

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR ACTIVE IFQ PARTICIPANTS

### IFQ SPECIES AND FLEXIBILITY MEASURES

#### WHAT SPECIES ARE INCLUDED IN EACH SHARE CATEGORY OF THE IFQ PROGRAM?

IFQ SHARE CATEGORY	SPECIES
DEEP-WATER GROUPEL (DWG)	SNOWY GROUPEL
	SPECKLED HIND
	WARSAW GROUPEL
	YELLOWEDGE GROUPEL
GAG	GAG
SHALLOW-WATER GROUPEL (SWG)	BLACK GROUPEL
	SCAMP
	YELLOWFIN GROUPEL
	YELLOWMOUTH GROUPEL
RED GROUPEL	RED GROUPEL
RED SNAPPER	RED SNAPPER
TILEFISH	BLUELINE (GREY) TILEFISH
	GOLDEN TILEFISH
	GOLDFACE TILEFISH

- The following species were part of the IFQ program from 2010-2011, but were removed in 2012:
  - Misty grouper from the deep-water grouper share category
  - Red hind and rock hind from the other shallow-water grouper share category
  - Anchor and blackline tilefish from the tilefish share category

#### CAN SOME SPECIES BE LANDED USING MORE THAN ONE SHARE CATEGORY?

- Yes, the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ program has several built-in flexibility measures to reduce discards.
- Deep-water grouper and other shallow-water grouper flexibility measures:
  - The primary share category for landing warsaw grouper and speckled hind is deep-water grouper. However, when all of a fisherman's deep-water grouper allocation related to their shareholder account (e.g., in shareholder and associated vessel accounts) has been used, warsaw and speckled hind may be landed using shallow-water grouper allocation.
  - The primary share category for landing scamp is shallow-water grouper. However, when all of a fisherman's shallow-water grouper allocation related to their shareholder account (e.g., in shareholder and associated vessel accounts) has been used, scamp may be landed using deep-water grouper allocation.
- Gag and red grouper multi-use flexibility measures:
  - When quota is released, a portion of the gag or red grouper allocation may be reserved for multi-use allocation, which can be used to land either gag or red grouper. These percentages are based on a formula and may change each year.
  - Multi-use allocation cannot be used until the fisherman has landed or transferred all of the species-specific allocation related to their shareholder account (e.g., in shareholder and associated vessel accounts). For example, gag may not be landed under gag-multiuse or red-multiuse allocation, unless there is no gag allocation available in the shareholder or associated vessel accounts.

- The system automatically determines the order of the allocation deduction from each
- Eligible share category. The allocation will always first be deducted from the primary category, followed by the secondary and tertiary (if applicable) categories. For all landing transactions, the primary category is used first for species belonging to that category, including those that do not have flexibility measures.
  - Example: Gag is deducted in the following order: gag, gag multi-use, and finally red grouper multi-use.
  - Example: Scamp is deducted from shallow-water grouper before deep-water grouper.
    - All deep-water grouper is deducted from the deep-water grouper category, and all shallow-water allocation must be used before scamp is deducted from the deep-water category.

**DOES THE IFQ PROGRAM HAVE A LANDING OVERAGE PROVISION FOR IFQ SHAREHOLDERS?**

- Yes, applicable by share category for IFQ fishermen who hold shares. The overage cannot exceed the amount of allocation generated from the shares for that account.
- IFQ shareholders can land 10% over their *remaining* allocation on the last fishing trip of the year as long as the amount does not exceed the equivalent amount of allocation from shares held in the account.
- The system automatically processes the 10% overage provisions when an eligible vessel submits a landing transaction for more allocation than is available in the shareholder or associated vessel accounts. Overages may occur early in the year for accounts that have minimal allocation. Please check your allocation balance before processing a landing transaction to ensure appropriate use of the 10% overage provision.
- When submitting the landing, a confirmation box will appear notifying the dealer that a 10% overage will be used. The vessel operator or shareholder must input the vessel signature PIN a second time to confirm the 10% overage.
- All overages will be subtracted from the shareholder's allocation at the start of the next fishing year, before the shareholder has access to their allocation.
- For example, if a shareholder lands 110 pounds of red snapper, but only has 100 pounds of red snapper allocation, they system will automatically apply the 10% overage if they shareholder has red snapper shares. The additional 10 pounds (110 landed – 100 available) will be subtracted from the shareholder's allocation on January 1, the following year.
- Because overages need to be subtracted from the shareholder's allocation at the start of the following year, share transfers will not be allowed that would reduce the shareholder's IFQ shares lower than the amount needed to pay back the overage.