



Amendment 53 Gag Grouper Snapper Grouper AP April 2022

- Timeline

June 2021	Reviewed SEDAR 71 results and direct staff to begin a plan amendment
October 2021	Advisory Panel review / SSC recommended ABC
December 2021	Reviewed options/scoping paper, provided guidance to staff, and approved the amendment for scoping
February 2022	Conduct scoping
March 2022	Review scoping comments, and provide guidance to staff
April 2022	Advisory Panel review
June 2022	Review draft amendment and provide guidance to staff
September 2022	Review modifications to the amendment, select preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings
Fall 2022	Conduct public hearings
December 2022	Review public hearing comments and approve all actions
March 2023	Review final amendment and approval for final review





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- Current Actions/Options

- Establish a rebuilding plan

Option	Rebuilding Timeframe	Terminal Year
Option 1 (no change)	0 years	NA
Option 2	T_{\min} , 7 Years	2029
Option 3	T_{\max} , 10 Years	2032

- ABC/ACL/OY

Option	ABC, total ACL, annual OY	Recreational landings data used
Option 1 (No Action)	ACL=OY=current ABC	MRIP-CHTS
Option 2	ACL=OY=updated ABC	MRIP-FES
Option 3	ACL=OY=95% updated ABC	MRIP-FES
Option 4	ACL=OY=90% updated ABC	MRIP-FES



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3. Sector Allocations

Option	Recreational/Commercial Allocation	Basis for Allocation
Option 1 (no change)	49%/51%	Landings distribution 1999-2003 used in Amendment 16
Option 2	63.63%/36.37%	Updated landings distribution 1999-2003
Option 3	56.94%/43.06%	Allocation Formula
Option 4		
Option 4a	Changes each year depending on initial decrease and subsequent increases in ACL	Spilt reduction in landings in year 1 based on average landings from 2017-2019, split poundage increase each year thereafter
Option 4b	Changes each year depending on initial decrease and subsequent increases in ACL	Spilt reduction in landings in year 1 based on average landings from 2016-2020, split poundage increase each year thereafter



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4. Modify commercial management measures

Option	Trip Limit	Spawning Season
Option 1 (no change)	1,000 lbs gw until 75% of the commercial ACL is met then 500 lbs gw	Jan 1 - May 1
Option 2 (Reduce the commercial trip limit)		
Option 2a	200 lbs gw	
Option 2b	300 lbs gw	
Option 2c	400 lbs gw	
Option 2d	500 lbs gw	
Option 4 (Modify the commercial spawning season closure)		
Option 4a		Jan 1 - May 31, one additional month in the spring
Option 4b		Dec 1 - May 1, one additional month in the winter
Option 4c		Dec 1 - May 31, two additional months. One in the winter and one in the spring.



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5. Modify recreational management measures

Option	Bag Limit	Spawning Season
Option 1 (no change)	1 fish/person/day no vessel limit	Jan 1 - May 1
Option 2* (Establish a vessel limit for all rec. vessels)		
Option 2b	2 fish/vessel/day for all rec vessels	
Option 2d	4 fish/vessel/day for all rec vessels	
Option 2f	6 fish/vessel/day for all rec vessels	
Option 5 (Modify spawning season closure)		
Option 5a		Jan 1 - May 31, one additional month in the spring
Option 5b		Dec 1 - May 1, one additional month in the winter
Option 5c		Dec 1-May 31, two additional months. One in the winter, one in spring





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6. Modify accountability measures

	In-Season AM		Post-Season AM	
	Triggers	AM	Triggers	AM
Option 1 (no change)	Recreational landings exceed/expected to exceed recreational ACL	Current recreational season closes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recreational landings exceed/expected to exceed recreational ACLTotal ACL exceededStock is overfished *All triggers must be present for AM to occur	Recreational landings are monitored during the following year and if necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recreational ACL for the following year reduced by the recreational overageRecreational season for the following year is reduced to ensure the recreational ACL is not exceeded
Option 2	NMFS will annually announce the recreational fishing season start and end dates			
Option 3	NONE		Recreational landings exceed recreational ACL	Recreational season for the following year is reduced by the amount necessary to prevent the recreational ACL from being exceeded
Option 4	NONE		Recreational landings exceed recreational ACL OR total ACL is exceeded *No longer tied to stock status	Recreational season for the following year is reduced by the amount necessary to prevent the recreational ACL from being exceeded

