

Interim Measures to Reduce Overfishing of Golden Tilefish

September 2017

The latest assessment of the golden tilefish stock in the South Atlantic (SEDAR 25 Update 2016) indicated overfishing is occurring but the stock is not overfished. On January 3, 2017, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) sent a letter informing the Council that the golden tilefish stock is undergoing overfishing, and that management action is necessary to end overfishing.

During their June 2017 meeting, the Council approved the following motion:

**REQUEST THAT NMFS IMPLEMENT INTERIM MEASURES TO REDUCE OVERFISHING OF GOLDEN TILEFISH BY SETTING THE ACL FOR 2018 AT THE PROJECTED YIELD AT 75%F_{MSY} (323,000 POUNDS GUTTED WEIGHT)
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

Accordingly, a letter requesting interim measures was sent to NMFS on June 27, 2017.

The Snapper Grouper Committee will receive an update on the status of this request during their meeting on September 12-13, 2017.

The current ACL for golden tilefish is 558,036 lbs gutted weight. Ninety-seven percent of this ACL is allocated to the commercial sector and 3% to the recreational sector.