

Sustainable Fisheries Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab E

Agenda Item IV: Final Action Amendment Reef Fish 48/Red Drum 5: Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield for Reef Fish and Red Drum

Timeline Status: Final Action

Council input and next steps: Staff will discuss the amendment development timeline, review the preferred alternatives, and address the Council’s request for additional information about the pros and cons of using SPR proxies for data poor stocks. The Committee will then review the preferred alternatives and may discuss any public input offered. If the Committee agrees that the proposed regulations are necessary and appropriate, it may recommend that the Council approve and submit the proposed regulations to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation.

Agenda Item V: SSC Recommendations on Interim Analyses Species and Timing

Timeline Status: Discussion and Feedback

Council input and next steps: The Committee will review the SSC’s recommendations from its January 2021 meeting on the proposed interim analysis schedule. This schedule is likely to undergo more revision before being finalized. Therefore, Committee input at this stage will be most helpful for establishing expectations of the species to be analyzed, and for the SEFSC in planning workflows in the near future.

Agenda Item VI: Review of Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology for the Gulf of Mexico and Joint Fishery Management Plans

Timeline Status: Information and Discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: FMPs developed by the Councils and NMFS must include a standardized methodology to collect, record, and report data to NMFS on bycatch in each fishery. The standardized bycatch reporting methodology (SBRM) final rule was effective February 21, 2017 (82 FR 6317, January 19, 2017) and defines “*standardized reporting methodology*” as “an established procedure or procedures used to collect, record, and report bycatch data in a fishery, which may vary from one fishery to another, but must provide a consistent approach for collecting, recording, and reporting bycatch data within a fishery.” National Marine Fisheries Service and the Council need to develop a document to review SBRMs that are currently in place for fisheries in the Gulf Council’s jurisdiction, including joint

plans, according to the criteria established in the final rule. SERO staff will provide an overview of the planned process, timeline, and work completed to date.

Agenda Item VII: Other Business

Timeline Status: Potential Additional items

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