

APPENDIX A. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED BUT ELIMINATED FROM DETAILED ANALYSIS

Action 3. Establish new Spawning Special Management Zones (Spawning SMZs) off North Carolina

Alternative 3. Establish Spawning SMZs in the 780 BOTTOM area that prohibits fishing for, harvest, and/or possession of species in the snapper grouper fishery management unit year-round.

Sub-alternative 3a. 780 Bottom (12 square miles)

Action 5. Establish new Spawning Special Management Zones (Spawning SMZs) off Georgia

Alternative 2. Establish Spawning SMZs in the GEORGIA MPA RECONFIGURATION area that prohibits fishing for, harvest, and/or possession of species in the snapper grouper fishery management unit year-round.

Sub-alternative 2a. Georgia MPA Reconfiguration (71.5 square miles)

Sub-alternative 2b. Georgia MPA Reconfiguration (52 square miles)

Sub-alternative 2c. Georgia MPA Reconfiguration (18 square miles)

Action 6. Establish new Spawning Special Management Zones (Spawning SMZs) off Florida

Alternative 3. Establish Spawning SMZs in the DAYTONA STEEPLES area that prohibits fishing for, harvest, and/or possession of species in the snapper grouper fishery management unit year-round.

Sub-alternative 3a. Daytona Steeples (27 square miles)

Rationale: The Councils eliminated these alternatives from detailed analysis due to their large size and expected economic/social impacts on fishermen. Also, there is limited data on spawning within these areas.