

Reef Fish Committee Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab B

Agenda Item IV: Reef Fish Landings

Timeline Status: Background Information (no presentation)

Council input and next steps: This document is provided by NMFS and provides the status of reef fish landings relative to ACLs. This is provided for information only. There will be no presentation. This is an ongoing report to the Council and requires no action by the Committee.

Agenda Item V: Framework Action to Modify Red Snapper ACLs and ACTs and Gulf Hogfish ACLs

Timeline Status: Final Action

Council input and next steps: The Committee will review the framework action to modify the red snapper and west Florida hogfish catch limits, which are being updated in response to the SEDAR 52 (red snapper) and SEDAR 37 Update (west Florida hogfish) stock assessments. The Committee should select preferred alternatives and, if appropriate, recommend that the Council deem the regulatory changes and codified text as necessary and appropriate to the Secretary of Commerce.

Agenda Item VI: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs

Timeline Status: Draft Amendment

Council input and next steps: Staff will review the draft amendment's actions and alternatives. The Committee should discuss the IFQ programs' goals and objectives, and the draft actions and alternatives, and make any modifications, as appropriate.

Agenda Item VII: Modification to the Recreational Red Snapper ACT Buffers

Timeline Status: Final Action

Council input and next steps: The Committee will review the framework action to modify the recreational red snapper ACT buffers. The Committee should review its preferred alternatives and, if appropriate, recommend that the Council deem the regulatory changes and codified text as necessary and appropriate to the Secretary of Commerce.

Agenda item VIII: Gulf of Mexico Allocation Review Triggers

Timeline Status: Review

Council input and next steps: Staff will present a discussion paper summarizing NMFS Fisheries Allocation Review Policy and supporting documents. The allocation review policy (NMFS Policy Directive 01-119), the associated procedural directive addressing criteria for initiating allocation reviews (NMFS Procedural Directive 01-119-01), and allocation-related documents discussed during the May 2018 meeting of the Council Coordination Committee are added as appendices to the discussion paper. The Council is expected to begin discussions on establishing allocation review triggers in the Gulf of Mexico.

Agenda item IX: Comparison of Council's Allocation Policy with NMFS Allocation Review Policy

Timeline Status: Discussion Paper

Council input and next steps: Staff will give an overview of similarities and differences between the Council's Allocation Policy and NMFS Allocation Review Policy. The Committee should discuss the differences and give guidance to staff on whether any of the Council's Allocation Policy items require modification.

Agenda item X: Reallocation of the Red Snapper ACL

Timeline Status: Scoping Document

Council input and next steps: Staff will give an overview of the scoping document on reallocation of red snapper ACL. Based on the FMP objectives, the Committee should give guidance to staff on the purpose and need, as well as future range of management options.

Agenda Item XI State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper and Individual State Amendments

Timeline Status: Revised Draft Amendments

Council input and next steps: Staff will present some of the issues in state management for Committee discussion, including how state management would work if not all states are participating and approaches for including the federal for-hire component in state management. The Committee should continue to discuss the preferred alternatives in the State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper Amendment, which are incompatible with one another.

In the individual state amendments, the Committee should continue to discuss the options for delegation and decide whether to retain those options that would require the use of lines demarcating federal waters adjacent to each state. Finally, the Committee should discuss the timeline for the amendments.

Agenda Item XII: The Great Red Snapper Count

Timeline Status: Presentation: no action required

Council Input and Next Steps: Dr. Stunz will give a presentation summarizing the status and findings to date from the comprehensive effort to estimate red snapper abundance in the Gulf of Mexico.

Agenda Item XIII: SSC Summary Report

Timeline Status: For Information Only

Council Input and Next Steps: The SSC representative will summarize items, if any, reviewed by the SSC at its August 2, 2018 meeting that are not addressed under other agenda items.

Agenda Item XIV: Other Business

Timeline Status: Additional items that can be brought up for discussion, but no action can be taken since they have not been announced

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