



Tab B, No 7(a)

Framework Action:

# Recreational Red Snapper Annual Catch Target Buffers

# Background

Section 407(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act requires red snapper harvest in the Gulf to be managed under a quota.

Annual Catch Limit (ACL) = Quota

Annual Catch Target (ACT) = ACL x 80%

ACT accounts for management uncertainty.

ACT determines fishing season duration.



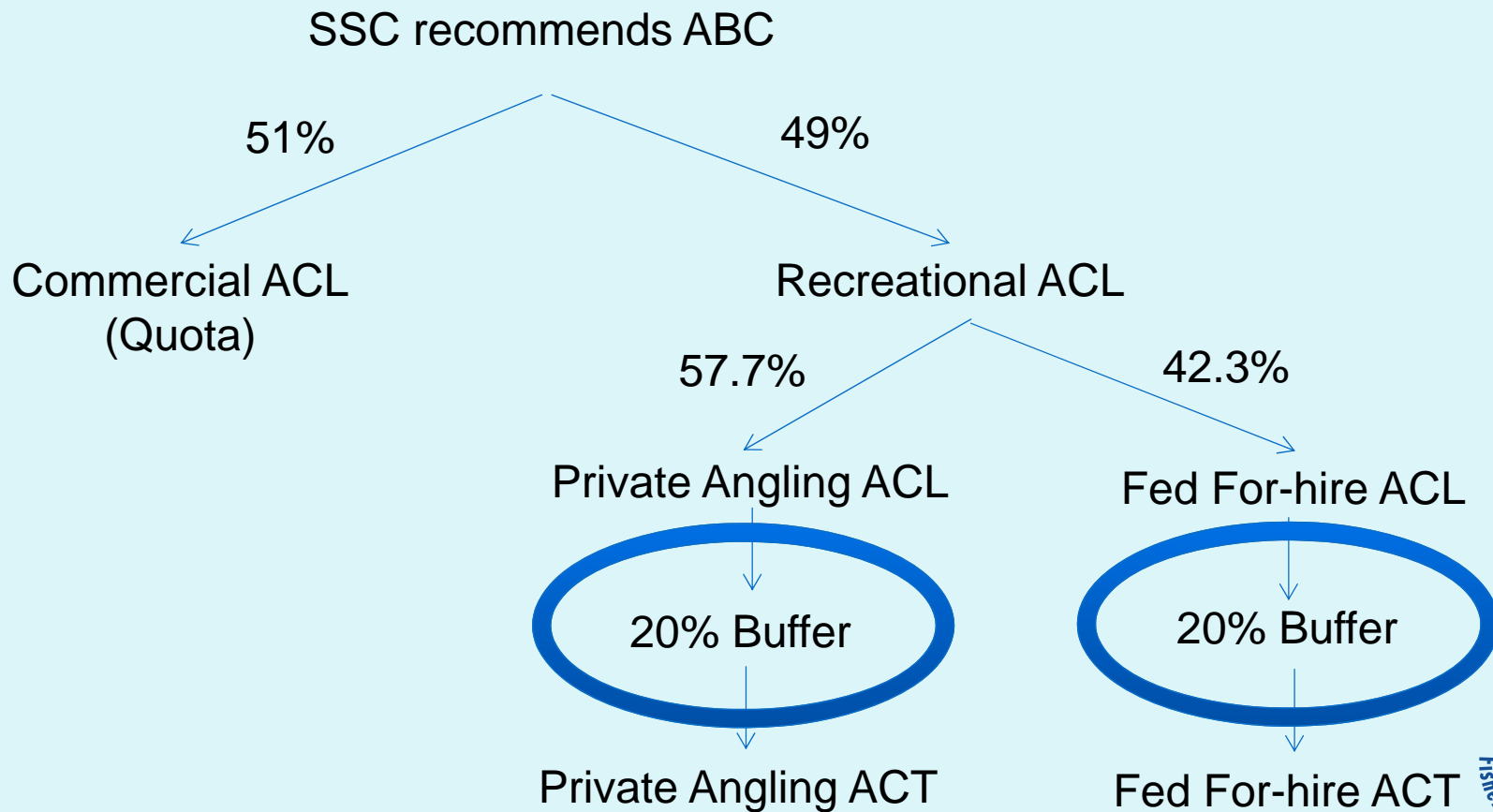
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## Red Snapper Allocation

Commercial	Recreational	
51%	49%	57.7% Private
		42.3% For-Hire

# Modify the Red Snapper Annual Catch Target

How we get to the recreational quota



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- **Alternative 1: No Action.** The red snapper ACTs for the recreational components will remain 20% below the recreational component ACLs.



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- **Alternative 2:** Modify the respective component ACTs for the private angling and for-hire components while maintaining the buffer between the overall recreational ACT and ACL.

Buffer values between the component ACT and ACL:

- **Option 2a:** For-hire = 15%; Private angling = 23.7%
- **Option 2b:** For-hire = 10%; Private angling = 27.3%
- **Option 2c:** For-hire = 5%; Private angling = 31.0%

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- Alternative 2:

Sector Component	Component ACL	Component ACT: Option 2a	Component ACT: Option 2b	Component ACT: Option 2c
Private Angling	3.885	2.965	2.823	2.681
For-hire	2.848	2.421	2.563	2.706
Rec ACT	-	5.386	5.386	5.386



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- **Preferred Alternative 3**: Apply the Gulf Council's ACL/ACT Control Rule, using landings from 2014 – 2017
  - For-hire component ACT buffer = 9%
  - Private angling component ACT buffer =20%
  - Total recreational sector ACT ~15%
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