

## Reef Fish Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab B (revised)

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**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. There will be no presentation. This is an ongoing report to the Council and requires no action by the Committee.

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**Agenda Item V:** SEDAR 37 – Hogfish Update Assessment

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council input and next steps:** The SSC representative will review the 2018 hogfish update assessment that was prepared by the Florida FWC, and the comments of the SSC. OFL and ABC recommendations will be provided to the Council. The Committee should recommend whether to proceed with a framework action to adjust the hogfish ACLs and ACTs, and whether any other management changes should be considered in this framework action. Please note: if no action is taken, the stock ACL for hogfish is scheduled to be reduced from 219,000 lbs. ww in 2018 to 159,000 lbs ww in 2019.

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**Agenda Item VI:** SEDAR 51 – Gray Snapper Benchmark Assessment

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council input and next steps:** The SSC representative will review the 2018 gray snapper benchmark assessment that was prepared by the SEFSC, and the comments of the SSC. This is the first SEDAR assessment for gray snapper. OFL and ABC recommendations will be provided to the Council. The Committee should recommend whether to proceed with a framework action to adjust the gray snapper ACLs and ACTs, and whether any other management changes should be considered in this framework action. The current stock ACL for gray snapper of 2.42 mp ww was set in 2012 under the Generic ACL/AM Amendment, using Tier 3a of the ABC control rule and average landings from 1999-2008.

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**Agenda Item VII:** SEDAR 52 – Red Snapper Standard Assessment

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council input and next steps:** The SSC representative will review the 2018 red snapper standard assessment that was prepared by the SEFSC, and the comments of the SSC. Previously, a benchmark assessment was conducted in 2013 (SEDAR 31), and an update assessment was conducted in 2014. OFL and ABC recommendations will be provided to the Council. Staff will provide the ACT recommendations based on both the ACL/ACT control rule and on the 20% buffer adopted in the October 2014 Framework Action – Recreational Accountability Measures for Red Snapper. The Committee should recommend whether to proceed with a framework action to adjust the red snapper ACLs and ACTs, and whether any other management changes should be considered in this framework action. The current ACLs and ACTs for red snapper are:

Commercial ACL – 7.007 mp ww (6,312,613 lbs. gw)

Recreational ACL – 6.733 mp ww

Federal for-hire – 2.848 mp ww

Private recreational – 3.885 mp ww

Recreational ACT – 5.386 mp ww (80% of recreational ACL)

Federal for-hire – 2.278 mp ww

Private recreational – 3.108 mp ww

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**Agenda item VIII:** State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper

**Timeline Status:** Draft Amendments

**Council input and next steps:** The Committee should review and discuss the actions in the State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper Amendment. The Committee should continue discussion towards identifying a preferred alternative to allocate among the states and recommend changes as warranted. In the individual state amendments, the Committee should continue to discuss the options for delegation and decide whether to retain those options that would require the use of lines demarcating federal waters adjacent to each state. Finally, the Committee should discuss the timeline for the amendments.

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**Agenda item IX:** Scoping Document – Reallocation of Red Snapper ACL

**Timeline Status:** Scoping Document

**Council input and next steps:** Staff will give an overview of the scoping document on reallocation of red snapper ACL. Based on the FMP objectives, the Committee should give guidance to staff on the criteria for triggering an allocation review, purpose and need, and future range of management options.

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**Agenda item X:** Progress Report on Draft Reef Fish Amendment 48/Red Drum 5 – Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield

**Timeline Status:** Progress Report

**Council input and next steps:** The SSC had concerns about the alternatives for setting MSY proxies under Action 1, and did not complete its review of the draft amendment. Council and NMFS staff have discussed the SSC’s concerns, and believe that they can be addressed. However, this will require a rewrite of Action 1. Rather than present an amendment that needs revision, the SSC representative will summarize the SSC’s comments, and staff will review the Council and NMFS staff comments and proposed revisions. A revised amendment should be available for review at the next SSC and Council meetings.

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**Agenda Item XI** Draft Framework Action to Modify the ACT for Red Snapper Federal For-hire and Private Angling Components

**Timeline Status:** Draft Framework Action

**Council input and next steps:** Staff will review the actions and alternatives, which were simplified as requested by the Council in April. The Committee should determine whether the proffered alternatives are appropriate, and may recommend preferred alternatives. If approved, a final draft of the framework action will be brought back to the Council in August for final action.

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**Agenda Item XII:** SSC Summary Report

**Timeline Status:** For Information Only

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The SSC representative will summarize items, if any, reviewed by the SSC at its March 26-27, 2018 meeting that are not addressed under other agenda items.

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**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.