



Stakeholder-Driven AIM for Wreckfish Fishery

Resilient Fisheries Project Overview

Description

This project will apply an adaptive management technique called Adaptive Implementable Management (AIM) to guide a stakeholder-driven management development process for the South Atlantic wreckfish fishery. During this process contractors will work directly with managers and stakeholders to develop management recommendations more robust to future uncertainty. Stakeholder engagement is being prioritized throughout the AIM process via interviews and stakeholder workshops planned throughout the project period. Using decision-support tools, the contractors will work directly with stakeholders to explore and compare various management measures and harvest control rules. The resulting recommendations will be provided to the Council for consideration.

Progress and Next Steps

- The project is on track and progressing as expected. The Project Oversight Team (OT) will meet in September to receive a project update and provide feedback.
- An updated wreckfish assessment is underway, with data compilation and analysis in progress.
- Review of the wreckfish management history, as well as the human and ecological aspects of the fishery is underway, including in-person interviews with stakeholders.
- Next steps include the presentation of the draft assessment to the SSC in Oct. 2025 for review, and a Stakeholder Workshop planned for November.

Project Oversight Team

Contractors: Thomas Remington (PI); Dr. Josh Nowlis, Lynker (PI), Dr. Jeremy Collie, Dr. Mateja Nenadovic, and Brian Snouffer

Oversight Team: Mike Schmidtke, Allie Iberle, Judd Curtis, Christina Wiegand, Nikolai Klibansky (NOAA), Chip Collier, Lara Klibansky

Project Timeline

2024

INITIATE



Dec - Request for proposals released.

2025

DEVELOP



Jan - Proposals reviewed and contractor selected



Feb - Project Oversight Team formed



Mar - Begin monthly Project Oversight Team meetings with contractors; Species selection complete, Wreckfish selected

Oct - SSC review of draft Wreckfish Assessment

Nov - AIM Workshop for Stakeholders

2026

ENGAGE

Jan - Jun - Customize AIM Harvest Control Rule Design Tool based on stakeholder feedback

Jul - Stakeholder Management Design Workshops

2027

PRESENT

Apr - SSC review of draft project report

Jun - Present to Council; Submit final report

IMPLEMENT

Begin Council consideration and implementation of project outcomes & recommendations