

# IFQ Red Snapper Landings Notifications Discussion



October 18, 2023

# Council Motion

The Council requests that the LETC, at its upcoming October meeting, research all IFQ Red Snapper advanced landing notifications from 2022, among all five Gulf States, and formulate a comparison report of the proportion of inspected to non-inspected red snapper IFQ landings and subsequent proportion of amended landings reports for each category and the quantity of pounds amended by category. Further, provide a comparison of the number of non-inspected amended landing reports that adjusted poundage higher versus lower along with the frequency of occurrence and the magnitude of adjustments in pounds and whether any patterns exist. In addition, the report should include incidents of mismatched reports and amended landing reports as to the relationship of the dealer and the fishermen being the same entity. The LETC should provide a report back to the Council at its January, 2024 meeting in the Law Enforcement Committee.

***Motion carried with no opposition.***



# SERO IFQ and OLE Discussion

Enforcement does not record the number or specific information for each inspected trip

Only inspected trips with an issue are reported to NMFS OLE (fines, warnings...). These data do not include specific fields for IFQ information.

NMFS may be able to build linkable data systems in the future; it would require a modification to the JEA agreements and development of one or more data systems (long-term process)

Seized fish are sold to a dealer; proceeds are held until the conclusion of a the court case. These fish are NOT deducted from the fisherman's account. If he is not found guilty, he recovers the proceeds from the fish sold.



# Landings Transactions - 2022

Total red snapper landings transactions: **4,122**

Submitted landings transactions with poundage corrections: **44 (1.07%)**

Submitted landings transactions with **underestimated landings**: **16**

Average pounds below: **216 lbs** (0.64% the estimated landings in notice)

Submitted landings transactions with **overestimated landings**: **28**

Average pounds above: **97 lbs** (0.09 % of the estimated landings in notice)

Distribution of corrected red snapper landings transactions by state

Alabama	1
Florida	23
Louisiana	15
Texas	5
Total	44



# Landings Transactions – 2023\*

Total red snapper landings transactions: **3,260**

Submitted landings transactions with poundage corrections: **36 (1.10%)**

Submitted landings transactions with **underestimated landings**: **12**

Average pounds below: **145 lbs** (0.53% of the estimated landings in notice)

Submitted landings transactions with **overestimated landings**: **24**

Average pounds above: **496 lbs** (0.75 % of the estimated landings in notice)

Distribution of corrected red snapper landings transactions by state

Florida	25
Louisiana	9
Texas	2
Total	36

\* as of September 30, 2023



# LETC Discussion and Recommendations

Would the LETC conclude that there are no issue to address at this time and that no further action is needed?

or

Would the LETC recommend:

Changes to report forms

Additional data collection systems

Other modifications

