

Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Yellowtail Snapper Fishery Performance Report Discussion Questions October 2018

The Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel (AP) is being asked to provide information to develop a fishery performance report (FPR) for **yellowtail snapper**. The purpose of the FPR is to assemble information from AP members' experience and observations on the water and in the marketplace to complement scientific and landings data. The FPR will be provided to the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Socio-Economic Panel (SEP) to complement material being used in stock assessments for this species and to inform future management.

Questions for Advisory Panel:

The AP is asked to provide the following information about **yellowtail snapper** based on their expertise, as appropriate:

1) Catch levels over the past 5 years:

- When/where are the fish available, and has this changed?
- Has the size of the fish changed? If so, could you describe the change over the past five years?
- Have there been effort shifts to/from yellowtail snapper?
- What do you see in terms of discards in the commercial sector? In the recreational sector?

2) Social and economic influences:

- For the commercial sector, how has price and demand for yellowtail snapper changed?
- How has demand for charter/headboat trips targeting yellowtail snapper changed?
- What communities are dependent on the yellowtail snapper fishery?
- Have changes in infrastructure (docks, marinas, fish houses) affected fishing opportunities for yellowtail snapper?
- How have fishermen and communities adapted to changes in the yellowtail snapper fishery?
- How have recent hurricanes affected the fishery?

3) Management measures:

- Is the minimum size limit appropriate for the recreational sector?
- Is the minimum size limit appropriate for the commercial sector?
- Are there new measures that the Council should consider or existing measures that should be changed?

4) Environmental/ecological

- Have you perceived any unique effects of environmental conditions on yellowtail

snapper?

- What are your observations concerning the timing and length of the spawning season?
- Do you perceive that abundance has changed over the past five years? If so, how has it changed?
- What have you observed in terms of recruitment? Where are the small fish?

5) Other

- What else is important for the Council to know about yellowtail snapper?