



Visioning Amendment - Potential Actions

Survey Background

Background & Purpose:

In December 2016, Council members completed a survey that ranked different amendment approaches/topics to focus the development of a Visioning Amendment in 2016. Based on the results of the survey, the highest ranked approach/topic was **Fishery Seasonality/Retention**.

Additionally, Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 23/24 was put on hold in 2015 until the Vision Blueprint was complete. This draft regulatory amendment included several items that meet several of the short-term management strategies identified in the Vision Blueprint.

The purpose of this survey is to rank specific management strategies to include in a Visioning Amendment that would address **Fishery Seasonality/Retention and Sub-regional Approaches to Management**.

There are 4 questions and all require an answer. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes.



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Action Items to Address Retention

The action items listed below are short-term management strategies identified in the Vision Blueprint that address RETENTION in the snapper grouper fishery. The action items below match several of the Vision Blueprint themes related to providing access to the fishery and reducing discards. The purpose of the ranking exercise is to determine which strategies are the highest priority to include in a Visioning Amendment in 2016.

- * 1. Rank the following action items in order of preference from 1 to 6. A rank of 1 indicates your highest preference and a rank of 6 indicates your lowest preference.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial trip limits (Jacks complex, others?)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aggregate commercial trip limits
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aggregate recreational bag limits (deepwater species, others?)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Removal of size limits (deepwater species, others?)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retention of recreational bag limit on commercial trips (when commercial season is closed)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjustment of size limits (red grouper, others?)

- * 2. Are there other items that should be considered to address the Retention issues listed above? For example,

-other species/species complexes that would benefit from trip limits or aggregate trip/bag limits; OR
-changes to existing recreational aggregate bag limits or species within an aggregate; OR
-other types of actions that would address retention and improve access and reduce discards.

If you don't have any additional items, please indicate "No Additional Items" in the box below.



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Action Items to Address Seasonality

The action items listed below are short-term management strategies identified in the Vision Blueprint that address SEASONALITY in the snapper grouper fishery. The action items below match several of the themes from the Vision Blueprint including sub-regional management and access to the fishery as it relates to time and geographic area. The purpose of the ranking exercise is to determine which strategies are the highest priority to include in a Visioning Amendment in 2016.

- * 3. Rank the following action items in order of preference from 1 to 3. A rank of 1 indicates your highest preference and a rank of 3 indicates your lowest preference.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial split seasons (red pogy, any others?)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjustments to the shallow water grouper closure (spatial, duration, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change to the fishing year start date (commercial golden tilefish hook and line, any others?)

- * 4. Are there other items that should be considered to address the Seasonality issues listed above? For example,

-other species/species complexes that would benefit split seasons; OR

-adjustments to other seasonal closures; OR

-other types of actions that would address seasonality through sub-regional management and/or improved access to the fishery throughout the year.

If you don't have any additional items, please indicate "No Additional Items" in the box below.