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**Subject:** FW: Dewey Hemilright -Commercial Subcommittee -2/1 permit comments and data request ?  
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Hi Kim and Myra,

I got the following emailed comment from Dewey for the SG Commercial Sub-Committee. Can this be forwarded on to the Sub-Committee (Jessica, Kerry, Tim, Amy, Jimmy, Charlie, Trish, and Andy [with Rick Devictor CC'd])?

Thanks,

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**From:** Francis Hemilright <fvtarbaby@embarqmail.com>  
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Mike,  
Please forward on to Subcommittee and other's involved.  
Thanks  
Dewey

Chair McCawley and members,

In 1999 over 25 years ago Amendment 8 went into effect the 2/1 commercial S/G permit fishery and fishermen reduction

With the 2/1 a Corporate S/G1 permit are only need one permit for entry into the S/G fishery and with a Non-Cooperate S/G1 any new entry into the S/G fishery needs to purchase two and relinquish one to fish.

Presently Fishermen with Non-Cooperate SG/1 that want to exit the fishery, retire, age's out or dies[what can family do] from S/G fishing are unable to do

so because of 1999 regulation that's affecting both one's exit or any new entrances into the S/G fishery cost of entrance.

This needs to change and allow for single permit holders with non- corporate to sell and exit the S/G fishery.

If this was to happen there needs to be limitations or certain number [limit] of SAFMC S/G permits one individual, LLC or shareholder etc. can hold.

As far as new entry if one is looking to get into a S/G permit it could be for few reasons why with three reasons that come to mind,

a. enter the with S/G permit fishery to make a living which very difficult these days.

b. buy S/G permits to broker, lease or sell to public [speculate] so to speak.

c. buy S/G permit to be able to possess the commercial trip limit even if not selling fish or not sure if have to report if not selling ? [which is not what's wanted]

1-question does vessel that possesses a commercial S/G permit need the CG doc or State lic numbers be displayed on side of the vessel? what is the regs for that?

In September 2021 the Snapper/Grouper 2/1 permit provision Discussion Paper page.4, table 2 and table 3 needs to be updated and added in with SA-S/G Commercial Sub-Committee Landing Information Doc. June 2025 page 7, Table 4

2-We need to see the total number of vessels with S/G permit from 2020 thru 2024 separated by SG1 unlimited with Corporate and Singles and along with SG 2 ?

The 5 yr avg. permitted vessel that Landed in S/G from 2015 to 2019 is 556 vessels from Sept 2021 paper to 5 yr avg. 2020 to 2024 drops to 449 vessels a drop of 107 vessel in 5 years. continues steady decline

These Two presentations one Sept 2021 other to be presented to SAFMC June

2025 are only continues confirmation of what many in the S/G fishery have known along with SAFMC, SERO who have continued to document the state of steady decline with permit and landings presentations.

The 1999 Amendment 8 2/1 Commercial S/G permit fishery and fishermen reduction needs to be rescinded it's done it's deed and harm.

Thanks  
Dewey Hemilright