

GOVERNANCE

GOAL: Commit to a transparent, balanced, and timely decision-making process that allows flexible yet well-defined protocols and strategies for managing the snapper grouper fishery.

Objective 1.	Strategy 1.1	Support an efficient decision making process for development of management measures for the snapper grouper fishery.	FL			GA			SC			NC			TOTAL:		
			X	v	Ø	X	v	Ø	X	v	Ø	X	v	Ø	X	v	Ø
Create an accountable and flexible decision making process for development and evaluation of management measures.	Actions:	A. Evaluate the current Council process.		5			1			3			2		0	11	0
		B. Consider mechanisms for streamlining the process of amendment development.		2			1			2			1		0	6	0
		C. Consider alternative methods for collecting public input on proposed management actions.		4				0			2			0	0	6	0
		D. Ensure timely access of amendment documents and other materials to the Council and the public.		1				0			2			0	0	3	0
		E. Develop mechanisms for evaluating the decision making process to ensure consistency and accountability.		4				1			1			3	0	9	0
		F. Consider how scientific information is incorporated into management actions and provide flexibility in this process.		2					0		1			0	0	3	0
Objective 2.	Strategy 2.1	Enhance existing and develop new partnerships with agencies, academic institutions, and other organizations to support comprehensive management strategies for the snapper grouper fishery.															
		Actions:	A. Establish working relationships with non-fishery entities and agencies (offshore energy development, etc.) for future marine management issues.			0		0		1				0	0	1	0
			B. Strengthen relationships with existing fishery management partners to clearly establish roles and responsibilities.			0		1		1				0	0	2	0
			C. Consider involvement with regional planning initiatives affecting the snapper grouper fishery in the region.			0		1		1				0	0	2	0
			D. Expand partnerships with academic and research institutions to coordinate fisheries science research to address data needs within the snapper grouper fishery.		1				0		2		1		1	3	0
			E. Identify non-traditional partnerships and sources of funding to support fisheries science, research and management activities (industry, NGO supported, etc.)		1				1		1		1		0	2	3

Objective 3.	Strategy 3.1 Support a formal and informal process for engaging stakeholders in the snapper grouper fishery.		FL-X	v	∅	GA-X	v	∅	SC-X	v	∅	NC-X	v	∅	T-X	v	∅
	Improve communication with stakeholders to ensure the needs of the fishery are understood and considered throughout the Council process.	Actions:	A. Provide information to stakeholders that is timely and in an appropriate format about proposed management actions.		1				0		2		1	12		1	15
		B. Consider alternative methods for collecting public input.		2				0		1		1		0	1	3	0
		C. Evaluate the composition of advisory panels, committees, etc. to ensure representation meets the interests and needs of the fishery.						0		1		1		0	1	2	0
		D. Establish clear ground rules and process for public meetings held by the Council to improve stakeholder engagement.						0				1		0	1	1	0

NEW IDEAS - GOVERNANCE (All states combined)

Comment Type	NEW Idea- Strategy/Action	Goal Addressed	Possible Objective/ Strategy Addressed	Sector (if available)	Total # of comments
Written Comments	Hold the Council accountable towards achieving Maximum Sustainable	Governance	NEW	Commercial	1
Written Comments	Engage the American seafood consumer as a stakeholder in the Council process	Governance	NEW	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Stop and Review policy to evaluate existing regulations and determine impacts of previous regulations before implementing new ones	Governance	NEW-Obj 1; Strat 1.1	Commercial	37
Written Comment	Hold the Council accountable towards achieving Maximum Sustainable Yield harvest levels	Governance	NEW	Commercial	1