

# Summary of Scoping Comments on Snapper Grouper Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial Management Measures)

Below is a summary of comments that were received during the scoping webinar and scoping hearings held from January 23<sup>rd</sup> through February 8<sup>th</sup>. The summary also includes written comments received via the online comment form on the Council's website or other means such as by mail, fax, or email. In total, there were 42 comments provided during the public comment period that ended on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Scoping Webinar:** There were 17 attendees for the scoping webinar that took place on January 12, 2017. Links to transcripts of the public comments are found near the bottom of the SAFMC Briefing Book webpage ([link to BB Page](#)). One commenter offered comments summarized below:

- Supports for doing away with the size limits of deep-water species for the commercial sector.
- Disagrees with changing the year for golden tilefish hook-and-line. If it were to change, consider a start date in September or October, to keep the winter fishery open, and bring back the fall fishery. Opening the hook-and-line component of golden tilefish in the spring would disadvantage fishermen in south Florida and create more discards.

**Scoping Hearings:** A total of 233 people attended the in-person hearings and 14 provided comments on Vision Blueprint Amendment 27 while at the meetings. Links to transcripts of the public comments are found near the bottom of the SAFMC Briefing Book webpage ([link to BB Page](#)).

Jacksonville, FL, scoping hearing (1/23): 59 attended. Of the attendees, 5 identified themselves as commercial, 36 recreational, 3 for-hire, 4 commercial/for-hire, 3 commercial/recreational, 2 recreational/for-hire, 1 commercial/recreational/for-hire, 1 recreational/other, and 4 other. There were no comments pertaining to proposed actions in Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27.

Cocoa Beach, FL, scoping hearing (1/24): 58 attended. Of the attendees, 12 identified themselves as commercial, 19 recreational, 5 for-hire, 10 commercial/for-hire, 1 commercial/recreational, 2 recreational/for-hire, 4 commercial/recreational/for-hire, 1 NGO, and 5 other. Three people offered comments summarized below:

- Consider a 500-pound trip limit in the July opening of vermilion snapper since there are so many other fisheries open during that time. This would diminish discards of triggerfish and red porgy and possible make the season last until November.
- Consider commercial split seasons for red porgy that coincide with that of vermilion would help with discards.
- Amberjack does not need a commercial split season.

- Consider modifying the start date for the hook-and-line golden tilefish fishery until after the longline fleet has landed their portion of the commercial ACL. This would help keep prices high.
- Commenters expressed frustration at not having access to shallow-water grouper early in the year when the fish are off the east coast of Florida. Also, consider that the closure applies to the recreational sector yet the recreational ACLs for shallow-water groupers have never been met.
- Remove almaco jacks from the Jack Complex and specify its own ACL or implement a trip limit.
- Consider a commercial split season for shallow-water groupers in order to allow access to fishermen in Florida early in the year.
- Support for commercial split season for deep-water species to ameliorate derby fishing conditions.
- Fishermen expressed desire for a year-round fishery.
- Consider allocation shifts to allow dual-permitted vessels to harvest uncaught recreational ACL.
- Suggestion of 500-pound commercial trip limit for all species with a daily limit of no more than 3,000 or 4,000 pounds. This would prevent some vessels from catching more than their share of any one species and force them to fish for other species, which in turn would create longer seasons.

Stuart, FL, scoping hearing (1/25): 10 attended. Of the attendees, 2 identified themselves as commercial, 3 recreational, 1 NGO, and 4 other. One person offered comments summarized below:

- Supports red porgy commercial split seasons. No preference on how the commercial ACL is allocated between the seasons.
- Consider split seasons for snowy grouper.
- Not sure on whether commercial splits season for amberjack would work, but support exploring the option.
- Commercial trip limit for almaco jack would be good or split seasons.
- Remove almaco jack from the Jacks Complex and impose a trip limit on them or consider a trip limit for the entire complex.

Key Largo, FL, scoping hearing (1/26): 20 attended. Of the attendees, 1 identified themselves as commercial, 7 recreational, 5 for-hire, 3 commercial/recreational/for-hire and 4 other. No comments were offered regarding Vision Blueprint Amendment 27.

Murrells Inlet, SC scoping hearing (1/30): 16 attended. Of the attendees, 6 identified themselves as recreational, 1 commercial/recreational/charter, 2 NGO, 1 charter, 1 commercial/recreational/charter/other, 1 recreational/other, and 4 other. One person offered the comments summarized below:

- Does not support commercial split seasons for deep-water species.
- Supports for removing the annual January 1 to April 30 spawning season closure for red porgy.
- Does not support commercial split seasons for greater amberjack.

