

**Reef Fish Committee
Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab B**

Agenda Item IV: Review of Reef Fish Landings

Timeline Status: Information only

Council input and next steps: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) provides this update on the status of reef fish landings relative to catch limits which is provided for the Committee's information only. This ongoing report to the Council requires no action by the Committee.

Agenda Item V: Final Action: Reef Fish Amendment 53: Red Grouper Allocations and Annual Catch Levels and Targets

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Council input and next steps: Staff will review the actions and alternatives in the revised public hearing draft. The Council selected preferred alternatives and directed staff to begin public hearings at the January 2021 meeting. The Committee will hear a summary of written and oral public comment received with respect to the document, and will review the codified text. The Committee should discuss the actions and public comment and then determine if any modifications are needed. Further, if the Committee considers the proposed management measures to be necessary and appropriate, it may recommend as much to the Council, and that the management measures be implemented by the Secretary of Commerce.

Agenda Item VI: Presentation on Greater Amberjack Historical Landings and Potential Management Actions

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Council input and next steps: The Committee will receive a presentation that will summarize the most recent commercial and recreational landings data for informing updated sector allocations, which is necessary to incorporate the results of the SEDAR 70 stock assessment on Gulf greater amberjack into management. The Committee should review the information presented and consider allocation scenarios for modifying the projections from the SEDAR 70 stock assessment.

Agenda Item VII: Overview and Discussion of Individual Fishing Quota Programs Review

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Council input and next steps: The Committee will receive a presentation from Council and NMFS-SERO staff on a joint review of the red snapper individual fishing quota (IFQ) and grouper-tilefish IFQ programs. In addition, a summary of the SSC comments and recommendations from the Ad-hoc IFQ Advisory Panel on the joint review will be presented to the Committee. The Committee should review and discuss the information presented. The Committee is expected to make recommendations and suggest modifications as necessary. Finally, the Committee is expected to recommend approval and publication of the joint IFQ review, as warranted.

Agenda Item VIII: Reef Fish Amendments 36B and 36C: Modifications to Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Programs

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Council input and next steps: Staff will review the history and actions of Amendments 36A, B, and C. A public hearing draft of Amendment 36B was prepared for the Council's August 2020 meeting, but was not reviewed. The Council last reviewed Amendment 36C at its January 2020 meeting. Recommendations from the Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP) and Ad Hoc Red Snapper and Grouper Tilefish IFQ AP that the Council has yet to review will be provided as well. The Committee should discuss Amendment 36B and, if appropriate, direct staff to hold public hearings, which will consist of a mail-out and two webinars. The Committee should discuss Amendment 36C and provide guidance to staff relative to the further development of actions.

Agenda Item IX: Other Business

Timeline Status: Additional items that can be brought up for discussion

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