Hello,

My name is Captain Henry Hauch, I live in East Central Florida, and I primarily fish out of Port Canaveral. I have been fishing for 37 years in this region. The
health of the fisheries we see now, particularly in ARS and BSB rivals or even exceeds those seen nearly 4 decades ago, before years of decline. Its past the
time to allow access to our resource on what has been a decade of tremendous growth. While data collection remains fundamentally flawed, particulary on
the recreational side, with participant numbers remaining a likely 3 1/2 to 4 times overestimated, we still see a healthy and continually growing fishery.
Reguarding Amendment 28, 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

Thank You for your consideration,
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