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Subject: FW: Dewey Hemilright comments for SAFMC Commercial S/G Subcommittee meeting
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A second comment for the Sub-Committee, from Dewey as well.

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Mike,
Please forward this to Subcommittee members, and other's involved.
Thanks
Dewey

Chair Mccawley & Sub-Committee member's,

After reviewing the Commercial Snapper Grouper Landings Analyses June 2025 it is very informative on the state of the SAFMC Snapper/Grouper with valid permits, efforts of trips by states and **landing with top ten listing by species.**

I have some comments and request if the Sub-committee see's fit for additional analysis to be done ,that would provide clearer picture of the SAFMC S/G fishery for which a better informed decisions.

1- What continue's to be the issue with getting data from SERO that needed for Council to do its work? Seems this issue has been going on for a few years,

Could someone ask for an update and to when this issue will be resolved/fixed ? so we can understand

2. page 9 FIGURE 3 single day and multi-day trips by year 19/23 by state

There needs to additional data with adding the top ten species in table 1 with pounds landed for all state's both for single days and multi-days trips. with exception for confidentiality. This would show what each state landings of the top 10 species for trips both single day and multi-day are and would go back further for total of 10 years to show the trends of species landing and shifts in landing by state's if any.

3. page 7 Table 4 is informative with S/G permit landings, if **additional information request would be**

Exactly many valid SG1 and SG2 permits by state was there during each year from 2019/23? as assume how many valid SG1 &SG2 not to have reporting landings also.

a-Request from the Observer Program universe of S/G permits that they utilize pull from by year 19/23 and by state the numbers of vessels the they sample for both SG1 &SG2 permitted by year 19/23 ?

4.Would request from Observer Program with a detailed data analyze of top ten species caught in pounds and released numbers of fished by state for trips observed and number of trips observed per state. This would show if or what co-occurring possibility's and give a clearer understanding of SAFMC S/G fishery and could help the council to be better informed for future discussions and decisions.

5.Understood the S/G AP wanted the council to look at multi-day trip limits for multi-day trips, there needs additional further analyze is to be done as mentioned in bullets point request above and with additional comments from all.

Multi-day trip limit in one trip would definitely **shorting the season with increased catching of ACL.**

6.Look forward to hearing discussion or both possible of giving in season

authority to with in season increased trip limits for species under performing and overfished , giving the decrease in both effort, economics of going fishing when there's opportunity to increase with in season trip limit with sideboard/step down approach it needs to be done as a priority, but could help some to stay in business it's needed.

If need any clarifying or explaining just reach out to me.

Thanks

Dewey