



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 robust to future uncertainty. Stakeholder engagement is being prioritized during 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.

Progress Updates

- The project is on track and progressing as expected. The Project Oversight Team will next meet later in September.
- The team continue to send project newsletters to stakeholders, ensuring they remain informed and engaged with the project. The most one outlined key updates, including project trajectory and the new Harvest Control Rule design tool.
- The Decision Support Tool (DST) interface was simplified to enhance usability for stakeholders.
- The project's analytical framework was refined to improve the distinction between diagnostic performance metrics and management reference points.
- The team have a series of stakeholder meetings culminating in the in-person Harvest Control Rule workshop November 4-6, 2026 in Charleston.

Project Team

Contractors: Jeremy Collie; Mateja Nenadovic; Josh Nowlis; Thomas Remington, Lynker; Brian Snouffer

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

Project Timeline

2024

- ✓ **Dec** - Request for proposals released.

2025

- ✓ **Jan** - Proposals reviewed and contractor selected
- ✓ **Feb** - Project Oversight Team formed
- ✓ **Mar** - Begin monthly Project Oversight Team meetings with contractors
- ✓ **Oct** - SSC review of draft Wreckfish Assessment
- ✓ **Nov** - AIM Workshop for Stakeholders

2026

- ✓ **Jan - Jun** - Customize AIM Harvest Control Rule Design Tool based on stakeholder feedback (**Underway**)
- ✓ **Apr** - SSC review of draft Wreckfish Assessment outcomes
- ✓ **May - Aug** - Stakeholder webinars
- Nov** - Stakeholder Management Design Workshop

2027

- Apr** - SSC review of draft project report
- Jun** - Present to Council; Submit final report

Implementation will begin with the Council reviewing and project outcomes and recommendations.