

March 3, 2009

Duane Harris, Chair
South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201
North Charleston, SC 29405

Dear Mr. Harris,

We are writing to respectfully request your consideration of a catch shares (LAP) program for the South Atlantic snapper grouper fishery. Our fishery is in trouble, and we are very concerned about the upcoming closures and potentially significantly reduced total allowable catches/ annual catch limits.

Catch shares are in place in the Gulf of Mexico and elsewhere in the United States and around the world. We are hearing more and more from these fishermen that catch shares are working. Fishermen are catching less fish and making more money, are freed from much of the "red tape" associated with traditional management measures.

Whether voluntary or not, we want to see a catch shares program considered and analyzed for all 73 species in the snapper grouper fishery to improve the economics of the fishery and ease other restrictions, to the extent possible, such as season closures or large area closures. We are all good stewards of the resource and want to see healthy fishery and a thriving commercial industry. We think catch shares is the way to end overfishing while still being able to make a living as commercial fishermen.

We understand that a Snapper Grouper LAP Workgroup met over a year period and developed recommendations for a snapper grouper catch shares program. We urge the Council to revisit the final Workgroup report for guidance and initial fishermen input on design.

To this end, at the June 2009 Council meeting, we would like the full Council to consider a snapper grouper limited access privilege program (LAP) amendment to begin development and analysis of catch shares for the snapper grouper fishery.

Thank you for your immediate consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Buzyn

The below signatories all participate in the snapper grouper fishery (permit owners, vessel owners, captain, crew, dealers, etc)

Full Name Role in the Snapper Grouper Fishery City, State Phone Number

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owner Boats

Matthew Eruby ^{owner} Bandit Little River SC. 843-982-4734

Rebecca McGinn ^{owner} 3 Boats snapper/grouper bandit/longliner Little River SC 843-249-1800

A.S. McGinn Dealer 4492 Wake Forest Little River SC 843-249-9868

Richard Chesney ^{owner} fisherman bandit/king marker Little River SC. 843-421-2974

Robert S. Hood - own 3 boats Wilmington NC
Walker Cull

Chris Long/Chu ^{Boat owner / operate 1 BOAT} MAY thru Sept Snapper Grouper + TRAP SEA BASS / charter 4 months

DANNY JUEL ^{own 2 Bandit King + mac sea bass} 2 Boats - history 30 yrs. Fish Scrammer II-III

William J Long Bandit Danny Juel 843-446-1913

* Dennis Long Jr. ^(longline) CAPT (Bandit) Little River SC. 843-249-1800

Reginald P Simmons ^(longline) (Bandit) Little River SC 843-249-1800

David Roskoph (Bandit) Carol Ann Little River, SC

James Vereen ^{Boat} (Bandit) - Warrior III - Little River, SC

LARRY SMITH
Chris Beasly
Larry Smith (Bandit) "Crested C" Little River

Chris Beasly Crested C

Sam Grant Sam Grant ^{Longline} Bandit Fish Little River

Don Duan Don Duan Bandit fishing NMB SC

MICHAEL DYER BANDIT/LONGLINE LITTLE RIVER SC

Neal Pennington JR. BANDIT (1513 SC) (Little River)

Bobby Zorn BANDIT 1467 Myrtle Beach SC.

Ronald Pott

Kathleen Siler local seafood consumer 1369 Idlewild lane LR. SC 29566 249-8671

Kenneth Siler - local seafood consumer 1369 Idlewild lane 249-8671 LR. SC 29566

Lawrence C Long III 3rd Generation fishing Family 843-249-2901

Brenda Joyce Long wife of Commercial Fisherman (843) 249-1379 Little River S.C. 29566

Ronnie Noble 1557 Watson Ave - SC 843 457 6353 Little River. 29566

I maintain the Boats and Bocks

NEAL T. Pennington Commercial Fisherman
PLEASE GOD BLESS

Rocky Jenkins 2230 Hwy Little River SC

Mickey Howe 920 Hwy 57 Little River SC

Scott Mc Gowan MDI Seafood Center 4-2109 903-2011-770

Dean Roberts Capt Jub Hummel Restaurant

Art Thuanh Dock worker Little River S.C

Cynthia L Sturants Commercial fishermans wife & Dock Master Little River 843-205-1246 843-249-9292

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SHON JUEL Shayuel	LITTLE RIVER SC	843-249-1800	Capt Bandit + Long Line
Tommy W Singleton Long W Singleton	N. MYRTLE BEACH S.C	843-455-0875	Bandit CAPT SMOKE
Howard Dale Smith III	N. Myrtle Beach S.C	843. 249-1400	Bandit Fish
Mitchell A. Tootle-Mitchell A. Tootle	Rt. 1 Box 1160 Townsend, Ga.	(712) 832-2993	Bandit - long liner
Marc B Franiz Marc Franiz	4345 Baldwin Ave Little River SC		Bandit/longline
Ronald A. Patter Patter	Little River, S.C.	843-249-1800	Bandit Fishing
Bruce F. Patterly Bruce Patterly	Little River S.C.	843-249-1800	Bandit Fishing
Bruce Springs Bruce Springs	South port N.C.	910-515-2604	Bandit Fishing
CARL BROWN Carl Brown	N. MYRTLE BEACH S.C.	252-256-0789	BANDIT FISHING
Richard Long R. Long	Little River SC	29566	Bandit + Sea Bass Trap
Robert Jones Sr	Little river	SC 29566	Bandit + trapper
Robert Banta A	Little River SC		BEASTIK CHARACTERS & COMMERCIAL KIM

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CLIFFORD SCOTT	BOAT CAPTAIN OWNER	7438 MOWRY ST. JAX FL.	904 32256 268-729
JIMMIE L. JONES	BOAT OWNER	2325 TAYLOR RD. CAYCE SC	803 29033 7675169
Andy McGraw	Capt.	616 First St Garden City	843-492 6902
Jimmy Ortugas	CAPT.	617-Sparrow D. S.W. SIDE S.C.	238-0834
RICIE SKIMMEL	BOAT OWNER	PO Box 2628 MISC	843 340-1772
William P. Conklin	BOAT OWNER	CJR CIG INC & MURRIS INLET.	843-751-1437
<i>[Signature]</i>	" "	BASS. INC. 206 E. Pulaski DR.	803-742-1887
<i>[Signature]</i>	" "	206 E. Pulaski DR.	803-942-1882
Darrett Winerett	BOAT OWNER	721 CYPRESS DR SURFSIDE BEACH	843-283-06
Steve <i>[Signature]</i>	CREW	721 CYPRESS DR SURFSIDE BEACH SC	
Tim <i>[Signature]</i>	CAPT	4621 LOMAX CT MURRELLS INLET SC	843-283-06
Robert A. Dean	BOAT OWNER	5455 Huntington Marsh Rd Murrells Inlet SC	29576
John Andrew Joseph	MATE	6612 WINTERGREEN PT MYRTLE BEACH SC	29588
John W. Davis	BOAT OWNER	RD. Box 88 Murrells Inlet SC	29572
Jeffrey Dollar	MATE	PAULEY IS. SC. 29555	
<i>[Signature]</i>	Fish house	1 CANNON ST. Georgetown SC	29440
Robert <i>[Signature]</i>	BOAT OWNER	4974 Hwy 17 Murrells Inlet SC	29576