

Comment Type	Support - Strategy/Action	Goal Addressed	Objective/Strategy Addressed	Sector (if available)	Total # Comments
Written Comment	Web-based public hearings	Communication	Obj 1; Strat 1.1A	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Staff moderated forum on the Council's website to take comment and answer questions on management measures	Communication	Obj 1; Strat 1.2A	Commercial	1
CS-Morehead City	Target communication to fish houses	Communication	Obj 1; Strat 1.3E	Commercial	1
CS-Morehead City	Work with local port agents to get information to fishermen	Communication	Obj 1; Strat 1.3J	Commercial	1
CS-Morehead City	Maintain traditional means of communication	Communication	Obj 2; Strat 2.1F		1
Written Comment	Evaluate the Council process	Governance	Obj 1; Strat 1.1A	Commercial	1
CS-Wilmington	Need to streamline the management/regulatory process	Governance	Obj 1; Strat 1.1AB	Charter	1
Written Comment	Evaluate decision making process to ensure consistency and accountability	Governance	Obj 1; Strat 1.1E	Recreational	1
CS-Morehead City	Evaluate current FMP/Amendments before making more regulatory change	Governance	Obj 1; Strat 1.1E		2
CS-Wilmington	More timely information about closures	Governance	Obj 3; Strat 3.1A	Commercial	12
CS-Morehead City/ Wanchese	More equitable quota management between the states (sub-regional)	Management	Obj 1; Strat 1.1A	Commercial	2
				For-hire/	
CS-Wilmington/Wanchese	Regional management to allow access when fish are available	Management	Obj 1; Strat 1.1A	Commercial	2
CS-Wanchese	Consider community quotas (i.e. Cape Hatteras)	Management	Obj 1; Strat 1.1B; 1.3BD	Commercial	1
				Commercial/	
Written Comment	State-by-state quotas	Management	Obj 1; Strat 1.1A	Recreational	2
Written Comment	Voluntary sector/community/individual quota shares	Management	Obj 1; Strat 1.B	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Tool to assess stakeholder support on IFQ proposal	Management	Obj 1; Strat 1.1C	Commercial	1
CS-Wilmington/ Morehead City	Support shifting fishing year start date for some species to later in the year (March/April)	Management	Obj 1; Strat 1.2 A & B Obj 2; Strat 2.3	For-hire/ Commercial	7
CS-Wanchese	Design state by state management using logbook data/dealer reports starting in 1998. (Overages would come off the states quota; quota transfer by region)	Management	Obj 1; Strat 1.2ABC		1
Written Comment	Support sub-regions to set landings and opening dates/Change season opening to allow equal access within the region (use quarterly sub-quotas if needed)	Management	Obj 1; Strat 1.2B	Commercial	2
Written Comment	Staggered spawning season closures to address regional differences	Management	Obj 1; Strat 1.3A		5

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CS-Wilmington	Increase the bag limit for gag grouper	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.1B	Recreational	1
CS-Morehead City	Support smaller commercial trip limits to ensure higher profits; less derby fishing	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.1A	Commercial	3
CS-Morehead City	Support for ways to reduce discard mortality - aggregate trip/bag limits, etc	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.1ABCD	Commercial/For-hire	2
Written Comment	Support step-down approach for landings limits	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.1A	Commercial	3
Written Comment	Aggregate trip limits for commercial sector	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.1C	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Recreational license/stamp for the snapper grouper fishery	Management/ Science	Obj 2; Strat 2.2A Obj 4; Strat 4.2D	Chef/Restaurant/ Recreational/ Commercial	9
Written Comment	Manage effort/permits in commercial and for-hire sectors; (Recreational comment supported reduction in commercial fleet)	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.2C	Commercial/ Recreational	2
CS-Wanchese	Eliminate the 2-for-1 permit requirement for the commercial sector	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.2D	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Evaluate the level of overcapacity	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.2F	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Explore options for privately funded buy-out for commercial sector	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.2G	Commercial	2
