

For<sup>[AB1]</sup> the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 622 is proposed to be amended as follows:

**PART 622--FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC**

1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

2. In § 622.1, revise the Table 1 entry for "FMP for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico", and add footnote 7 to Table 1 to read as follows:<sup>[AB2]</sup>

**§ 622.1 Purpose and scope.**

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**Table 1 to § 622.1--FMPs Implemented Under Part 622**

FMP title	Responsible fishery management council(s)	Geographic area
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FMP for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	Gulf. <sup>1 3 4 7</sup>
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<sup>7</sup> Hogfish are managed by the FMP in the Gulf EEZ north of a line extending due west from 25°09.0' N. lat. off the west coast of Florida

to the outer boundary of the EEZ.

3. In § 622.35, revise paragraph (a)(1) to read as follows:[AB3]

**§ 622.35 Gear restricted areas.**

(a) \* \* \*

(1) A powerhead may not be used in the stressed area to take Gulf reef fish. Possession of a powerhead and a mutilated Gulf reef fish in the stressed area or after having fished in the stressed area constitutes *prima facie* evidence that such reef fish was taken with a powerhead in the stressed area.

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4. In § 622.37, revise paragraph (c)(2) to read as follows:[AB4]

**§ 622.37 Size limits.**

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(c) \* \* \*

(2) *Hogfish*--16 inches (40.6 cm), fork length.

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5. In § 622.41, revise paragraph (p) to read as follows:[AB5]

**§ 622.41 Annual catch limits (ACLs), annual catch targets (ACTs), and accountability measures (AMs).**

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(p) *Hogfish*. If the sum of the commercial and recreational landings, as estimated by the SRD, exceeds the stock ACL, then during the following fishing year, if the sum of commercial and recreational

landings reaches or is projected to reach the stock ACL, the AA will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register to close the commercial and recreational sectors for the remainder of that fishing year. The stock ACL for hogfish is 219,000 lb (99,337 kg), round weight.

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