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Good morning folks. My name is Patrick Magrady. As you can see by my signature I live in Ponce Inlet FL. I fish out of here and Port Canaveral. Before the closures I fished for Snapper and grouper. Since the closures my fishing has been confined to the lesser bottom species like vermillion snapper and sea bass. While I don't get out as often as I did before the closures, I do have feel for the health of the fishery.

I wish to make the following comments:
Amendment 15

Action 1. Revise Annual Catch Limit (ACL) and Optimum Yield (OY) for Yellowtail Snapper
I support Alternative 2. For yellowtail snapper, establish ACL = OY = ABC.
Commercial ACL = 1,596,510
Recreational ACL = 1,440,990
Recreational ACT = 1,253,661
This alternative is the best of the given alternatives but is not

Action 2. Yellowtail Snapper: Commercial and Recreational Fishing Year and Commercial Spawning Season Closure
I support Alternative 1 (No Action). Retain the calendar year as the commercial and recreational fishing year for yellowtail snapper. Do not establish a spawning season closure for the commercial sector for yellowtail snapper.

Action 3. Gag and Shallow Water Groupers: Commercial Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures - Reduce adverse socioeconomic effects to fishermen and fishing communities that utilize the shallow water grouper portion of the snapper grouper fishery.
I oppose this in that the highest and best use of the resource is in allowing the recreational anglers to have a year round fishery. The data clearly shows that recreational anglers landings produce many

multiples of revenue per pound of fish landed over commercial landings and thus expanding the recreational sector would best help the communities.