Written Comment	Split seasons for the commercial sector	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.3C	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Support seasons for co-occurring species	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.3D	Commercial	2
Written Comment	Adjusting seasonal spawning closure (shorter; reduce bag limit)	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.3E	Commercial	2
CS-Wanchese	Re-evaluate the spawning season closure - rolling closure	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.3E	All	1
Written Comment	Adaptive management for almaco jack and rudderfish	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.4B	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Expansion of underutilized fisheries (lionfish)	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.5A	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Evaluate use of stock enhancement of snapper grouper species (aquaculture)	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.5B	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Simplifying regulations	Management	Obj 2; Strat 2.5E	Commercial	1
CS-Morehead City/Written Comment	Support considering market availability of fish	Management	Obj 3; Strat 3.1A	Chef/Restaurant/ Commercial	4
Written Comment	Consider non-traditional stakeholders in management decisions	Management	Obj 3; Strat 3.1C	Chef/Commercial	4
CS-Wanchese	Consider new entrants to the fishery	Management	Obj 3; Strat 3.1D	Commercial	1
CS-Morehead City	Consider value of owner/operators - professional/full-time fishermen	Management	Obj 3; Strat 3.1E	Commercial	2
Written Comment	Aggregate daily bag limit for recreational sector with no size limit	Management	Obj 3; Strat 3.2F	Commercial	3
Written Comment	Use spawning Special Management Zones	Management	Obj 4; Strat 4.1A	Commercial/ Recreational	3
Written Comment	Spawning closure for species with a low ACL	Management	Obj 4; Strat 4.1C	Commercial	1

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Written Comment	Full retention of deepwater species	Management	Obj 4; Strat 4.2A	Recreational	1
CS-Wanchese	Align season for deepwater species	Management	Obj 4; Strat 4.2B	All	1
Written Comment	Removal of size limits for deepwater species	Management	Obj 4; Strat 4.2C	Commercial/ Rec	2
Written Comment	Re-evaluating and changing size limits on species by species basis	Management	Obj 4; Strat 4.3A	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Research and development on bycatch reduction gear/technology	Management	Obj 4; Strat 4.4A	Commercial	2
Written Comment	Incentive program for avoiding bycatch	Management	Obj 4; Strat 4.4C	Commercial	1
CS-Wilmington	Supports bycatch allowances (reserve portion of ACL for this purpose)	Management	Obj 4; Strat 4.5A & B	All	2
Written Comment	Bycatch set-aside limit per commercial trip	Management	Obj 4; Strat 4.5A	Commercial	2
Written Comment	Bycatch allowance up to 5% for species with low ACL	Management	Obj 4; Strat 4.5B	Commercial	2
Written Comment	New habitat using artificial reefs	Management	Obj 5; Strat 5.1A	Commercial/ Recreational	2
Written Comment	Use of artificial reefs as a way to increase fishery production	Management	Obj 5; Strat 5.1B	Commercial/ Recreational	2
Written Comment	Artificial reefs with limited or no fishing allowed	Management	Obj 5; Strat 5.1C	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Impacts of human population growth on distribution of habitats	Management	Obj 5; Strat 5.2A	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Use of sunset clauses on existing or new MPAs	Management	Obj 5; Strat 5.2B	Commercial	2
CS-Morehead City/ Written Comment	No MPAs	Management	Obj 5; Strat 5.2C	Commercial/ Recreational	8
Written Comment	Use of alternative electronic monitoring or other technology to monitor fishing activity	Management	Obj 5; Strat 5.3A	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Development of managed areas that allow no harvest of snapper grouper species	Management	Obj 5; Strat 5.4A	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Evaluate areas suitable for spawning SMZs	Management	Obj 5; Strat 5.4C	Commercial/ Recreational	2
