

Reef Fish Committee
Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab B

Agenda Item IV: Reef Fish Landings

Timeline Status: Background Information (no presentation)

Council input and next steps: This document is provided by NMFS and provides the status of reef fish landings relative to ACLs. This is provided for information only. This is an ongoing report to the Council and requires no action by the Committee.

Agenda Item V: State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper and Individual State Amendments

Timeline Status: Draft Amendments

Council input and next steps: Staff will review the public hearing summaries and comments on state management from the two Ad Hoc APs (charter/red snapper and headboat/reef fish). The Committee should review the amendments, including the new action on closed areas in federal waters and all preferred alternatives.

Although the Council was scheduled to take final action on these amendments at this meeting, it will not be possible as the meeting notice was not published due to the government shutdown.

Agenda Item VI: Establish Gray Snapper Status Determination Criteria, Reference Points, and Modify Annual Catch Limits

Timeline Status: Draft Amendment 51

Council input and next steps: The Committee will be presented with draft public hearing document to establish status determination criteria and modify annual catch limits for gray snapper. The Committee will consider the range of alternatives in each action, select preferred alternatives if appropriate, and consider approving the document for public hearings. Staff recommends a webinar public hearing and YouTube video to collect public comments. If in-person public hearing are necessary, the Committee should select preferred locations for the meetings.

Agenda Item VII: Red Grouper Framework Action

Timeline Status: Draft Framework Action

Council input and next steps: The Committee will be presented with draft options to reduce the red grouper annual catch limits and annual catch targets, in response to an interim stock analysis by the Southeast Fisheries Science Center and public testimony during the October 2018 Council meeting. The Committee should review and modify the proposed alternatives as appropriate. Staff plans to bring a completed draft of the document to the Council at the April 2019 Council meeting for final review. This framework action is based largely on the commensurate emergency rule published by the National Marine Fisheries Service in 2018.

Agenda item VIII: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs

Timeline Status: Draft Amendment 36B

Council input and next steps: Staff will review the Ad Hoc Red Snapper/Grouper-Tilefish IFQ AP meeting summary and a Law Enforcement Technical Committee statement on the accuracy of weight estimates in landing notifications. Staff will then review the actions in the draft amendment. The Committee should discuss and provide guidance to staff regarding the purpose and need for the amendment and development of the actions and alternatives.

Agenda item IX: Review Draft Options of Red Snapper Reallocation Document

Timeline Status: White Paper

Council input and next steps: Staff will present draft options for reallocation between the commercial and recreational sectors and between the for-hire and private angling components. The Committee is expected to review the draft options and provide guidance to staff on further development of these options and on development of the document's Purpose and Need. Timeline and next steps are dependent on the Committee's recommendations.

Agenda item X: Ad Hoc Reef Fish Headboat Advisory Panel Summary

Timeline Status: Information

Council input and next steps: Staff will provide a summary report for the December 11, 2018 AP meeting. The Committee is expected to review the recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Reef Fish Headboat Advisory Panel and provide guidance for the next steps in the development of Reef Fish Amendment 42 (Reef Fish Recreational Management for Headboat Survey Vessels).

Agenda item XI: Ad Hoc Red Snapper Charter For-Hire Advisory Panel Summary

Timeline Status: Information

Council input and next steps: Staff will present a summary of the December 12, 2018, meeting with recommendations from the advisory panel regarding management approaches for the charter for-hire component. The Committee is expected to review the recommendations and provide guidance to staff regarding further development of the charter for-hire management program. Timeline and next steps are dependent on the Committee's recommendations.

Agenda item XII: SSC Report

Timeline Status: Information

Council input and next steps: The Committee will hear a summary of the SSC webinar held on January 9, 2019 to discuss SEDAR terms of reference, schedules, and assessment priorities.

Agenda item XIII: Proposed Changes in State Boundaries for Reef Fish Management

Timeline Status: Information

Council input and next steps: SERO

Agenda Item XIV: 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.
