



Council Visioning Project & October Workshop: *Update*

November 3-4, 2015

Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Meeting

Charleston, SC

MANAGEMENT -

Priority Objectives/ Strategies

(Objectives 1, 3 and 2 from Vision Blueprint)

Sub-regional Differences

- Quota-based management (state-by-state, etc.)
- Design elements for quota-based
- Non-quota-based management

Maximize Social/Economic Opportunity

- Profitable & efficient fishery-dependent businesses
- Recreational opportunity & trip satisfaction

Access to the Fishery

- Strategies addressing: retention; effort; seasonality; flexibility in setting Annual Catch Limits; alternative approaches

MANAGEMENT –Hot Topics

(From Council Member Visioning Workshop in order of priority)

1. Alternative approaches to managing traditional multi-day SG bandit boats (*permit stacking, voluntary catch shares, etc.*)
Consider a recreational stamp/license for the snapper grouper fishery
2. Manage effort/permits in the commercial and for-hire sectors (limited entry for for-hire)
3. Adjust the seasonal spawning closure for shallow water grouper
4. Measures to simplify regulations for both sectors
5. Allocation shifts for species not reaching OY
6. Set a fishing season at the beginning of the fishing year with known open and close dates
7. "Time out" period of no fishing for the recreational fishery
8. Evaluate the use of artificial reefs to improve fishery production
9. Species-specific quota-based management (*state-by-state, sub-regional management by species*)
10. Set regulations based on designated sub-regions (areas/zones)
11. Bag limit and trip limit adjustments (*step downs, smaller limits, establish limits, etc.*)
12. Use of ACT to minimize discards in the commercial sector
13. Evaluate the level of overcapitalization in the fishery (carrying capacity)

MANAGEMENT – *Priority Actions*

Objective 1 – Sub-regional differences

(From Council Member Visioning Workshop in order of priority)

1. Set regulations based on designated sub-regions (areas/zones), not on quota allocations
- Use staggered spawning season closures to address latitudinal differences in spawning activity
2. Species specific quota-based management (*state-by-state, sub-regional management by species*)
3. Different design elements for quota-based management systems (*quota transfer by region, average landings over time, criteria by species*)
4. Set state-by-state regulations for either sector
5. Different management elements for quota-based management systems (*allow landings/open/closures to be set by sub-region, sub-regions managed by effort*)
6. Set management boundaries based on the biogeography of the fishery (i.e., species or categories)
7. Apply sub-regional management strategies seasonally based on fish availability

MANAGEMENT – *Priority Actions*

Objective 2 – Access to the Fishery

(From Council Member Visioning Workshop in order of priority)

1.
 - Recreational stamp/license for the snapper grouper fishery
 - Implement a charter boat limit instead of a per person limit on charter trips
 - Evaluate the 2-for-1 permit requirement in the commercial sector
2. Alternative approaches to managing traditional multi-day SG bandit boats
3. Consider bag limit and trip limit adjustments
4. Re-evaluate the grouper aggregate and manage based on area
5.
 - Consider a recreational season for harvest of deepwater species by region
 - Expand the use of split seasons for the commercial fishery
6.
 - “Time-out” period of no fishing for the recreational fishery
 - Use multi-year ACLs that use blocks of years to manage the ACL for a species (multi-year catch specifications)
 - Evaluate retention of recreational bag limit when commercial season closed
7. Use adaptive management for almaco jack and rudderfish to slowly increase the ACL

MANAGEMENT – *Priority Actions*

Objective 3 – Maximize social/economic opportunity

(From Council Member Visioning Workshop in order of priority)

1. Effort control strategies that include
2. Predictability in for-hire business planning when making management decisions
3. Aggregate daily bag limit for the recreational sector
4. Consider diversity of harvest operations in the fishery when making management decisions
5. Options to establish permit bank to address new entrants
6. Consider non-traditional stakeholders/businesses when making management decisions
7. Number of days allowed to fish vs bag limits for the recreational sector

Applying the Vision Blueprint – *4 Approaches*

APPROACH # 1

Current/Future Amendments:

- *Use as a framework for evaluating current/future amendments*

APPROACH # 2

Comprehensive Amendment (1-objective):

- *Direction on comprehensive amendment focused on a single objective (based on priorities from survey results)*

APPROACH # 3

Comprehensive Amendment (Several actions)

- *Direction on comprehensive amendment focused on several priority actions (based on prioritization exercise)*

APPROACH # 4

Hot Topics Amendment:

- *Direction on amendment focused on hot topics that need addressed separately (based on prioritization exercise)*

Example Amendment Ideas

APPROACH # 4

Hot Topics Amendment:

- *Direction on amendment focused on hot topics that need addressed separately*

Recreational Fishing Stamp/License Amendment:

- Address development of a stamp for recreational fishermen harvesting snapper grouper species using actions such as,
 - *Potential fee structure*
 - *License management*

Traditional Multi-Day Bandit Boat Amendment:

- Address ways to manage this segment of the fishery using a variety of actions such as,
 - *Permit stacking*
 - *Multi-day trip endorsements*
 - *Voluntary sector or community shares*

Example Amendment Ideas

APPROACH # 3

Comprehensive Amendment (Several actions)

- *Direction on comprehensive amendment focused on several priority actions*

Fishery Seasonality/Retention Amendment:

- Address access to the fishery, sub-regional differences and some discard issues using actions such as,
 - *Seasons (spawning, by species, sub-regional, by sector)*
 - *Bag and trip limits (aggregates, daily/multi-day, etc.)*
 - *Size limits (deepwater species, etc.)*

Sector-Based Amendments:

- Address ways to manage for a specific sector across several objectives using sector specific actions such as,

Commercial -

- *Split seasons/start dates*
- *Trip limit adjustments*
- *Permit banks*

Recreational -

- *Bag limits (daily/aggregate)*
- *Seasons (staggered, time-out)*
- *Recreational stamp*
- *Limited entry for-hire sector*

Example Amendment Ideas

APPROACH # 2

Comprehensive Amendment (1-objective)

- *Direction on comprehensive amendment focused on a single objective*

Sub-regional Management Amendment:

- Address sub-regional differences in the fishery using actions such as,
 - *Species specific quota based management (state-by-state, etc.)*
 - *Staggered spawning season closure adjustments*
 - *Regulations set on specific sub-regions*