



## Review of the Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota Program

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to review the Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) program every five to seven years with respect to various social, economic, biological, and administrative factors.

The last review was approved in August 2019.



### Proposed Timeline for Completion of the Wreckfish ITQ Review:

	Deadline	Task
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 2026	Council selects a contractor to collaborate with Council staff on completion of the Wreckfish ITQ review.
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 2026	Data request sent to NMFS for wreckfish data needed to complete analyses associated with the Wreckfish ITQ review.
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 2026	Deadline for data to be submitted by NMFS to the selected contractors.
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 2026	Council reviews draft outline for the Wreckfish ITQ review.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer 2026	Council staff and contractors complete draft Wreckfish ITQ review.
<input type="checkbox"/>	September 2026	Council reviews and provides comments on the draft Wreckfish ITQ review and drafts conclusions and recommendations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fall 2026	Wreckfish Advisory Panel reviews and provides comment on the draft Wreckfish ITQ review and draft conclusions and recommendations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	December 2026	Council reviews comments from the Wreckfish Advisory Panel, any updates to the Wreckfish ITQ review and finalizes the document.

### Requested Council Action:

- Review draft timeline and provide direction to staff.

**DRAFT MOTION:** DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN WORK ON THE NEXT REVIEW OF THE WRECKFISH ITQ PROGRAM.