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Re: Wreckfish

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Scott Vaeth and my vessel is the Miss Shell out of Key Largo, Florida. I have owned a small share of the wreckfish quota for ten (10) years, but have only just recently started fishing it. I started to look for wreckfish in the Keys after I was knocked out of the snowy grouper fishery because of quota cuts and low trip limits. I found wreckfish in the Keys last year and plan to keep fishing them long into the future. I have invested thousands of dollars in upgraded tackle and more quota because I have been successful and plan to continue exploring this fishery. I know that the TAC is going to be greatly reduced. Please don't exclude me from the future of this fishery.

It is my understanding that a percentage of the quota is owned by people that have either deceased or cannot be contacted. I believe that this quota should be redistributed among active fisherman.

Thank you,
Scott Vaeth