- Consider a trip limit for almaco and take the species out of the Jack Complex. Explore 300 to 500 pounds trip limits.
- Not in favor of changing the shallow-water grouper closure.
- Does not support changing the fishing year for the golden tile hook-and-line sector.
- Supports removing the minimum sizes for the silk snapper, queen snapper, and blackfin snapper.
- Supports for changing the gray triggerfish commercial size limit throughout the region to twelve inches.

North Charleston, SC scoping hearing (1/31): 21 attended. Of the attendees, 5 identified themselves as recreational, 3 charter, 1 recreational/charter, 1 recreational/charter/other, 3 commercial/recreational/charter, 3 non-governmental organization, and 5 other. No comments were offered regarding Vision Blueprint Amendment 27.

Richmond Hill, GA public hearing (2/1): 14 attended. Of the attendees, 3 identified themselves as charter, 1 recreational/charter, 6 recreational, 1 commercial/recreational/charter, and 3 other. No comments were offered regarding Vision Blueprint Amendment 27.

Wilmington, NC public hearing (2/6): 9 attended. Of the attendees, 4 identified themselves as recreational and 6 other. Two people offered comments summarized below:

- There is no need to tailor a management approach, trip limits, and possibly other management measures to the needs of traditional bandit boats versus day boats. The fishermen should decide what size and type of boat they should operate based on the state of the fisheries.
- Trip limits – the vermilion snapper trip limit for the second season should start at 750 pounds then lower it to 250 or 300 pounds when 75% of the ACL is met.
- Trip limits for all species should be lowered when 75% of the ACL is met to extend the season for the majority of the fishermen.
- Shallow-water grouper -- grouper stocks are suffering and have not rebounded with the four-month closure and reduced bag limits and ACLs. Therefore, consider making no changes that will increase mortality on these species. In addition to the four-month closure, consider extending the closure time to May or June for scamp and red grouper, which appear to be really suffering.
- Remove size limits for deep-water species.
- Triggerfish - make a minimum size limit of fourteen inches for all the South Atlantic. The twelve inches is too small and yield is too low. Therefore, we should go to the fourteen inches and let the fish that are smaller than that spawn and grow.

Hatteras, NC public hearing (2/7): 11 attended. Of the attendees, 1 identified themselves as commercial, 2 commercial/recreational, 1 commercial/charter, 1 commercial/recreational/charter, 1 commercial/recreational/charter/other, recreational, 1 charter, 1 charter/recreational, 1 recreational, and 2 other. No comments were offered on Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27.

Atlantic Beach, NC public hearing (2/8): 15 attended. Of the attendees, 2 identified themselves as commercial, 3 commercial/charter, 1 commercial/recreational, 1 commercial/recreational/

charter, 1 charter, 1 recreational, 1 non-governmental organization, and 5 other. One person offered comments summarized below:

- Supports commercial split seasons.
- Suggests that the Council continue to use trip limit-step downs, using a commercial ACT, as “bycatch allowance” and project opening dates to coincide with the step-down occurring during that species’ spawning season. This approach would be preferable to area closures (i.e. for warsaw and speckled hind).
- Suggests that the Council spend time evaluating the efficacy of regulations instead of coming up with new ones.
- Also suggests consider allowing fishermen to vote on management approaches.

**Summary of Written Comments (submitted online, via mail, or email):**

Eighteen written comments were received during the comment period. Ten comments were submitted online ([online comment forum](#)).

**Comments on commercial split seasons:**

- Most supported no action for deep-water species.
- Red porgy – most commenters supported removing the annual spawning season closure structuring commercial split seasons that mirrors what is currently in place for gray triggerfish and vermilion snapper.
- Most recommend no action for greater amberjack although some supported it.
- Most fishermen support commercial split seasons for red porgy to match those of gray triggerfish and vermilion snapper.
- For deep-water species: The deep-water species commercial catch is far too high. Suggest that the season be split into two 50% ACL quotas with no carrying forward of quotas to future periods or from season 1 to season 2. This should apply to all deep-water species concurrently.
- The split seasons have been a great help with the triggerfish and beeliners and would also help the other species with making our fish more marketable and our fishing time more efficient.
- Greater amberjack - September through December has historically been the best time of the year to catch greater amberjack off NC and the current start dates and quota system in place are not allowing NC commercial fishermen to have a fair chance to access this fishery. Commercial split seasons should be considered.
- For amberjack, consider a Sept-Feb at 70% and Mar-Oct at 30%

**Comments on trip limits and step-downs and “traditional bandit boat” management:**

- Some support for reducing the vermilion snapper trip limit for Season 2 (July-Dec) to 750 lbs. and maintaining the 500 lbs. step-down when 75% of the ACL has been met.
- A slightly lower trip limit on vermilion snapper would help extend the fishing season. However, a lower trip limit in the second season would tremendously hurt NC fisherman because of the weather and current issues early in the year.
- Number of trips per week or month would also hurt NC fisherman because of the weather and current issues.

