

Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel

Golden Tilefish Fishery Performance Report Discussion Questions

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The Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel (AP) is being asked to provide information to develop a fishery performance report (FPR) for **golden tilefish**. The purpose of the FPRs is to assemble information from AP members' experience and observations on the water and in the marketplace to complement scientific and landings data. The FPRs 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 golden tilefish and to inform future management.

Questions for Advisory Panel:

The AP is asked to provide the following information about **golden tilefish** 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 golden tilefish?
- 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 golden tilefish changed?
- How has demand for charter/headboat trips targeting deep-water species changed?
- What communities are dependent on the golden tilefish fishery?
- Have changes in infrastructure (docks, marinas, fish houses) affected fishing opportunities for golden tilefish?
- How have fishermen and communities adapted to changes in the golden tilefish fishery?
- How have recent hurricanes affected the fishery?

3) Management measures:

- Should trip limits be adjusted? If so, how?
- How has the use of buoy gear affected the fishery?
- 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 golden tilefish?

- What are your observations concerning the timing and length of the spawning season for golden tilefish?
- 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 golden tilefish?