

**Yellowtail Snapper Landings and Discussion Material
August 2017 Council Meeting**

Landings Data: *in pounds whole weight*

| Gulf Yellowtail Snapper | Year | Recreational | Commercial | Total | ACL | % ACL | | |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------|------------|---------|---------|--------|--|--|
| | 2012 | 5,007 | 630,984 | 635,991 | 725,000 | 87.72% | | |
| | 2013 | 6,991 | 734,112 | 741,103 | 901,125 | 82.24% | | |
| | 2014 | 21,536 | 760,395 | 781,931 | 901,125 | 86.77% | | |
| | 2015 | 78,127 | 416,360 | 494,487 | 901,125 | 54.87% | | |
| | 2016* | 27,148 | 374,242 | 401,390 | 901,125 | 44.54% | | |

| South Atlantic Yellowtail Snapper | Year | Recreational | Commercial | Total | ACL | % ACL | % Rec ACL | % Com ACL |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2012 | 449,037 | 1,439,586 | 1,888,623 | 2,627,796 | 71.87% | 36.02% | 104.23% |
| | 2013 | 666,029 | 1,328,931 | 1,994,960 | 3,037,500 | 65.68% | 46.22% | 83.24% |
| | 2014 | 933,279 | 1,209,592 | 2,142,871 | 3,037,500 | 70.55% | 64.77% | 75.76% |
| | 2015 | 791,157 | 1,620,510 | 2,411,667 | 3,037,500 | 79.40% | 54.90% | 101.50% |
| | 2016* | 749,416 | ** | ** | 3,037,500 | ** | 52.01% | ** |

* 2016 landings are preliminary, and include landings from January 1 – December 31, except for MRIP converted and Headboat landings, which are currently only available through October 31, 2016.

** Commercial landings for 2016 were unavailable from the source due to a change in the fishing year.

Source: [NMFS SERO ACL Monitoring webpage](#); accessed 28 July 2017.

Management Delineation:

Yellowtail snapper are a single stock (SEDAR 27 2013), overlapping Gulf and South Atlantic Councils' the jurisdictional border. The South Atlantic Council is apportioned 75% of the yellowtail snapper ACL, and the Gulf Council 25%. This was based on historical landings, split at the jurisdictional boundary between the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils using 50% of the catch history from 1993-2008 and 50% of the catch history from 2006-2008.

Stock Status:

According to SEDAR 27, yellowtail snapper are not overfished or experiencing overfishing. The stock is managed at the equilibrium yield as recommended by the Councils' SSCs.

Regulatory Environment: *Fishing year: August 1 – July 31*

Gulf of Mexico: Gulf yellowtail snapper are managed at a 12-inch TL minimum size limit. There is no commercial trip or vessel limit. There is a 10-fish/person/day within the 10-snapper aggregate bag limit for the recreational sector. The Gulf Council's apportionment is managed as a single stock, without sector allocations.

South Atlantic: South Atlantic yellowtail snapper are managed at a 12-inch TL minimum size limit. There is no commercial trip or vessel limit. There is a 10-fish/person/day within the 10-snapper aggregate bag limit for the recreational sector. The South Atlantic Council's apportionment is allocated 52.56% to the commercial sector, and 47.44% to the recreational sector, using 50% of the catch history from 1993-2008 and 50% of the catch history from 2006-2008.