

Summary of Public Comment January 24, 2023

Framework Action: Modification of Gray Triggerfish Commercial Trip Limits Summary of Written Public Comment

48 Public Hearing Video Views

4 comments were received.

- Support for Preferred Alternative 3: Increase the commercial trip limit to 25 gray triggerfish per vessel.
 - Increasing the trip limit to at least 25 fish will optimize the use of the fishery without causing damage to the stock.
 - Triggerfish stocks are healthy and it's possible to catch a limit each trip.
- Support for increasing the trip limit above 25 fish.
 - There are so many gray triggerfish in 190 feet and deeper, they're eating juvenile groupers and snappers.
 - Increasing the bag limit dissuades culling because you can retain all the fish you catch rather than just the large ones.
- Support for decreasing the commercial trip limit. Legal gray triggerfish are hard to come by. The commercial sector isn't catching their quota because the stock isn't robust.

Other Comments

- Red grouper, gag grouper, and red snapper populations are thriving in south Florida.