

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, andapproved 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

1. 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

2. ABC/ACL/OY

Option	ABC, total ACL, annualOY	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



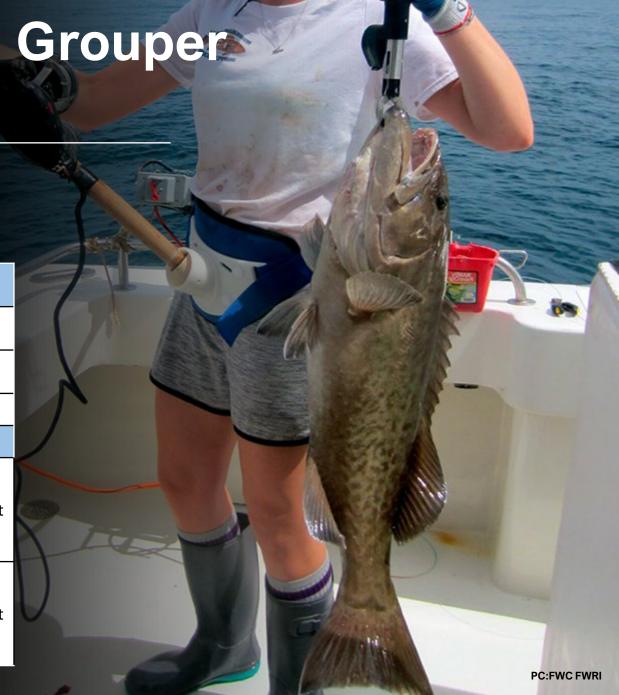


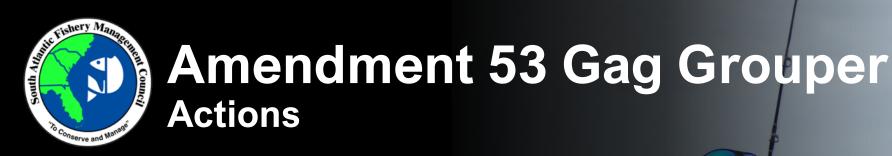
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3. Sector Allocations

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	

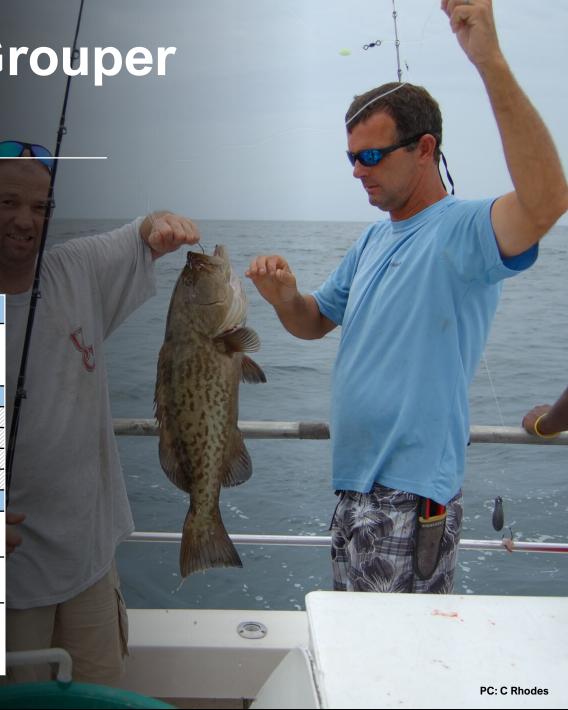




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4. Modify commercial management measures

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 commercia	l 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 spawn	ing 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 seas	on 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	Recreational landings exceed/expected toexceed recreational ACL Total ACLexceeded Stock isoverfished *All triggers mustbe present for AMto occur	Recreational landings are monitored during the following year and if necessary: • Recreational ACL forthe following year reduced by the recreational overage • Recreational season for the following year isreduced 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 ACLOR total ACL is exceeded *No longer tied tostock status	Recreational season for the following year is reduced by the amount necessary to prevent the recreational ACL from being exceeded

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