

# Allocation Review and Reallocation Amendments Update



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# Introduction

- ❖ Council established allocation review triggers
- ❖ Council published expected start dates for allocation reviews and indicated that it could initiate additional reviews as needed
- ❖ Based on amendments including allocation reviews, the Council either maintained status quo or decided to reallocate
- ❖ Pending next allocation review
- ❖ Motion to initiate reallocation amendment
- ❖ Interdependence of red snapper allocations

# Definitions

- ❖ **Fisheries Allocation:** a “direct and deliberate distribution of the opportunity to participate in a fishery among identifiable, discrete user groups or individuals.”
- ❖ **Fisheries Allocation Review:** the evaluation that leads to the decision of whether or not the development and evaluation of allocation options is warranted, but is not, in and of itself, an implicit trigger to consider alternative allocations.
- ❖ **Evaluation of Fisheries Allocation Options for an FMP Amendment:** If the allocation review determines a reallocation is warranted, then the full analysis and evaluation of allocation options should be initiated. The goal is an FMP amendment (or framework action) to update the allocation or maintain status quo.

# Expected start dates of initial allocation reviews

| Allocations   | Time Intervals | First review (expected start) |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Recreational <b>red snapper</b> ACL allocation between the private angling and federal for-hire components                        | 4 years        | April 2023                    |
| <b>Red snapper</b> allocations between the Gulf states  | 5 years        | April 2024                    |
| Gray triggerfish and <b>greater amberjack</b> allocations between the recreational and commercial sectors                         | 6 years        | April 2025                    |
| Gulf of Mexico group <b>king mackerel</b> allocations between the recreational and commercial sectors, zones, and gear types      | 6 years        | April 2025                    |
| Recreational and commercial allocations of <b>red snapper, gag, red grouper</b> and, <b>SWG, DWG, and tilefish</b> IFQ aggregates | 7 years        | April 2026                    |
| Black grouper, mutton snapper, <b>yellowtail snapper</b> allocations between the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils                 | 7 years        | April 2026                    |

# Allocation Amendments and Reviews

**Reef Fish Amendment 53:** Commercial/recreational allocation review and reallocation for **red grouper**

**Current allocation:** 59.3% commercial and 40.7% recreational based on the average landings using Fishing Effort Survey (FES)-adjusted Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP-FES) data from 1986 - 2005

**Previous allocation:** 76% commercial and 24% recreational based on the average landings using Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS) data from 1986 - 2005

- ❖ Final rule effective: June 1, 2022
- ❖ Next allocation review: June 1, 2029

# Allocation Amendments and Reviews

**Reef Fish Amendment 54:** Commercial/recreational allocation review and reallocation for **greater amberjack**

**Current allocation:** 20% commercial and 80% recreational based on the average landings using MRIP-FES data from 1993 - 2019

**Previous allocation:** 27% commercial and 73% recreational based on the average landings using MRFSS data from 1981 - 2004

- ❖ Final rule effective: July 17, 2023
- ❖ Next allocation review: July 17, 2029

# Allocation Amendments and Reviews

**Reef Fish Amendment 56:** Commercial/recreational allocation review and reallocation for **gag**

**Expected allocation:** 35% commercial and 65% recreational based on the average landings using MRIP-FES/SRFS data from 1986 - 2005

**Previous allocation:** 39% commercial and 61% recreational based on the average landings using MRFSS data from 1986 - 2005

- ❖ Final rule effective: **ongoing rulemaking**
- ❖ Next allocation review: Final rule date + 7 years

# Allocation Amendments and Reviews

**CMP Amendment 33:** Commercial/recreational allocation review and reallocation alternatives for Gulf group **King mackerel**.

**Current allocation:** 32% commercial and 68% recreational based on the average landings using data from 1975-1979.

- ❖ Council decided to maintain **status quo**. Motion to make **Alternative 1** the preferred and cease work on this amendment; motion approved October 27, 2022
- ❖ Next allocation review: October 27, 2028

# Allocation Amendments and Reviews under Development

- ❖ **South Atlantic Amendment 44 / Gulf Reef Fish Amendment 55:** South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico allocation review and reallocation alternatives for **yellowtail snapper**
- ❖ **Current allocation:** 75% South Atlantic and 25% Gulf of Mexico based on 50% of average landings from 1993-2008, plus 50% on the average landings from 2006-2008, using MRFSS.
- ❖ **Timeline:** ongoing

# Allocation Amendments and Reviews in Development

**Reef Fish Amendment 58:** Commercial/recreational allocation review and reallocation for **other shallow water grouper (SWG)**

**Current allocation:** commercial sector takes 73.9% of the scamp, yellowmouth grouper, black grouper, and yellowfin grouper combined, based on landings during years 2001-2004, using MRFSS.

