

Amendment 32: Blueline Tilefish Recreational Trip Limit Analysis

Requested analyses for Action 2.6 Establish Management Measures for Blueline Tilefish for the Recreational Sector, Alternatives 3 and 4. Alternative 3 includes a bag limit of one blueline tilefish per person per day, while Alternative 4 is for one blueline tilefish per vessel per day. Additional analyses of 3, 5 and 6 blueline tilefish per vessel were explored. The ABC used for all analyses was 36,359 lb ww. The recreational sector gets 49.93% of the ABC (18,154 lb ww). All results are in pounds whole weight. The bag and vessel limit analyses produced a total fishing season length and the predicted end date for the season.

The analyses were compiled using trip level information from the 2012 recreational data, since completed 2013 data was not yet available. Recreational catch effort data were generated from the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS) and Headboat Survey (HBS) data sources. Landings data were generated from Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) and HBS data sources.

	Projected Closure date	Projected Days Open
No Limits	5/22	142
Bag limit: 1	8/21	233
Vessel Limit: 1	12/31	365
Vessel Limit: 3	12/31	365
Vessel Limit: 5	12/31	365
Vessel Limit: 6	12/8	342