- Some support removing almaco jack from the Jacks Complex and establishing a 300 to 500 lbs almaco trip limit.
- Some opposition to almaco trip limit.
- Consider the following management options below for traditional bandit boats. Several commenters supported permit stacking and multi-day trip endorsements.
  - Permit Stacking - Allow fisherman/boat owners the option to have multiple Snapper Grouper Permits aboard one vessel in order to have multiple trip limits aboard that vessel. There would be a maximum number of permits per vessel.
  - Multi-Day Trip Endorsement - A Multi-Day Trip Endorsement would allow vessels on extended trips the availability to retain multiple day/trip limits. Use log book catch history to determine numbers of days the endorsement would be issued for each vessel.
  - Weekly Limits - Smaller, faster vessels can go out every day and catch a trip limit seven days a week. A weekly limit, whether it was caught in three days or seven days, would level the playing field as well as maximize efficiency for all vessels.
  - Separate snapper grouper commercial fishery into management zones (like for king mackerel) because distance to fishing grounds is very different in different areas.
- Support for tailoring management to “traditional bandit boats”, especially multi-day trip limits and permit stacking.
- It would make more sense not to differentiate day boats and “traditional bandit boats” but to state how many trip limits can be offloaded per week. That way a traditional boat can stay out for their trip to get their limit and a day boat can still work on their limit on a different day.
- Step downs – trip limit step-downs need to be kept high enough to keep the traditional bandit boats able to fish. These bigger, slower boats cannot make trips without a minimum of 500 lbs each of vermilion, trigger, etc.

Comments on shallow-water grouper closure:

- Most recommended no action.
- Few suggested removing the closure.
- The shallow-water grouper closure should be replaced with a 50-pound by-catch allowance that shifts north over a three-month period that works best for each state.
- The annual spawning season prohibition should be maintained and extended to continue to allow the species to rebound until monthly catch surveys or other data-driven metrics indicate a sufficient recovery.
- Consider seasonal closure by area as long as the total duration of closure in each area is a four-month duration. The individual areas should be adjusted to match the spawning seasons by area to achieve highest possibly efficacy of the closure.
- Commercial harvest of shallow-water groupers species should be concurrent by area as bycatch will have a detrimental effect on the protected species if anglers are targeting species, which are open during the same period. The only changes that should be made to the commercial closure for shallow-water groupers is the identification of spawning areas and aligning the 4 month closure to correspond with the time of year where it would have the greatest effect in each area.

- Evaluate after better science is available to determine the correct timing of spawning for affected species.

Comments on fishing year change for the commercial golden tilefish hook-and-line sector:

- Most recommend no action.
- Strong opposition to change in fishing year for hook-and-liners because the Deep-water Complex, Snowy Grouper, and Blueline/Gray Tilefish all open January 1st (currently along with Golden Tilefish). All of these species are caught in deep water. If they do not open together, then there will be more dead discards of these species.
- Support for separating fishing years for longline and hook-and-line to avoid market glut.
- Support for management options that would result in extending the longline fishery (monthly limit instead of trip limit).
- Allow catch history to remain with golden tilefish longline endorsement.
- Suggestion to change start date of fishing year to September 1.

Comments on minimum size limits for deep-water species:

- Most support removing the size limits for deep-water species.

Comments on minimum size limit for gray triggerfish:

- Support for decreasing the commercial minimum size limit for gray triggerfish in Federal waters off the east coast of Florida to 12”.

Other comments:

- The commercial Greater Amberjack size limit should be removed or mirror the recreational limit.
- Red porgy size limit should be removed or reduced to open up more markets. A 10 or 11" size limit for silvers, beeliners, and bass would allow restaurants to sell whole fish that will fit on a plate.

## **SG Reg Am 27 (Vision Blueprint Commercial)**

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My name is Vincent Bonura. I own and operate a commercial fishing/wholesale business out of South Florida. I have a substantial investment into this business and would like to see nothing more than for it to be sustainable for generations to come.