❖ **Timeline:** ongoing

# Allocation Review

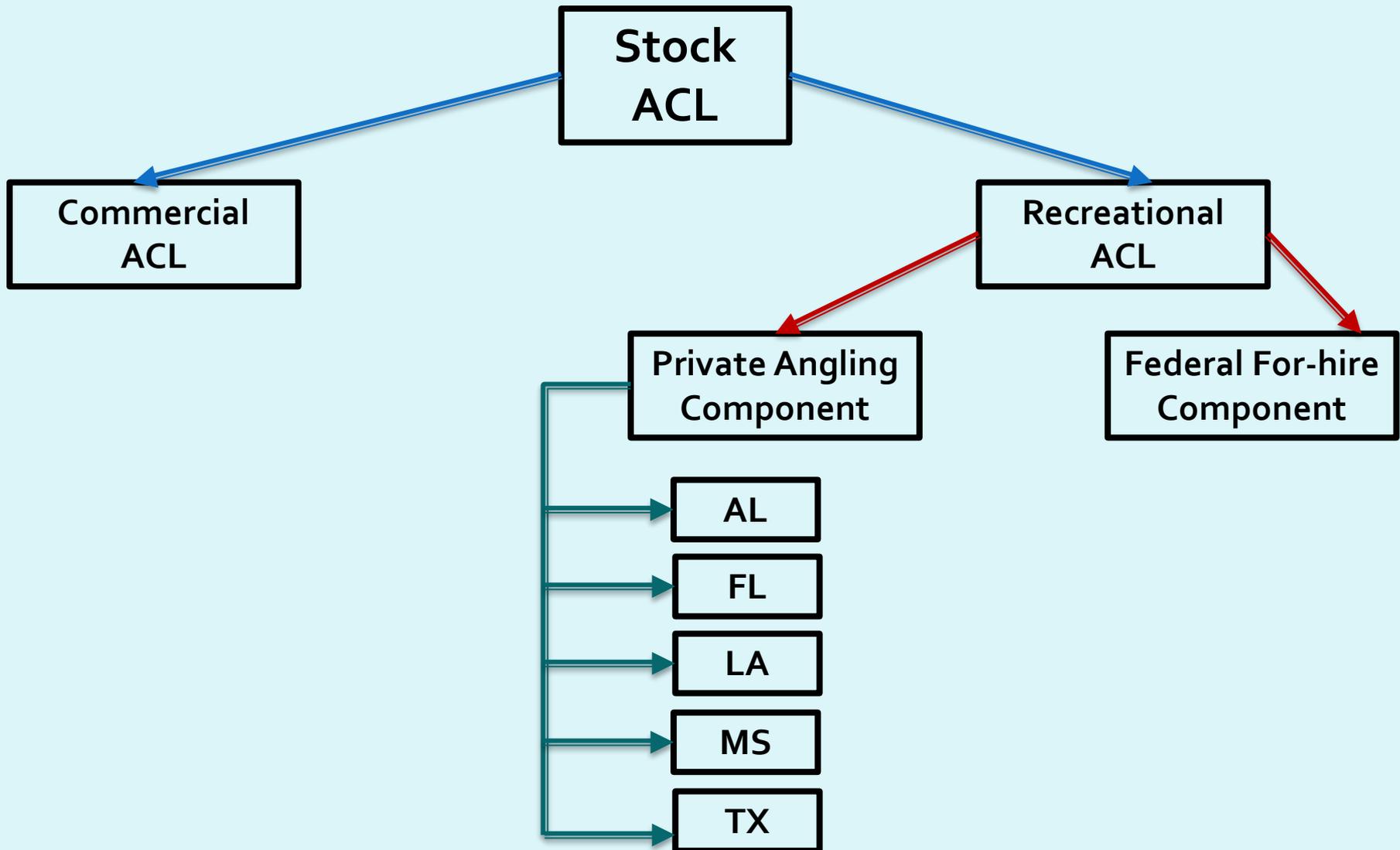
- ❖ Recreational allocation between the private angling and federal for-hire components for **red snapper**
- ❖ Preliminary work
- ❖ Progress conditional upon availability of updated red snapper recreational data
- ❖ Ongoing red snapper data stock assessment
- ❖ Council may include allocation review in an amendment considering reallocation alternatives upon availability of red snapper stock status

# Allocation Reviews and Amendments Motions

- ❖ **Motion:** To direct staff to begin work on a plan amendment to look at updating the states private recreational allocations for **red snapper**. (April 2022)
- ❖ **Current allocation:** Based on 2018-2019 State Red Snapper Management exempted fishing permits (EFP)

| AL      | FL      | LA      | MS     | TX     |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| 26.298% | 44.822% | 19.120% | 3.550% | 6.210% |

# Red Snapper Allocations in the Gulf of Mexico



# Allocation Reviews and Amendments for Red Snapper

- ❖ Ongoing red snapper assessment would affect all three (3) allocations
- ❖ Updated data streams by sector, component, and state
- ❖ Status of the stock and projections
- ❖ Timeline for assessment results
- ❖ Council's decisions to review or start reallocation amendments

**Thank you**

# Allocation Amendments and Reviews

## **Reef Fish Amendment 53:** Commercial/recreational allocation review and reallocation for **red grouper**

- ❖ Final rule effective: June 1, 2022
- ❖ Next allocation review: June 1, 2029
- ❖ Note: SEDAR 88 will evaluate Florida's State Reef Fish Survey (SRFS) landings data for private recreational vessels
  - ❖ Use of SRFS is expected to affect allocation percentages for the current reference period
  - ❖ Management advice expected to be available late 2024 to early 2025