

For the reasons set out in the preamble, NMFS proposes to amend 50 CFR part 622 as follows:

PART 622--FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

2. In § 622.34, revise paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 622.34 Seasonal and area closures designed to protect Gulf reef fish.

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(c) *Seasonal closure of the recreational sector for greater amberjack.* The recreational sector for greater amberjack in or from the Gulf EEZ is closed from January 1 through August 31, and November 1 through December 31, each year. During the closure, the bag and possession limit for greater amberjack in or from the Gulf EEZ is zero.

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3. In § 622.43, revise paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 622.43 Commercial trip limits.

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Commented [SS1]: Action 1, Preferred Alternative 2. Recreational season open September 1 through October 31.

(a) *Greater amberjack*. Until the commercial quota specified in in § 622.39(a)(1)(v) is reached - 7 fish. See § 622.39(b) for the limitations regarding greater amberjack after the quota is reached.

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Commented [SS2]: Action 2. Preferred Alternative 3. Note this is in number of fish only.