I highly oppose Catch Shares/IFQ's for the future of the Snapper Grouper Fishery due to the fact that it can put a lot of fisherman, fish houses, and fishing communities out of business. Catch Shares/IFQ's would only be good for a select few stake holders, not the majority of this business.

There are no positive aspects in going forward with Catch Shares/IFQs. Yes, fisherman and boat owners could allocate how many lbs of fish or product are needed to make a trip successful and profitable, but that does not outweigh the negative impacts this change would cause. Due to the high expenses and cost of operation these days, small trip limits are making it almost impossible for larger vessels that are not very fast to be productive. We travel long distances to get to the fish and have to stay out for multiple days. Larger vessels are safer, more comfortable, and better suited for the task at hand, especially with the new USCG safety regulations going into effect in October of 2015.

With that said I would like to seek alternatives to Catch Shares/IFQ's. I put together a few alternatives, ideas, and options that would be beneficial to the SAFMC, fisherman, boat owners, and other land based facilities. These alternatives would not only make trips more profitable, but they would also help eliminate bycatch and discards as well as make it easier to keep track of the ACL's/Quotas.

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Allow fisherman/boat owners the option to have multiple Snapper Grouper Permits aboard one vessel in order to have multiple trip limits aboard that vessel.

**There has to be a maximum number of permits per vessel!**

### **Option A.**

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...so on and so forth. **Option A** would delete permits making a new category of permit while eliminating permits like the 2 for 1 buyout program. To give you a better idea of how the new category of permits could work, just apply the idea of hurricanes category 1, 2, etc., with the “largest” being a category 5.

### **Option B.**

Allow multiple permits aboard one vessel without deleting them. This alternative would allow the transfer of permits from vessel to vessel as needed.

- Permits can be owned by multiple owners or entities?
  - Permits must be owned by the same entity?
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## **Alternative #2 - Multi Day Trip Endorsement**

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Tight Lines,

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(Commercial fisherman)

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## Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial)

I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

- ① I am for removing red/pink porgy from the 4 month spawning closure and for the fifty split season to align with Bliner/trigger.
- ② Deep water species - against split season. for removing size limits.
- ③ Do not change fishing season year for Golden tilefish Hook & line.
- ④ No need to change greater amberjack and Almaco does not need a trip limit.

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(5) Remove shallow water spawning closure

(6) I support full time fisherman and Permit stacking or Multi day trip permit.

(7) I oppose IFQ's and VMS!

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I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

As owner of a bait and tackle shop, I depend on full time fisherman to contribute to my yearly income. The rules, regulations, and trip limits these days are putting these vessels out of business. We need full time fisherman "traditional Bandit Boats" on the water. Keep these hard working fisherman fishing!

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Name:

Carl's Bait and Tackle shop

- Remove Jan-April 30 spawning closure for red porgy
- No Action - Deep water Species Split Season
- No Action - Golden Tilefish Hook and line year change
- Remove size limits for Deep water species
- Almaco Jack does not need a trip limit - No Action
- Permit Stacking larger trip limits for multi day vessels  
(Traditional Bandit Boats)



## Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial)

I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

I support full time fisherman and what you all (SAFMC) call "traditional Bandit Boats". The use of multiple permits aboard one fishing vessel could give each and every vessel within the South Atlantic snapper grouper fishery the opportunity to catch what is needed for a profitable trip. This could potentially feed many families up and down the coast from NC to FL.

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# Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial)

I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

Hello I am for the removal of size limits for all deepwater species this will eliminate dead discards in that fishery. The Golden tilefish opening date is good where it is this is working currently for our fishery. Full time fisherman need to be put to rest they need bigger size limits to survive.

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I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

I work as a captain of a deep water species snapper grouper hardit boat. Over the past few years my pay checks are getting smaller and smaller. Something has got to change! I oppose catch shares but what about this permit stacking or multi day trip endorsement idea?

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Name: Capt. Phil Demers  
Too Fresh Fisheries Inc.

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- ① Remove deep water species size limits
- ② Do not change golden tile hook and line season or implement deep water species split season
- ③ Remove red porgy spawning closure and align with Bliner and trigger Split Season
- ④ Remove shallow water grouper spawning season closure
- ⑤ Almaco Jacks do not need trip limits
- ⑥ Amberjack is just fine with the march 1st opening do not change again

# Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial)

I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

- Yes, I agree that minimum size limits should be dropped for deepwater species.
- I am in favor of the split seasons for vermillion, Trigger, AJ etc where if Season A quota isn't met, it gets carried to season B, but won't carry to next year. I think that makes the most sense.
- For the areas I am diving (Boynton - Marathon) I feel the current closure on shallow water Grouper is working just fine. No need to close.

