

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

Agenda Item IV: Final Action – Amendment 44 – Minimum Stock Size Threshold for Reef Fish Stocks

Timeline Status: Final action

Council input and next steps: The Committee should review any public hearing and comments received. Staff will summarize the draft amendment and codified text. Once the Committee has selected a preferred alternative, 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: Final Action – Amendment 47 – Vermilion Snapper MSY Proxy and ACL

Timeline Status: Final action

Council input and next steps: The Committee should review any public hearing and comments received. Staff will summarize the draft amendment and codified text. Staff will also summarize the OFL and ABC yield streams approved by the SSC under an alternative 26% SPR proxy for MSY. 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 VI: Final Action – Abbreviated Framework Action to Modify the Number of Unrigged Hooks Carried Onboard Bottom Longline Vessels

Timeline Status: Final action

Council input and next steps: The Committee should review any public comments received. Staff will summarize the draft abbreviated framework action and codified text. Once the Committee has selected a preferred option, 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 VII Draft – Framework Action to Modify the ACT for Red Snapper Federal For-Hire and Private Angler Components

Timeline Status: First draft

Council input and next steps: Staff will summarize 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.

Agenda Item VIII: Draft – Framework Action - Greater Amberjack ACL and Management Measures

Timeline Status: Revised draft

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will provide an overview of the framework action. The Committee is expected to review actions and management alternatives. The Committee should, if warranted, suggest modifications to the actions or range of management alternatives within each action. The Committee is also expected to discuss a timeline and next steps for this amendment.

Agenda Item IX: Report of the Ad Hoc Red Snapper Private Angler AP

Timeline Status: Meeting summary

Council Input and Next Steps: The Ad Hoc Red Snapper Private Recreational Advisory Panel met May 8-9 in New Orleans. Staff will present a summary of the meeting including a AP request for additional background information they felt necessary to provide guidance to the Council. The Committee is expected to review recommendations made by the advisory panels and provide guidance to staff regarding further work of this AP.

Agenda Item X: Discussion - Red Snapper Allocation Issues

Timeline Status: Legal review

Council Input and Next Steps: NOAA General Counsel will review the court decision regarding Amendment 28 and the issues that led to the court’s decision to vacate Amendment 28 and return red snapper to its original allocation. The Committee may discuss whether it plans to revisit a reallocation of the red snapper ACL between the recreational and commercial sectors. No action is necessary by the Committee unless the Committee chooses to recommend that a new allocation action be developed.

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

Timeline Status: Draft options paper

Council Input and Next Steps: SERO staff will make a presentation on the Fishery Finance Program. Council staff will review the options paper. The Committee should begin discussion and consideration of the IFQ programs’ goals in terms of whether the goals have been met, further progress is needed, or new goals should be defined. The Committee should discuss and provide guidance to staff on the actions and scope of potential alternatives. The Grouper-Tilefish 5-year Review will be presented at the August 2017 Council meeting.

Agenda Item XII: Revised Draft Amendment 41 – Federal Charter-for-Hire Red Snapper Management

Timeline Status: Revised Draft Amendment

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will present an overview of three new actions based on motions approved by the Council at the March meeting. These actions address the range of species to include in the charter for-hire management program (Action 3), the allocation of ACLs for species selected in Action 3 (Action 4), and adaptive management, which refers to a cyclical redistribution of shares and allocation (Action 6). The Committee is requested to make recommendations on the new actions. Timeline and next steps are dependent on the Committee’s recommendations.

Agenda Item XIII: Draft Amendment 42 – Federal Reef Fish Headboat Management

Timeline Status: Revised Draft amendment

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will provide an overview of the amendment. The Committee is expected to review actions and management alternatives included in the amendment. The Committee should, if warranted, suggest modifications to improve the design of an allocation-based program for headboats in line with the purpose and need. The Committee is also expected to discuss a timeline and next steps for this amendment.

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.