

Allocate the 79,000 lb ACL as non-directed removals; i.e., bycatch mortality, between the closure area and the exempted area.

Exempted area: Take the poundage allotment for area south of 28 degrees north and north of x degrees north, off the 79,000 lb.

Closure area: Allocate the remaining poundage (79,000 – y lbs) as non-directed removals to the three sectors based on Table 2, Alternative 3; Attachment 30:

- 28% - commercial
- 29% - for hire
- 43% - recreational

Establish a limited, designated snapper-grouper bottom fishing zone(s) in the closure area between 28 degrees N (approx. Stuart, FL) and x degrees N (TBD) within the South Atlantic EEZ.

Issue permits for a limited # of boats from each sector i.e., private recreational, for-hire inclusive of charter and headboat, and commercial, to bottom fish with hook and line with circle hooks in the established snapper-grouper fishing zone(s).

Private recreational permittees selected to fish the designated fishing zones would be selected by a lottery system. (Details to be inserted; see below link for example of GA DNR's rules for administering a lottery system)

Once the real time monitoring indicates the poundage allocated to each sector has been taken, all permits for that sector are rescinded.

The following tracking and accountability measures would be required for the respective sectors:

Commercial sector :

- VMS
- Real time electronic catch (directed and non-directed) reporting via electronic logbooks or team alternative real time reporting technology
- Video monitoring or observers (if selected)

For hire sector (charter and headboat)

- Mandatory species ID training
- VMS
- Real time catch (directed and non-directed) reporting via logbooks??
- Observers (if selected)

Private recreational sector

- Mandatory species ID training
- VMS
- Real time text message reporting of catch (B1s and B2s)
- Video monitoring

A subset from each sector would be selected by the SEFSC to bring in red snapper for biological sampling.

If real time reporting requirements are violated, the permittee would be subjected to severe sanctions, up to and including permit revocation.

Permit issuance:

The NMFS SERO shall issue permits in the initial or any subsequent permit year by lottery devised and operated by the agency.

For reference, I am including a link to GADNR's regulations for issuing lottery licenses.

<http://rules.sos.state.ga.us/docs/391/2/4/10.pdf>