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FLORIDA SALTWATER ANGLERS

We urge the SAFMC to adopt the following positions:

Amendment 20A Wreckfish ITQs

The current ban on recreational landings of Wreckfish must be lifted and there must be established a recreational fishery with a fair share of the annual catch. The commercial fishery consists of only 7 -8 fishermen and the continued protection of these to the detriment of the recreational anglers must stop.

Action 1. Define and revert inactive shares

We support Alternative 1: No Action. Do not define or revert inactive shares for redistribution. This alternative simply places the total fishery in the hands of the chosen few.

Action 2. Redistribute reverted shares to remaining shareholders

We support Alternative 1: No Action. Do not redistribute reverted shares.

Action 3. Establish a share cap

We support Alternative 2: Establish share cap as 15% of the total shares. No one person should be allowed to catch 49% of any total fishery, especially when thousands of recreational anglers are totally excluded.

Action 4. Establish an appeals process

There should not be a transferrable quota for any fishery and therefore we support Alternative 1.

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