



# Amendment 52

## Golden Tilefish and Blueline Tilefish

### Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel April 2022

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#### Background - Golden Tilefish

- SEDAR 66 was completed in 2020 including recreational landings estimates using the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Fishing Effort Survey (FES).
- The stock is no longer experiencing overfishing and is not overfished.
- The Council is re-evaluating post season accountability measures for the recreational sector and modifications to recreational management measures.

An application providing an overview of the blueline tilefish fishery, including management history, landings, and assessment information, can be found here: [https://safmc-shinyapps.shinyapps.io/SA\\_FisheryDataBluelineTilefish/](https://safmc-shinyapps.shinyapps.io/SA_FisheryDataBluelineTilefish/)



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#### Background - Blueline Tilefish

- In the last six years, landings of blueline tilefish in the South Atlantic have often exceeded the sector and total ACLs. Overages of the recreational ACL have been particularly large.
- The Council is re-evaluating the post season accountability measure for the recreational sector and modification to recreational management measures.

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### Timeline

June 2021	Receive SSC comments and recommendations on SEDAR 66
December 2021	Review AP comments and options paper, and approve for scoping
February 2022	Conduct scoping hearings
March 2022	Review scoping comments and provide guidance to staff
<b>April 2022</b>	<b>AP input on developing amendment</b>
June 2022	Review modifications to the amendment, review AP input, select preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings
July/August 2022	Conduct public hearings
September 2022	Review public comment and approve all actions
December 2022	Review final draft amendment and consider approval for formal review
2023	Regulations effective



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**Action 1. Revise the golden tilefish acceptable biological catch, total annual catch limit, and annual optimum yield**

Alternatives	ABC, Total ACL and Annual OY	Annual OY
Alternative 1 (No Action)	ACL=OY=current ABC	MRIP-CHTS
Alternative 2	<b>ACL=OY=updated ABC</b>	<b>MRIP-FES</b>
Alternative 3	ACL=OY=95% updated ABC	MRIP-FES
Alternative 4	ACL=OY=90% updated ABC	MRIP-FES



# Golden Tilefish

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**Preferred Alternative 2.**

<b>Year</b>	<b>ABC (lbs gw)</b>	<b>Annual OY (lbs gw)</b>	<b>Total ACL (lbs gw)</b>
2022	418,000	418,000	418,000
2023	435,000	435,000	435,000
2024	448,000	448,000	448,000
2025	458,000	458,000	458,000
2026+	466,000	466,000	466,000





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#### Action 2. Revise sector allocations and sector annual catch limits for golden tilefish

Alternatives	Commercial / Recreational Allocation	Basis for allocation: Sector annual catch limit = ((mean landings 2006-2008)*0.5) + ((mean landings 1986-2008)*0.5)
Alternative 1 (No Action)	97% / 3%	MRIP-CHTS
Alternative 2	<b>96.7% / 3.3%</b>	<b>MRIP-FES</b>

Note: The Council is not considering any change to the allocation between commercial hook and line and longline sectors.



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**Action 2. Revise sector allocations and sector annual catch limits for golden tilefish**

**Preferred Alternative 2.**

Year	Total ACL= ABC	Commercial ACL (lbs gw) (96.7% of Total ACL)			Recreational ACL (numbers of fish) (3.3% of Total ACL)
		Total	HL (25%)	LL (75%)	
2022	418,000	404,206	101,052	303,155	3,114
2023	435,000	420,645	105,161	315,484	3,240
2024	448,000	433,216	108,304	324,912	3,337
2025	458,000	442,886	110,722	332,165	3,412
2026+	466,000	450,622	112,656	337,967	3,471





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#### **Action 3. Modify the fishing year for commercial golden tilefish hook and line and longline sectors**

**Alternative 1 (No Action).** Do not modify the fishing year for the commercial hook and line or commercial longline sectors. Current fishing year for both sectors is January 1- December 31.

