

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 622 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 622--FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF, 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 § 622.23, revise paragraph (a)(1)(ii) to read as follows:

§ 622.23 State management of the red snapper recreational sector private angling component in the Gulf EEZ.

(a) * * *

(1) * * *

(ii) *State private angling component ACLs.* All ACLs specified below are in round weight and are consistent with monitoring under the respective state's reporting system. Equivalent ACLs, consistent with monitoring under the Federal reporting system, are provided, as applicable. If a state's delegation is suspended, as described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the Federal equivalent ACL, or for the Texas regional management area the ACL in paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(E), applies in the EEZ off that state.

(A) *Alabama regional management area* - 1,122,622 lb (509,231 kg).

(B) *Florida regional management area* - 1,913,451 lb

Commented [SS1]: Note that in 622.23, this reflects the current status quo as no preferred alternative has been selected in the RS conversion framework

(867,297 kg) .

(C) *Louisiana regional management area* - 816,233 lb
(370,237 kg) .

(D) *Mississippi regional management area* - 151,550 lb
(68,742 kg) .

(E) *Texas regional management area* - 265,105 lb (120,250
kg) .

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3. In § 622.39, revise paragraphs (a) (1) (i) and (a) (2) (i)
to read as follows:

§ 622.39 Quotas.

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(a) * * *

(1) * * *

(i) *Commercial quota for red snapper* - 7.701 million lb
(3.493 million kg), round weight.

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(b) * * *

(1) * * *

(i) *Recreational quota for red snapper* - (A) *Total*
recreational. The total recreational quota is 7.399 million lb
(3.356 million kg), round weight.

Commented [SS2]: as placeholder, the current commercial quota (ACL) is used here.

Commented [SS3]: as placeholder, the current recreational quota (ACL) is used here

(B) *Federal charter vessel/headboat component quota.* The Federal charter vessel/headboat component quota applies to vessels that have been issued a valid Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year. A person aboard a vessel that has been issued a charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year may not harvest or possess red snapper in or from the Gulf EEZ when the Federal charter vessel/headboat component is closed. The Federal charter vessel/headboat component quota is 3.130 million lb (1.420 million kg), round weight.

(C) *Private angling component quota.* The private angling component quota applies to vessels that fish under the bag limit and have not been issued a Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year. The private angling component quota is 4.269 million lb (1.936 million kg), round weight.

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4. In § 622.41, revise the last sentence in paragraphs (q) (2) (iii) (B) and (q) (2) (iii) (C) to read as follows:

§ 622.41 Annual catch limits (ACLs), annual catch targets (ACTs), and accountability measures (AMs).

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(q) * * *

Commented [SS4]: Red snapper

(2) * * *

Commented [SS5]: recreational sector

(iii) * * *

Commented [SS6]: Recreational ACTs

(B) * * * The component ACT is 2.848 million lb (1.292

as a placeholder, I used the current ACT values for the 2 components

million kg), round weight.

Commented [SS7]: Charter vessel/headboat component ACT

(C) * * * The component ACT is 3.415 million lb (1.549

Commented [SS8]: Private angling component ACT

million kg), round weight.