



Amendment 55

Scamp and Yellowmouth Grouper

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THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Scoping Sessions

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HOUSEKEEPING FOR THIS HEARING



The purpose of this hearing is to gather the public's input on the Council's proposed actions for this amendments. Public input will help shape the Council's final decisions on the amendments



FIRST, I will review the amendment in its entirety



NEXT, I will pause to answer any clarifying questions pertaining to this amendment



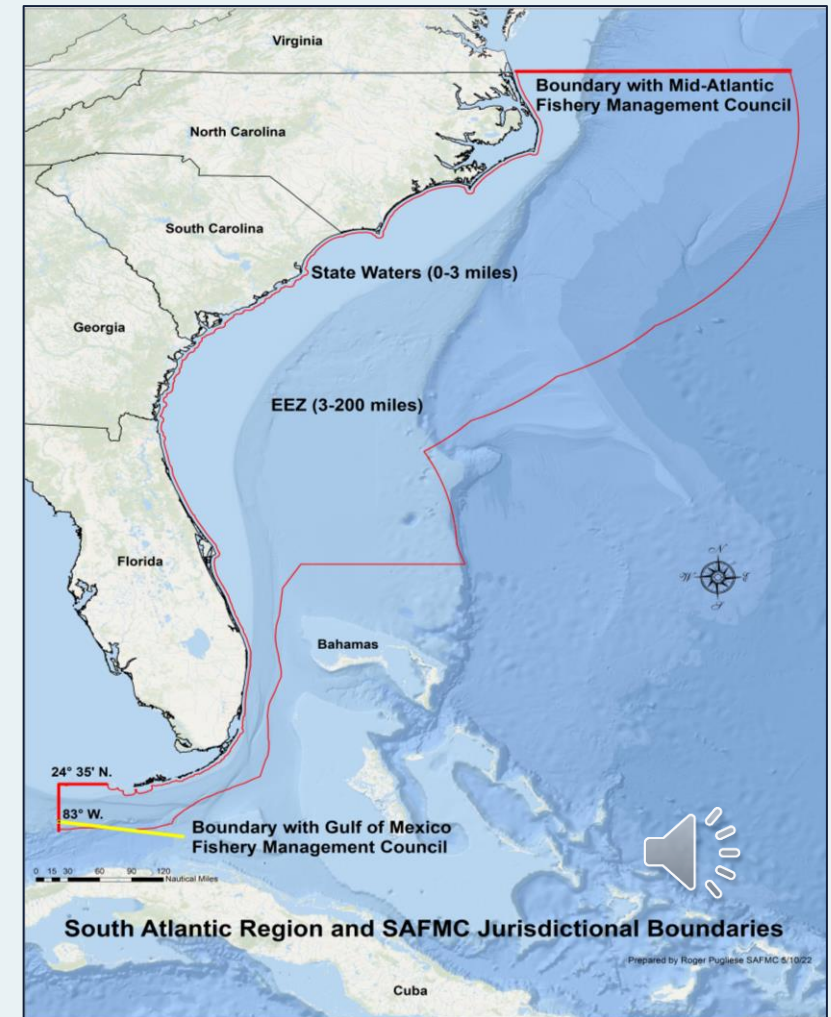
FINALLY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, A COUNCIL MEMBER take public comment



ABOUT THE COUNCIL



- 1 of 8 regional fishery management Councils
- Jurisdiction:
 - Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) ranges from 3-200 miles
 - South Atlantic Region: NC, SC, GA, East Coast of FL
- Council Makeup:
 - Include recreational and commercial fishermen, state marine agency reps, and federal partners
 - 17 members, 13 voting, 4 non-voting
 - Representatives from each state in the region.
- The Council provides recommendations to NOAA Fisheries