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I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

I am an American sea food consumer and I support the American  
fishery fleet. Full time fishermen (Traditional Bandit boats) keep a  
steady supply of sea food to the country. These fishermen and vessels  
have families to feed and bills to pay please do the right by these hard  
working Americans families I support Multiple trip limits for these multi day vessels  
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I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

I oppose the change in year date opening for <sup>Fishery</sup> Golden Tilefish  
Hook and Line!

I am for the removal of size limits on all deep water species.  
We the fishermen need higher trip limits for multi day trip  
boats. The limits are making it very tough for us to pay  
our bills.

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Name:

Tyler Hall

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I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

I support full time fisherman and any opportunity for  
them to make a better living and continuing to provide  
fresh local caught fish to the American consumer

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You must not change the golden tilefish opening date, you must remove size limits from all deepwater species. You must find a way to help or reward full time fisherman and multi-day trip fisherman they are the ones who support the seafood industry on the east coast.

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I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

I am opposed to any catch share system. Trip limits must be increased for the multi-day baited boat fleet not the hundreds of underproducing or inactive permits that are standing in the way of progress.

Open golden tile fish in September to assure the fall and winter fishery remains open

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I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

I am a fisherman, boat owner, and business man. The idea of "Permit Stacking" makes total sense to me. It gives fisherman the opportunity to expand their business for future success. This opportunity would allow every vessel within the snapper grouper fishing the ability to retain the amount of catch needed for a profitable business

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I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

I work at a land Based Commercial boat yard: full time Commercial boats keep me working all year around for the past 8 years. your rules and regulations don't just hurt the commercial fishermen it hurts a lot more people. It funnels down the line to a multitude of people and businesses I'm for anything that will help keep the traditional Bandit boats working the need larger

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trip limits to survive. From what I hear I'm in favor of Permit stacking  
in order to retain multiple limits on one trip

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I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

I am for removing red porgy spawning season Jan - April.

I am for split season red porgy to align with Bliner and Trigger

I am against Deep water species split season

I am against Amberjack split season

I am against Almaco Jack trip limits.

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comment

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I am against changing opening date for Hook and line  
Golden tilefish.

I am for removal of deepwater species size limit.

I am for removal of shallow water grouper spawning season.

I am for traditional bandit hunt permit stacking or  
Multi day trip endorsement.

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**MESSAGE:**

In Regulatory Amendment 27 you try to define the difference between a "traditional bandit multi-day boat" to a day boat by length. The real difference between the two is speed. A "day boat" is fast enough to go out to the fishing grounds and back in everyday or every other day and make multiple trips a week. A "traditional bandit" boat may take a quarter of a day to get to the fishing grounds so they stay for 2-5 days at a time to make one to maybe two trips for the week. If the fishing is good a "day boat" could unload a trip limit every day while a "traditional boat" usually unloads one or two trip limits/week. It would make more sense not to differentiate the two boats but to state how many trip limits can be offloaded per week. There are "day boats" that are 25-40'+ and there are "traditional bandit boats" that are 25-40'+. Trips per week would hurt the dayboats if they have a bad day or two and days at sea would hurt the traditional boats if they have a bad day or two. The best option would be to specify how many trip limits are allowed per week. That way a traditional boat can stay out for their trip to get their limit and a day boat can still work on their limit on a different day if they get skunked or have a bad day.

Captain Benjamin Peterson  
F/V Endangered Species



# Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial)

I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

I am a wholesale seafood dealer and I depend on full time fisherman  
AKA Traditional Bandit Boats. These vessels allow my business to have  
a consistent supply of the freshest products available. With out  
them my company and clients would suffer and have to turn to inferior  
products such as imports. Do what is right by them to help everybody  
for the greater good of the domestic American fishing fleet.

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## Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial)

I am a snapper-grouper fishery stakeholder. Here are my comments for the record:

Our restaurant strives to have the best quality domestic local wild caught sea food possible. We take great pride in our products and where they come from. With that said "traditional Bandit Boats" and full time fisherman keep quality products on our menu. These vessel's and company's support us, so we support

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anything that would be in their favor. Please keep these fisherman in business.

- Permit stacking ?
- Multi-Day trip endorsement ?
- Larger trip limits ?