Written Comment	Create no anchor zones to protect fragile habitat	Management	Obj 5; Strat 5.4E	Commercial/ Recreational	2
CS-Morehead/ Written Comment	Supports for-hire sector having separate quota (sector separation)	Management	Obj 6; Strat 6.1A	Commercial	3
Written Comment	Time-based allocation approaches	Management	Obj 6; Strat 6.1D	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Consider fairness and economics in allocation equations	Management	Obj 6; Strat 6.1F	Recreational	2
Written Comment	Use of a mutual allocation pool for certain species	Management	Obj 6; Strat 6.1G	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Individual quotas based on individual allocations or harvest levels	Management	Obj 6; Strat 6.1J	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Longer timeframes for developing allocations	Management	Obj 6; Strat 6.1L	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Manage reallocation considering abundance and accessibility of species	Management	Obj 6; Strat 6.2K	Recreational	1

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Written Comment	Evaluate SEDAR	Science	Obj 1; Strat 1.1B	Commercial	1
CS-Wilmington	Supports more funding for fishery independent data collection	Science	Obj 1; Strat 1.3A	Recreational	1
Written Comment	Support finding funding for cooperative research/surveys	Science	Obj 2; Strat 2.1A	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Improve partnerships between researchers/fishermen	Science	Obj 2; Strat 2.1B	Commercial	1
CS-Morehead City/Written Comment	Supports use of a portion of the ACL as a research set-aside	Science	Obj 2; Strat 2.1E	Commercial	2
CS-Wilmington/Morehead City/Written Comment	Supports training program for anglers to collect data (citizen science)	Science	Obj 2; Strat 2.2A & C	Recreational/ Commercial	4
Written Comment	Methods to incorporate volunteer data in assessments	Science	Obj 2; Strat 2.2C	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Utilize fishing vessels/captains for data collection platforms	Science	Obj 2; Strat 2.2D	Commercial	1
CS-Morehead City	Social/economic impacts to fishermen due to management measures	Science	Obj 3; Strat 3.1A	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Develop partnerships to collect social and economic data to support the needs of the Council	Science	Obj 3; Strat 3.1C	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Use observers to monitor for specific management issue	Science	Obj 4; Strat 4.1A	Recreational	1
Written Comment	Use observer data to improve discard rate estimates	Science	Obj 4; Strat 4.1B	Recreational	1
CS-Morehead City	Accountability for reporting in the recreational sector	Science	Obj 4; Strat 4.2A	Commercial	2
Written Comment	Recreational reporting	Science	Obj 4; Strat 4.2A		
CS-Wilmington	Support for operator card for the snapper grouper fishery	Science	Obj 4; Strat 4.2B	For-hire	1
Written Comment	Electronic reporting mechanisms for all sectors	Science	Obj 4; Strat 4.2B	Commercial	1
CS-Wilmington	Supports electronic logbooks for commercial sector (web-based)	Science	Obj 4; Strat 4.2F	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Effectiveness of artificial reefs as management tool	Science	Obj 5; Strat 5.1H	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Impacts of offshore energy development on habitats	Science	Obj 5; Strat 5.2I	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Impacts of non-indigenous species	Science	Obj 5; Strat 5.3E	Commercial	1
Written Comment	External sources of recruitment (hatcheries)	Science	Obj 5; Strat 5.3I	Commercial	1
WrittenComment/ CS-Morehead City	Supports the use of VMS (possible tool for managed areas)	Science/ Management	Obj 4; Strat 4.1C Obj 5;Strat 5.3A		1

Comment type	NEW Idea- Strategy/Action	Goal Addressed	Possible Objective/ Strategy Addressed	Sector (if available)	Total # of comments
Written Comment	Hold public meetings at inland locations to capture recreational anglers	Communication	NEW-Obj 1; Strat 1.1	Recreational	2
Written Comment	Use plain language in outreach products	Communication	NEW-Obj 1 and 2	Recreational	1
