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The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Meeting

October 2023 Snapper Grouper AP Meeting

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Snapper Grouper AP on October 10th-12th.

| Submit Date | Submitted By | Location | Affiliation | Comment |
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| 10/2/2023 | First Name: James Last Name: Hull Email: Hullsseafood@aol.com | City: Ormond Beach State: Florida | Commercial, Wholesale/Dealer /Retail | <p>Hello SG/AP members, Amendment 36 I have participated in the BSB commercial pot fishery for many years. This has always been a winter time ,cold dirty water fishery. When the agency closed the bottom inshore of 90 feet during the winter months to vertical line gear for right whale protection it destroyed the fishery. Now we have an opportunity to use the gear with rope less methods. The development of this on demand rope less gear is very important for the future of all vertical line gear types. I have participated in the EFP using on demand rope less devices and have found it to be almost flawless. Fisherman need to be able to continue the development , with the use of this on demand gear as an acceptable gear type for the Commercial BSB pot fishery. Please help and support this amendment.</p> <p>Amendment 46 The SG/AP has expressed concern with the estimates of recreational catch resulting from the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) including the Fishing effort survey (FES).. All informed Stakeholders have been requesting that the Council explore a recreational permit for snapper grouper fishing. This recommendation has also been put forth by You the Council's Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel numerous times. Please continue to develop and implement a Private Recreational S/G permit.</p> <p>Amendment 47 scoping I would recommend that the S/G for-Hire sector become limited entry and be separated from the private recreational sector. Each sector would then have its own allocation, management actions, reporting and accountability.</p> <p>Thank You Jimmy Hull</p> |
| 10/10/2023 | First Name: Chris Last Name: McCaffity Email: freefish7@hotmail.com | City: Morehead City State: North Carolina | Commercial | <p>Please advise the council to use a prorated average of the Gag Grouper quota in place for 10 months and 2 months of reduced quota when calculating overage paybacks for next year. Basing paybacks solely on the reduced quota in place for 2 months will result in extended closures and excessive discards next year. This will start a vicious cycle of prolonged closures and regulatory discards like we are seeing with Red Snapper. Now is the time to speak up for the fish, fishermen, and seafood consumers.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> |
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