

Reef Fish Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab B

Agenda Item IV: Final Action – Framework Action – Greater Amberjack ACL and Management Measures

Timeline Status: Final action

Council input and next steps: Staff will summarize the draft framework action and codified text, and any comments received. Once the Committee has selected preferred alternatives, the Committee should forward the documents to the full Council for final action, recommend that the Council deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate, and give staff editorial license to make any necessary changes in the document.

Agenda Item V: Amendment 42 – Reef Fish Management for Headboat Survey Vessels

Timeline Status: Final action – Referendum eligibility requirements

Council input and next steps: The Committee should review alternative referendum eligibility criteria and select preferred eligibility requirements for participation in the referendum. The Committee may choose to recommend to the Council to take final action on the referendum eligibility requirements.

Agenda item VI: Amendment 41 – Allocation-based Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels

Timeline Status: Final action – Referendum eligibility requirements

Council input and next steps: Staff will present an overview of the updated Amendment 41. Staff will also present referendum eligibility requirements for Amendment 41. The Committee is requested to discuss the eligibility requirements, and the Committee may choose to recommend to the Council taking final action. Timeline and next steps are dependent on the Committee’s recommendations.

Agenda Item VII Review of For-hire Permit Moratorium and Transfers

Timeline Status: Information

Council input and next steps: Staff will present a review of the for-hire permit moratorium. The Committee should recommend that the Council approve the review or, if needed, request additional information.

Agenda Item VIII: Draft – Framework Action to Modify the ACT for Red Snapper Federal For-Hire and Private Angler Components

Timeline Status: Revised draft

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will summarize the revisions to the draft framework action. The Committee should consider the alternatives, make any necessary modifications, and direct staff on next steps. The Committee should consider the different allocations apportioned to the recreational sector components when considering adjustments to the buffer between the ACT and the ACL (57.7% private angler; 42.3% for-hire). This means that a hypothetical 5% adjustment for one component does not equal the same amount of harvest as 5% for the other component. If the Council decides to proceed with the framework action, staff will continue to develop the draft document into a final action document at a future Council meeting.

Agenda Item IX: Presentation on the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program 5-Year Review

Timeline Status: Program Review

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will discuss the ongoing review of the grouper-tilefish IFQ program, including a summary of the findings of the studies conducted for the review. The Committee should, if needed, suggest additions to the review. Staff will also discuss a timeline for the review.

Agenda Item X: Revised Options Paper – Amendment 36B – Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs

Timeline Status: Options Paper

Council Input and Next Steps: Following a presentation on the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ program 5-year review, the Committee should resume discussion of the programs' goals and objectives. The Committee should evaluate the existing program goals and recommend to the Council whether to retain or modify these goals. The Committee should discuss new goals and objectives that would support the potential actions in the options paper. The Committee should make recommendations to the Council for new program goals and objectives, or remove potential actions that are not supported by the goals and objectives, as appropriate.

Agenda Item XI: Options Paper – Status Determination Criteria and OY for Reef Fish Stocks

Timeline Status: Draft options paper and presentation

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will present a preliminary options paper and presentation discussing the setting or revision of MSY proxies, maximum fishing mortality thresholds, and optimum yield for all reef fish, and minimum stock size threshold for all reef fish except the seven species for which MSST was set in Amendment 44. Red drum is also currently included

in the options paper, which would make the amendment a joint reef fish/red drum amendment. The options will be further developed into alternatives based on guidance from the Council and from the SSC, which will review the preliminary options paper at their September meeting. The Committee is asked to recommend whether to leave red drum in the amendment, and to provide guidance to staff on the range of alternatives to be considered. Next steps are to seek guidance from the SSC, and to develop the options paper into a draft amendment

Agenda Item XII: Drafts –State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper

Timeline Status: Draft Amendments

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will review the draft amendments. The first is an amendment to establish a program for Gulf states to enact state management for red snapper. This amendment contains actions that would affect all states, whether or not they pursue a state management program. The remaining three amendments consist of the same actions for each of the three central Gulf States: Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The Committee should discuss the draft amendments and provide guidance to staff on the scope of actions and range of alternatives.

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.