

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

Agenda Item IV: Review of Reef Fish Landings

Timeline Status: Information and discussion

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

Agenda Item V: Discussion of Fishing Industry Impacts Due to COVID-19 and Potential Emergency Rule Requests

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Council input and next steps: The Committee will receive a presentation from the Southeast Regional Office (SERO) characterizing data collected thus far on impacts in the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) from COVID-19. The Committee should discuss these and other impacts to Gulf fishing industries as a result of COVID-19, and possible solutions to help mitigate these impacts. The Southeast Regional Office (SERO) will assist with any requests for emergency rulemaking as a result of COVID-19 impacts and will clarify that process as applicable. Dr. Joe Powers will then review the Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) recommendations on applying a carryover provision for the commercial red snapper individual fishing quota program. The Committee should review these recommendations and make their own recommendations to the Council as appropriate.

Agenda Item VI: Status of Gulf State Recreational Data Collection Programs and 2020 Red Snapper Seasons

Timeline Status: Information and discussion

Council input and next steps: The Council designees from the five Gulf states will provide a brief update on the status of their respective recreational data collection programs, and the performance to date of their 2020 red snapper fishing seasons for private anglers. Mr. Jeff Pulver from SERO will also provide a presentation on recreational red snapper landings. The Committee can ask questions and provide feedback to the states as appropriate.

Agenda Item VII: MRIP-FES Calibration Workshop

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Council input and next steps: Dr. Joe Powers will review the SSC deliberations over the material presented during the SSC’s July 8-9, 2020 MRIP Workshop. This workshop was convened to demonstrate to the SSC the process of the transition from the Marine Recreational Information Program’s (MRIP) Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) to the Fishing Effort Survey (FES), the effects of that transition, and the consequences for example species. The Committee should consider the recommendations offered by the SSC, and make its own recommendations to the Council as appropriate.

Agenda Item VIII: Review August 5, 2020, MRIP Red Snapper State Data Calibration Webinar

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Council input and next steps: Dr. Richard Cody will summarize the proceedings of the August 5, 2020, NOAA Science and Technology Calibration Workshop for Red Snapper. This is the fifth workshop since 2013 conducted to evaluate and improve data collection and application as it relates to the recreational harvest of red snapper in the Gulf. Dr. Powers will also review with the Committee the SSC’s deliberations over the material presented during the SSC’s August 11-12, 2020, meeting. SERO will then demonstrate options for calibrating the state-generated harvest data for red snapper from their native currencies to the MRIP-CHTS currency. The Committee should consider these recommendations and make its own recommendations to the Council as appropriate.

Agenda Item IX: Other Business

Timeline Status: Additional items that can be brought up for discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by Committee members during the adoption of the agenda, time permitting. If the Committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.
