

For 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 § 622.39, paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(2)(i) are revised to read as follows:

§ 622.39 Quotas.

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(i) *Commercial quota for red snapper.* (A) For fishing year 2015--7.293 million lb (3.308 million kg), round weight.

(B) For fishing year 2016--6.768 million lb (3.070 million kg), round weight.

(C) For fishing year 2017 and subsequent fishing years--6.664 million lb (3.023 million kg), round weight.

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(i) *Recreational quota for red snapper.* (A) *Total recreational quota (Federal charter vessel/headboat and private*

Comment [SS1]: Preferred Alt 8, commercial ACL (expressed as quota) for 2016 and 2017

angling component quotas combined).

(1) For fishing year 2015--7.007 million lb (3.178 million kg), round weight.

(2) For fishing year 2016--7.192 million lb (3.262 million kg), round weight.

(3) For fishing year 2017 and subsequent fishing years--7.076 million lb (3.210 million kg), round weight.

Comment [SS2]: Preferred Alt 8, total recreational ACLs (quotas) 2016 and 2017

(B) *Federal charter vessel/headboat component quota*. The Federal charter vessel/headboat component quota applies to vessels that have been issued a valid Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year. This component quota is effective for only the 2015, 2016, and 2017 fishing years. For the 2018 and subsequent fishing years, the applicable total recreational quota specified in § 622.39(a)(2)(i)(A) will apply to the recreational sector.

(1) For fishing year 2015--2.964 million lb (1.344 million kg), round weight.

(2) For fishing year 2016--3.042 million lb (1.380 million kg), round weight.

(3) For fishing year 2017--2.993 million lb (1.358 million kg), round weight.

Comment [SS3]: Preferred Alt 8, for-hire recreational ACLs (quotas) 2016 and 2017

(C) *Private angling component quota*. The private angling component quota applies to vessels that fish under the bag limit and

have not been issued a Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year. This component quota is effective for only the 2015, 2016, and 2017 fishing years. For the 2018 and subsequent fishing years, the applicable total recreational quota specified in § 622.39(a)(2)(i)(A) will apply to the recreational sector.

(1) For fishing year 2015--4.043 million lb (1.834 million kg), round weight.

(2) For fishing year 2016--4.150 million lb (1.882 million kg), round weight.

(3) For fishing year 2017--4.083 million lb (1.852 million kg), round weight.

Comment [SS4]: Preferred Alt 8, private recreational ACLs (quotas) 2016 and 2017

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5. In § 622.41, paragraph (q)(2)(iii) is revised to read as follows:

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

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(iii) *Recreational ACT for red snapper. (A) Total recreational ACT (Federal charter vessel/headboat and private angling component ACTs combined).*

(1) For fishing year 2015--5.606 million lb (2.543 million kg), round weight.

(2) For fishing year 2016--5.754 million lb (2.610 million kg), round weight.

(3) For fishing year 2017 and subsequent fishing years--5.661 million lb (2.568 million kg), round weight.

Comment [SS5]: Preferred Alt 8, total recreational ACTs 2016 and 2017

(B) *Federal charter vessel/headboat component ACT*. The Federal charter vessel/headboat component ACT applies to vessels that have been issued a valid Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year. This component ACT is effective for only the 2015, 2016, and 2017 fishing years. For the 2018 and subsequent fishing years, the applicable total recreational quota specified in § 622.39(a)(2)(i)(A) will apply to the recreational sector.

(1) For fishing year 2015--2.371 million lb (1.075 million kg), round weight.

(2) For fishing year 2016--2.434 million lb (1.104 million kg), round weight.

(3) For fishing year 2017--2.395 million lb (1.086 million kg), round weight.

Comment [SS6]: Preferred Alt 8, for-hire ACTs 2016 and 2017

(C) *Private angling component ACT*. The private angling component ACT applies to vessels that fish under the bag limit and have not been issued a Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for

Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year. This component ACT is effective for only the 2015, 2016, and 2017 fishing years. For the 2018 and subsequent fishing years, the applicable total recreational quota specified in § 622.39(a)(2)(i)(A) will apply to the recreational sector.

(1) For fishing year 2015--3.234 million lb (1.467 million kg), round weight.

(2) For fishing year 2016--3.320 million lb (1.506 million kg), round weight.

(3) For fishing year 2017--3.266 million lb (1.481 million kg), round weight.

Comment [SS7]: Preferred Alt 8, private ACTs 2016 and 2017