Written Comment	Clarify that partners will provide the content on seafood and fishing business marketing	Communication	NEW - Obj 4; Start 4.1	Other	1
CS-Wilmington	Send out notification to fishermen when quota is nearing the ACL (70%)	Communication	NEW-Obj 1;Strat 1.1	Commercial	1
CS-Morehead City	Use plain language in outreach products	Communication	NEW-Obj 1 and 2	Recreational	1
CS-Morehead City	Training for fishermen on how to use web-based communication tools	Communication	NEW - Obj 1; Strat 1.1	All	1
CS-Wanchese	Hold public meetings at inland locations to capture recreational anglers	Communication	NEW-Obj 1; Strat 1.1	Recreational	1
CS-Wilmington	Provide a calendar on the website showing historical dates of closures to help fishermen with planning trips.	Communication	NEW-Obj 1;Strat 1.2	All	1
CS-Wanchese	Develop bulletin boards at key boat ramps to provide regulations and management information to recreational fishermen	Communication	NEW-Obj 1; Strat 1.3	Recreational	1
CS-Wilmington	Need outreach on rules for purchasing legally caught seafood (restaurants)	Communication	NEW-Obj 5; Strat 4.1	Recreational	1
Written Comment	Website for conducting stakeholder review and polls/votes before management measures are implemented (2/3 majority vote of permit holders)	Communication/M anagement	NEW-Comm - Obj 1;	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Distinguish the actions in the Science Goal that will be accomplished by the Council vs. the SE Fisheries Science Center	Science	NEW	Other	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
Written Comment	Remove the black sea bass pot endorsement program	Management	NEW	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Public votes on management measures	Management	NEW	Commercial	1
CS-Wilmington	Close red grouper during the spawning season	Management	NEW-Obj 1; Strat 1.3A; Obj 2; Strat 2.1B	Commercial	1

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CS-Wanchese	Commercial trips should not be able to retain recreational limits of fish if commercial season is closed.	Management	NEW-Obj 2; Strat 2.1	Recreational	2
CS-Wilmington	Create a pool of commercial permits to allow 5 new entrants per year	Management	NEW-Obj 3; Strat 3.1	Commercial	1
CS-Morehead City	Work with dive operators to collect data using video cameras	Management	NEW-Obj 4; Strat 4.2	Recreational	1
CS-Wilmington	Supports removing circle hook requirement	Management	NEW-Obj 4; Strat 4.4A		1
CS-Morehead City	Permit stacking	Management	NEW	Commercial	1
CS-Wanchese	Evaluate existing MPAs before putting in new closed areas	Management	NEW-Obj 5; Strat 5.4		1
Written Comment	Do not allow the 225-permits transferable	Management	NEW - Obj 2; Strat 2.2	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Do not use income requirement for allocation or quota formulas	Management	NEW - Obj 6	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Mandatory review of allocations with established timeframe/indicators to trigger reviews	Management	NEW - Obj 6	Recreational	1
Written Comment	Focus allocation reviews on economic efficiency	Management	NEW-Obj 6; Strat 6.1	Recreational	1
Written Comment	Consider changes in the use of the fishery when considering allocation to account for future growth of fishery (sectors, resource, etc.)	Management	NEW - Obj 6	Recreational	1
Written Comment	Do not use catch history for setting allocations	Management	NEW- Obj 6	Recreational	1
	Establish clear goals/objectives and evaluation of any new closed areas to help determine when objective has been met and area could reopen	Management	NEW - Obj 5	Recreational	1
Written Comment	Use science (best available) to determine size of an area to be closed	Management	NEW - Obj 5	Recreational	1
Written Comment	Use other measures to manage fishery before considering closed areas	Management	NEW - Obj 5	Recreational	1
Written Comment	Consistency in data collection with the Mid-Atlantic Council due to overlapping species management	Science	NEW - Strat 1.2	Other	1
CS-Wilmington	Develop a recreational fishing team for the region that could provide feedback to the Council on what they are seeing on the water.	Science	NEW - Strat 2.1/2.2	Recreational	1
CS-Wanchese	Need better data collection from the dive boat operator sector	Science	NEW-Obj 4; Strat 4.2	Recreational	2