**Alternatives 2-4.** Hook and line sector start January 15, January 22, OR February 1.

**Alternatives 5-7.** Longline sector start January 15, January 22, OR February 1.

***AP Input:*** *Should fishing years be modified for commercial sectors and are there recommended preferred alternatives or other start times that should be considered?*





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**Action 4. Establish an incidental trip limit allowance for the golden tilefish longline sector once the longline quota is caught.**

**Alternative 1 (No Action).** Do not establish an incidental trip allowance for the longline sector once the longline quota of golden tilefish is caught. After the commercial ACL for the longline component is reached or projected to be reached, golden tilefish may not be fished for or possessed by a vessel with a golden tilefish longline endorsement.

**Alternatives 2-4.** Establish a 100 lbs., 150lbs. OR 200 lbs. incidental trip limit.

***AP Input:*** *Should an incidental trip limit allowance for the longline sector be considered and if so, is there a recommended preferred alternative or other level?*



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#### Action 5. Modify post-season recreational accountability measures for golden tilefish.

Post Season AMs		
	Trigger	Accountability Measure
<b>Alternative 1 (No action)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreational landings exceed the recreational ACL</li> <li>Golden tilefish is overfished;</li> <li>Combined commercial and recreational ACL is exceeded in the same calendar year.</li> </ul> <p><b>All triggers must be met.</b></p>	Recreational landings will be monitored, and the length of the recreational fishing season and the recreational ACL will be reduced by the amount of the recreational ACL overage
<b>Alternative 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreational landings exceed the recreational ACL</li> </ul>	Recreational landings will be monitored, and the length of the recreational fishing season and the recreational ACL will be reduced by the amount of the recreational ACL overage
<b>Alternative 3</b>	NMFS will annually announce the recreational fishing season start and end. The fishing season will start on (date) and end on the date National Marine Fisheries Service projects the recreational annual catch limit will be met.	

*AP Input: Should postseason recreational accountability measures be modified?*



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#### **Action 6. Modify blueline tilefish recreational bag limit.**

**Alternative 1 (No Action).** The current recreational blueline tilefish bag limit is 3 per person per day. Captains and crew of for-hire vessels with valid Federal South Atlantic Charter/Headboat Snapper Grouper Permits are allowed to retain bag limit quantities of all snapper grouper species during the open recreational season.

**Alternative 2.** 2 fish per person per day.

**Alternative 3.** 1 fish per person per day.

**Alternative 4.** Do not allow retention by captain and crew.

***AP Input:*** *Should the recreational blueline tilefish bag limit be modified and is there a recommended preferred alternative?*



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#### **Action 7. Modify blueline tilefish recreational season.**

**Alternative 1 (No Action).** Do not modify the blueline tilefish recreational season. The current recreational season is May 1-August 31.

**Alternative 2.** May 1 through July 30.

**Alternative 3.** June 1 through August 31.

**Alternative 4.** May 1 through June 30.

**Alternative 5.** July 1 through August 31.

**Alternative X.** Establish regional fishing seasons.

***AP Input:*** *Should the blueline tilefish recreational season be modified and is there a recommended preferred alternative or other timeframe that should be considered?*



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#### Action 8. Modify post-season recreational accountability measures for blueline tilefish.

Post Season AMs		
	Trigger	Accountability Measure
<b>Alternative 1 (No action)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreational landings exceed the recreational ACL</li> <li>Blueline tilefish is identified as overfished;</li> <li>The combined commercial and recreational ACL is exceeded in the same calendar year.</li> </ul> <p><b>All triggers must be met.</b></p>	Recreational landings will be monitored, and the length of the recreational fishing season and the recreational ACL will be reduced by the amount of the recreational ACL overage
<b>Alternative 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreational landings exceed the recreational ACL</li> </ul>	Recreational landings will be monitored, and the length of the recreational fishing season and the recreational ACL will be reduced by the amount of the recreational ACL overage
<b>Alternative 3</b>	NMFS will annually announce the recreational fishing season start and end. The fishing season will start on (date) and end on the date National Marine Fisheries Service projects the recreational annual catch limit will be met.	

*AP Input: Should postseason recreational accountability measures be modified?*