

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

Agenda Item IV: Final Action – Framework Action – Greater Amberjack Fishing Year and Recreational Closed Seasons

Timeline Status: Final action

Council input and next steps: Staff will summarize the draft framework action, 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 41 – Allocation-based Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels and Final action – Referendum Eligibility Requirements

Timeline Status: Final action – Referendum eligibility requirements

Council input and next steps: Staff will present the Ad Hoc Red Snapper Charter For-hire AP recommendations on Reef Fish Amendment 41 and the referendum eligibility requirements. The Committee is requested to provide any feedback to staff on modifications to Reef Fish Amendment 41 and the referendum eligibility requirements. Ms. Levy will provide an overview of the limited access referendum process. The Committee may choose to recommend that the Council take final action on the referendum eligibility requirements.

Agenda Item VI: Amendment 42 – Reef Fish Management for Headboat Survey Vessels and Final action – Referendum Eligibility Requirements

Timeline Status: Final action – Referendum eligibility requirements

Council input and next steps: The Committee should review management alternatives and referendum eligibility criteria for Amendment 42 along with the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Reef Fish Headboat AP. The Committee may choose to recommend to the Council to take final action on the referendum eligibility requirements.

Agenda Item VII: Drafts – State Management of Recreational Red Snapper

Timeline Status: Draft amendments

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee should review and discuss the new allocation alternatives in the State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper Amendment. Staff will then review the delegation provision in the Magnuson-Stevens Act and the new alternative

added to the Florida and Texas amendments pertaining to “full” delegation. The Committee should discuss the information and provide guidance to staff for defining what should be included in the expanded delegation alternative. Finally, with Texas now pursuing state management through its own amendment, the Council may want to revisit its decision regarding modification of the federal minimum size limit.

Agenda Item VIII: Discussion of Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Management of Yellowtail Snapper

Timeline Status: Initial Discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will discuss the request from the SAFMC to combine the jurisdictional ACLs for southeastern U.S. yellowtail snapper. Currently, the SAFMC manages yellowtail snapper with sector allocations, while the Gulf does not. The Committee should decide whether to recommend that the Council proceed with modifying management of yellowtail snapper in the Gulf in conjunction with the SAFMC.

Agenda Item IX: NMFS Response Regarding Referendum Requirements for Auctions

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: As requested by Council, NOAA General Counsel will provide the legal determination for the use of auctions as a mechanism to distribute IFQ shares.

Agenda Item X: Discussion – For-hire Reef Fish Permit Transfers

Timeline Status: Discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: As requested by the Council, NOAA General Counsel will provide information relative to federal for-hire permit transfer provisions and to the status of federally permitted for-hire vessels. The Committee may consider further action, if warranted.

Agenda Item XI: Grouper-Tilefish IFQ 5-Year Program Review Surveys

Timeline Status: Information and Review

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will summarize the dealer, captain and crew, and IFQ participant surveys conducted for the grouper-tilefish IFQ program review. The Committee should discuss the inclusion of survey findings in the recommendations and conclusions of the program review.