revised public hearing draft. Based on the review, the committee may suggest changes and recommend to Council a timeline for final action.

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**Agenda Item IX:** Report of the Ad Hoc For-hire Red Snapper AP

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Staff will present a summary of the recommendations made by the AP at its December 2-3, 2014 meeting. Based on the recommendations, the Council may decide to instruct staff to begin action to address some of the recommendations.

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**Agenda Item X:** Final Action – Framework Action to Adjust Recreational For-hire Red Snapper Management Measures

**Timeline Status:** Final Action

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The committee will review a framework action to consider reducing the red snapper bag limit on for-hire vessels in order to extend the for-hire red snapper season. In response to a recommendation made by the Ad Hoc For-hire Red Snapper AP, staff has also prepared additional alternatives in a separate document to consider a split season for the for-hire component. If the Council decides to adopt a split season for 2015, these alternatives can be added to the framework action so that this action can be implemented in time for the current season.

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**Agenda Item XI:** Options Paper – Update Minimum Stock Size Threshold for Reef Fish Stocks with Low Natural Mortality

**Timeline Status:** Draft Options Paper for a Possible Amendment

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Staff will review actions to establish or revise the minimum stock size threshold for selected reef fish stocks, and to consider adopting a default minimum stock size threshold for all other reef fish stocks. If the Council chooses to proceed with the action, it does not qualify for implementation under the Generic Framework Procedure and will require a plan amendment.

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**Agenda Item XII:** Red Snapper Poaching by Mexican Lanchas

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council Input and Next Steps:** LCDR Jason Brand will present an update on Coast Guard activities to address illegal fishing by Mexican vessels in U.S. waters. This agenda item is for information only, unless the Council wishes to provide guidance to staff.

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**Agenda Item XIII:** Other Reef Fish SSC Summary

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The SSC representative will review items from the SSC report that were not covered in the previous agenda items. This agenda item is for information only, unless the Council wishes to provide guidance to staff. Items include:

- a. Progress report on mutton snapper update assessment
- b. Reorganization of SSC's
- c. Review of SEDAR assessment schedule
- d. Discussion of alternative red snapper MSY proxies