

Reef Fish Committee: Action Schedule for Tab B

Agenda Item IV: Draft Amendment 36A – Red Snapper IFQ Modifications

Timeline Status: Draft Amendment

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will review the draft amendment. Committee members should discuss the provided actions and alternatives and make any modifications, as appropriate. Committee members should discuss potential definitions of small participants and provide guidance to staff for developing the action.

Agenda Item V: Draft Amendment 46 – Modify Gray Triggerfish Rebuilding Plan

Timeline Status: Draft Amendment and Review of Decision Tool for Evaluating Recreational Management Measures

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will review the background, purpose and need, and draft management options. The Committee will review the recreational decision tool and provide guidance to staff for adding and deleting management alternatives. The commercial decision tool is anticipated to be available for the August Council meeting. Once the commercial and recreational decision tools are completed, a revised draft of the amendment will be developed.

Agenda Item VI: Mutton Snapper ACLs and Management Measures

Timeline Status: Options Paper

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will review the draft options paper that considers modifying the mutton snapper annual catch limit. The Committee will also review Actions to modify the recreational and commercial management measures for mutton snapper, as well as increasing commercial size limit for gag. The Committee will receive a presentation describing an overview of mutton snapper management actions in the South Atlantic and Florida. The presentation will also present recent and projected landings and the Committee is requested to discuss if the projections from the stock assessments should be updated to include 2014-2015 landings data. The Committee should provide guidance about the Actions and range of Alternatives and if they prefer that projections be based on the most recent landings data available.

Agenda Item VII: Draft Amendment 41 – Red Snapper Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels

Timeline Status: Revised Draft Amendment

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will receive the comments from the SESSC and SSC, and staff will review the updated draft amendment. The Committee should discuss the goals and objectives of an allocation-based management program for charter vessels. A new section for a Permit Fishing Allocation program is provided for discussion. The Committee is requested to review the document's actions and make modifications to the range of alternatives, if appropriate. Staff will also discuss available information on continuing to manage charter vessels with traditional management measures such as bag limits and seasons.

Agenda Item VIII: Draft Amendment 42 – Federal Reef Fish Management for Headboat Survey Vessels

Timeline Status: Revised Draft Amendment

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will review recommendations provided by the Ad Hoc Reef Fish Headboat Advisory Panel and receive comments from the SESSC and SSC. The Committee is expected to review actions and alternatives and suggest revisions and, if warranted, recommend based on the SSC comments and AP recommendations.

Agenda Item IX: Final Action - Amendment 43 – Hogfish Stock Definition, SDC, ACL, and Size Limit

Timeline Status: Final Action

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will review the SSC's reevaluation of their previous recommendation that if at the end of the projection period no new assessment is available, and the equilibrium ABC is below the ABC of the constant catch yield stream, ABC should revert to the equilibrium ABC. Depending upon their new recommendation, the Preferred Alternative for Action 3 (ACLs and ACTs) may need to be revised. The Committee will review public hearing and written comments received, and make final recommendations for Preferred Alternatives. If appropriate, the Committee may approve the amendment and codified regulations, and recommend that the Council send it to the Secretary for implementation.

Agenda Item X: Final Action – Amendment 45 – Extend or Eliminate the Red Snapper Sector Separation Sunset Provision

Timeline Status: Final Action

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will review public hearing and written comments received, and make a final recommendation for a Preferred Alternative. If appropriate, the Committee may approve the amendment and codified regulations, and recommend that the Council send it to the Secretary for implementation.

Agenda Item XI: Ad Hoc Advisory Panel for Recreational Red Snapper Management

Timeline Status: Continued discussion on a possible formation of an advisory panel

Council Input and Next Steps: The Council discussed the possible formation of an Ad Hoc Private Recreational AP in October 2015 and again in January 2016. In January 2016 the Council was informed about the formation of a Gulf Anglers Focus Group that would be holding meetings to develop consensus positions for recreational fishermen. At the request of the Focus Group representative, the Council deferred action on forming an AP. However, given the lack of feedback, Council members have requested that this proposal be brought back up for discussion. The Committee is asked to continue the discussion and decide whether to recommend the formation of an AP.

Agenda Item XII: Standing and Reef Fish SSC Report

Timeline Status: Report of the June SSC meeting

Council Input and Next Steps: The SSC representative will review the SSC reef fish actions and recommendations from its June 1-3, 2016 meeting that were not covered under other agenda items. In particular, the SEDAR 45 vermilion snapper standard assessment will be reviewed. Based on the recommendations of the SSC, the Committee should decide whether to request staff to begin work on a management action to adjust the vermilion snapper ACL and other management measures. Other issues discussed by the SSC will also be presented. The SSC representative will be available to answer questions that may arise.

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.