My name is Dave Megregian I live in Merritt Island, FL. I primarily fish out of Port Canaveral. I have been fishing for over 40 years. In my time fishing in the waters off of central Florida, I had observed the fish population decline of the 80's. However, I have never seen such a rebound as we have had over the past 20 years. Our entire offshore fish population is thriving. I would encourage responsible fisheries management.

I wish to make the following comments:

Amendment 28

Action 1. Red Snapper: ACLs, AMs, and Fishing Seasons

Alternative 1 – No Action
This alternative is unacceptable in that it perpetuates the past errors made in the data calculations.

Sub-alternative 2c. Two previous year's ratio.
I support this alternative

Alternative 3. Establish commercial fishing seasons.
I oppose this alternative in that there should not be commercial exploitation of the resource until there is a sustainable recreational year round fishery

Alternative 4. Establish recreational fishing seasons.
I support (pick one)
Sub-alternative 4a. The recreational season will begin at 12:01 A.M. on the second Friday in July.
Sub-alternative 4b. The recreational season will begin at 12:01 A.M. on the first Friday in August.

Alternative 5. Eliminate the red snapper commercial and recreational 20-inch TL minimum size limit.
I support this alternative

Alternative 6. Establish a red snapper commercial trip limit.
I oppose this alternative in that there should not be commercial exploitation of the resource until there is a sustainable recreational year round fishery, however if there is to be a commercial trip limit it should be 6a 25 lb. gutted weight.

Alternative 7. Establish a red snapper recreational bag limit of one fish per person per day.
I agree with this alternative

Sincerely,
Dave Megregian