Not in reference to Amendment 13 in particular but I wanted to have my opinion on record for the council.

My name is David Everhart, Captain of the F/V Heat Seaker, Owner of a Federal Snapper/Grouper permit as well as King Mackeral, Spanish, Dolphin/Wahoo, and I support and propose the council consider trip limits to keep the seasons open year round. Obviously some trip limits are in place. I personally feel like trip limits should be revised to keep fishermen at work. I certainly would love to be able to make a trip this week and have 500lbs grouper, 500 trigger, 500 beeliner, 500 bass. I support a smaller trip limit on grouper, beeliners, triggers, bass, Jack complex etc. to keep the seasons open and together we can make a decent trip out of it. 1500lbs is to much for the Beeliner trip limit. Thats why it closed in just a few weeks. Same with bass, and triggers. 1000lbs is to much for the Gag trip limit. Interesting that one of the only bottom species open now is Pinkies and there has been a 120 head trip limit on them for years. How about a 25 gag grouper limit per trip 1000lbs total grouper, 500lb limit on beeliners, 500lb bass limit maybe more if you have a pot endorsement. 500lbs Jack Complex limit.

Please SAFMC tighten the trip limits and keep us fishing next year!

Respectfully,

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