CS-Morehead City	Prioritize stock assessments based on economics.	Science	NEW - Obj 1; Strat 1.1	Commercial	1
	Conduct a survey of commercial fishermen to determine demographic (full-time; part-time; participate in multiple fisheries, etc.)	Science	NEW-Obj 3; Strat 3.1A		1

Comment Type	Does Not Support -	Goal Addressed	Objective/Strategy Addressed	Sector (if available)	Total # of comments
Written Comment	Opposed to the Council providing information about seafood marketing for commercial sector	Communication	X-Strat 4.1ABC	Recreational	1
Written Comment					
Written Comment	Delete the following actions because they should be developed by the SE Fisheries Science Center not the Council	Governance	X-Strat 2.1DE	Other	1
	Delete the following actions because they are redundant with Communication goal	Governance	X-Obj 3	Other	1
City					
Written Comment	Opposed to catch shares or IFQs	Management	X-Obj 1; Strat 1.1B	Commercial/ Recreational	18
Written Comment	Opposed to alternative 2-week windows for fishing	Management	X-Obj 1; Strat 1.3E	Commercial	2
Written Comment	Opposed to looking at overcapitalization in fishery	Management	X-Obj 2; Strat 2.2F	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Opposed to using depth to set recreational harvest zones	Management	X-Obj 2; Strat 2.5D	Recreational	1
Written Comment	Opposed to value of owner-operators in the fishery	Management	X-Obj 3; Strat 3.1E	Commercial	2
Written Comment	Opposed in-season adjustments to size/bag limits	Management	X-Obj 3; Strat 3.2A	Recreational	1
Written Comment	Opposed development of artificial reefs or SMZs for the recreational sector only	Management	X-Obj 3; Strat 3.2C	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Opposed full retention fo deepwater species	Management	X-Obj 4; Strat 4.2A	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Opposed to removal of size limits for deepwater species	Management	X-Obj 4; Strat 4.2C	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Opposed to no size limits for snapper grouper species	Management	X-Obj 4; Strat 4.3B	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Opposed to gear requirements for bycatch reduction	Management	X-Obj 4; Strat 4.4B	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Opposed to spawning SMZs	Management	X-Obj 4; Strat 4.1A X-Obj 5; Strat 5.4AC	Commercial	3
Written Comment	Opposed to not considering MPAs	Management	X-Obj 5; Strat 5.2C	Commercial/ Other	2
Written Comment	Opposed to individual quotas based on individual allocations or harvest levels	Management	X-Obj 6; Strat 6.1J	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Opposed to allocations by gear type	Management	X-Obj 6; Strat 6.1M	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Opposed to establishing allocations by permit	Management	X-Obj 6; Strat 6.2D	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Opposed to methods for establishing sub-allocations	Management	X-Obj 6; Strat 6.1I	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Opposed to an increase in the bag limit if the recreational sector does not reach their ACL	Management	X-Obj 6; Strat 6.2L	Commercial	1
	Remove or revise the wording of the following actions (more appropriate for other agencies like Sea Grant)	Management	X-Strat 2.5ABC/3.2C/ 5.1AB/5.2A/5.4C;6.1BGH /6.2EH	Other	1
Written Comment					
Written Comment	Opposed to developing a model to improve discard estimates	Science	X-Obj 4; Strat 4.2M	Commercial	1
Written Comment	Remove or revise the wording of the following actions (more appropriate for other agencies like Sea Grant)	Science	X-Strat 3.1B	Other	1
CS-Morehead City	Delete the following strategies and focus on research to determine (a) how natural mortality is influenced by environmental variables and (b) the role of the size and distribution of habitat on stock biomass.	Science	X-Strat 5.1ABCDEGI/ Strat 5.2/ Strat 5.3ABDEFGI	Other	1
CS-Wilmington/Morehead City	Does not support video monitoring	Science/ Management	X-Obj 4; Strat 4.1C X-Obj 4; Strat 4.2D & Obj 5; Strat 5.3A	Commercial	1
	Opposed to VMS	Science/ Management	X-Obj 4; Strat 4.1C X-Obj 4; Strat 4.2D & Obj 5; Strat 5.3A	For-hire/Commercial	8