

# OVERVIEW

## Wreckfish Advisory Panel

June 8, 2009  
555 NE Ocean Boulevard  
Stuart, Florida

At this meeting of the Wreckfish Advisory Panel (AP), the AP needs to: (A) discuss results of the workshop held with the SSC, (B) review options for OFL and ABC and provide recommendations for ACL, and (C) discuss changes to the Wreckfish ITQ program and provide recommendations.

### A. Workshop with the SSC

The AP will meet with the SSC on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, to provide input about the fishery and to discuss how MSY, OFL, and ABC will be developed for wreckfish. Then, during the AP meeting on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, the AP should discuss the results from the workshop and develop recommendations to the Snapper Grouper Committee. Background on the Wreckfish fishery is included in the workshop materials and update/opinions on the future of the Wreckfish ITQ from wreckfish shareholders is included as **Attachment 2**.

### B. OFL & ABC Options

Modifications to the Wreckfish Management Program (included in the Snapper Grouper FMP) will be included in the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit (ACL) Amendment. Potential options for MSY, OFL, and ABC are included in **Attachment 3**. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will provide recommendations for MSY, OFL, and ABC; the Council sets the Annual Catch Level (ACL) which cannot exceed the ABC and it is recommended that the ACL be set below the ABC. Potential ABC options are as follows:

- a. **Option 1. No action. There is no ABC specified for wreckfish.** The Total Allowable Catch (TAC) has been set at 2 million pounds since 1990 first through an emergency rule and then through Snapper Grouper Amendment 3 (1991).
- b. **Option 2.** ABC = 1.75 million pounds. This is 197,000 pounds less than MSY Alternative 2 (1.946 million pounds).
- c. **Option 3.** ABC = 1.5 million pounds. This is 447,000 pounds less than MSY Alternative 2 (1.946 million pounds).
- d. **Option 4.** Others??

**C.     Potential LAPPs for the Wreckfish fishery**

The AP should discuss whether they want to recommend the Council explore options for changes to the Wreckfish ITQ in addition to what is outlined in Amendment 18 (**Attachment 4**). It is not necessary to develop all the specifics at this time but the AP should decide whether they want new options explored. More details could be developed and presented to the Snapper Grouper Committee in September 2009.