

(Amendment 60 - long line provision)

These are pictures **(see attachments)** of our leaders in different states of use. To store long term we bundle in 100 count bundles, short term storage is on deck hanging from a monofilament line for a rack (unbaited) , we normally always rebait all hooks during our haul back and store in baskets of about 500 plus leaders per basket. At the end of a trip leaders are zip tied in baskets and go in to fish totes to be stored in the fish hold. Once at the dock they are transferred into a freezer for long term storage.

The entire process of baiting our hooks takes about 4 hrs. Especially if they are in 100 hook bundles. There is always tangles and a mess to contend with. Is a daunting task to say the least but once it's done and organized you can maintain it and keep the process rolling.

There is no possible way to easily store unbaited hooks below deck during a trip in order to change gear types. **(2.2 Action 2)** is not a viable action as written in **alternative 2, 3, and 4.**

Within the South Atlantic Snapper Grouper fishery there are only 22 Golden Tilefish Long Line Endorsements and currently only about 7 vessels are fishing. We have lack of effort due to lack of skilled labor, captain's and crews of this specific fishery are aging out. The next generation of fisherman do not want to work this hard. The cost to get into this fishery and expenses are astronomical. A decent vessel and permits will run you over \$500k and trip expenses with rising expenses such as fuel, oil, bait, tackle, cable, grocery, etc etc. Runs upwards and over \$5000.00 to leave the dock.

This gear type is really only viable for large pieces of bottom and is perfect for deep water species. It is not very effective for small areas such as rocky bottoms or ledges for Grouper and snapper. A skilled angler with a bandit or electric reel would be way more effective and profitable. It's also a much cheaper way to fish and you can dial in on small areas. Deploying the long line is a commitment not everyone is willing to take.

Long story short the most practical way to manage the issue of switching gear types in order to be more efficient within a trip, be able to bring in multiple species, and have other options/avenues if one gear type or species is not cooperating that particular

day.

We already have rules and regulations in place for the gear type long line. Depth contours (50 fathoms/ 300 ft). Spacial closure (27' 10 line south) and a lot of MPA's, SMZ's, HAPCC, etc etc.

Long line is an authorized gear type for the snapper grouper FMP. We need to remove the species limitations and make it legal to retain all species within the Snapper grouper FMP. This is the simplest and easiest way for law enforcement as well. Closed zones and depth is the only regulations we need.

This is the only thing that makes sense to me and you have to remember there is only a handful of snapper grouper long line vessels from FL to NC. Look into the Gulf of Mexico and see how they manage their bottom line vessels. We need to get it together and keep this fishery alive.

If we're not gonna do this the correct way I would have to go with NO ACTION because we're wasting our time and efforts talking about it. None of these few vessels left are going to go through all that for the few fish were aloud to catch. (VMS, check in check out, call in, etc. Etc.)

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any further questions. I would be happy to talk. Hopefully I wasn't too long winded, but I would really like to see a future within the snapper grouper fishery for both commercial and recreational fishing.

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(Email #2 amendment 60)

Please attached 3 pictures of leaders in freezer at the dock. Stored and ready to go for next trip.

On another note not included in email #1 the gangions/leaders for a bottom long line are pretty much exactly the same as for the snapper grouper FMP gear type buoy gear. Just something to think about. OLE could possibly and easily confuse the too. This could possibly lead to problems as well.

Sent from my Galaxy