ACRONYMS

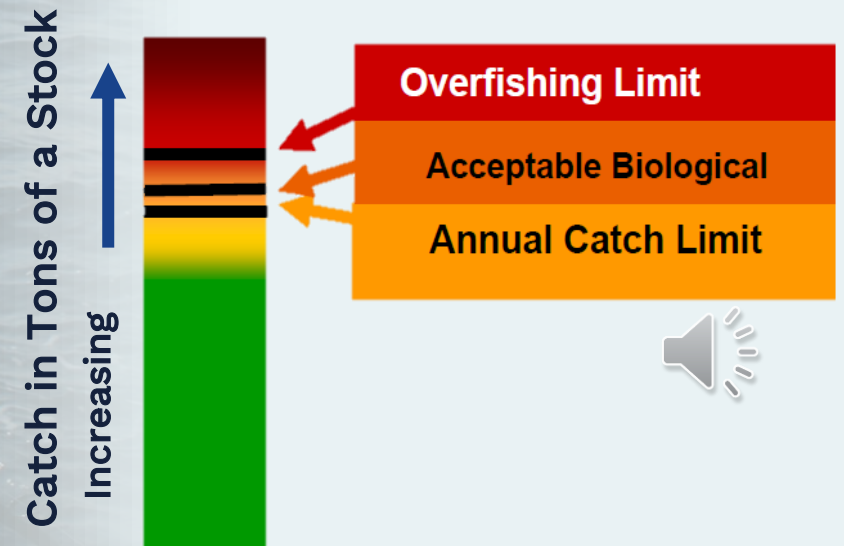
OFL – overfishing limit

ABC – acceptable biological catch

ACL – annual catch limit

OY – Optimum Yield

AMs – accountability measure



TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TIMING





BACKGROUND

- Amendment 55 is in response to the **SEDAR 68 assessment**
 - Catch levels for scamp and yellowmouth **together**
- The assessment indicated that the stock is **overfished** but **NOT experiencing overfishing**
- **CHTS** vs **FES** recreational landings estimates
 - Updated survey methods replaced the **Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS)** with the **Fishing Effort Survey (FES)** method when collecting landings

SOUTH ATLANTIC SHALLOW WATER GROUPER

Have
Individual
ACLs and
AMs



gag



scamp



red grouper



Black grouper



Red hind



Rock hind



graysby



coney



Yellowmouth
grouper



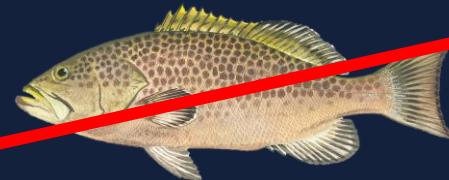
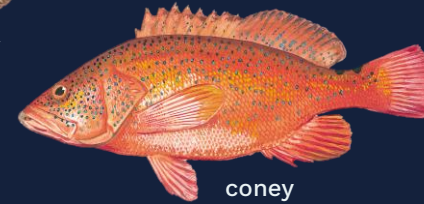
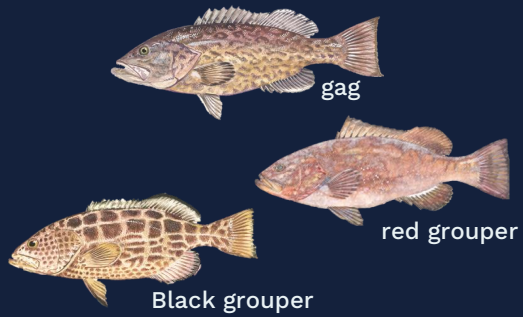
Yellowfin grouper

Complex
ACL and
AMs

SPAWNING SEASON CLOSURE



OTHER SHALLOW WATER GROUPERS



SCAMP/YELLOWMOUTH COMPLEX



Scamp ACL
(CHTS
estimates)

Other Shallow
Water Grouper
Complex ACL
(CHTS
estimates)

Reorganize the **Other
Shallow Water
Grouper Complex** and
establish the **new
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and yellowmouth**

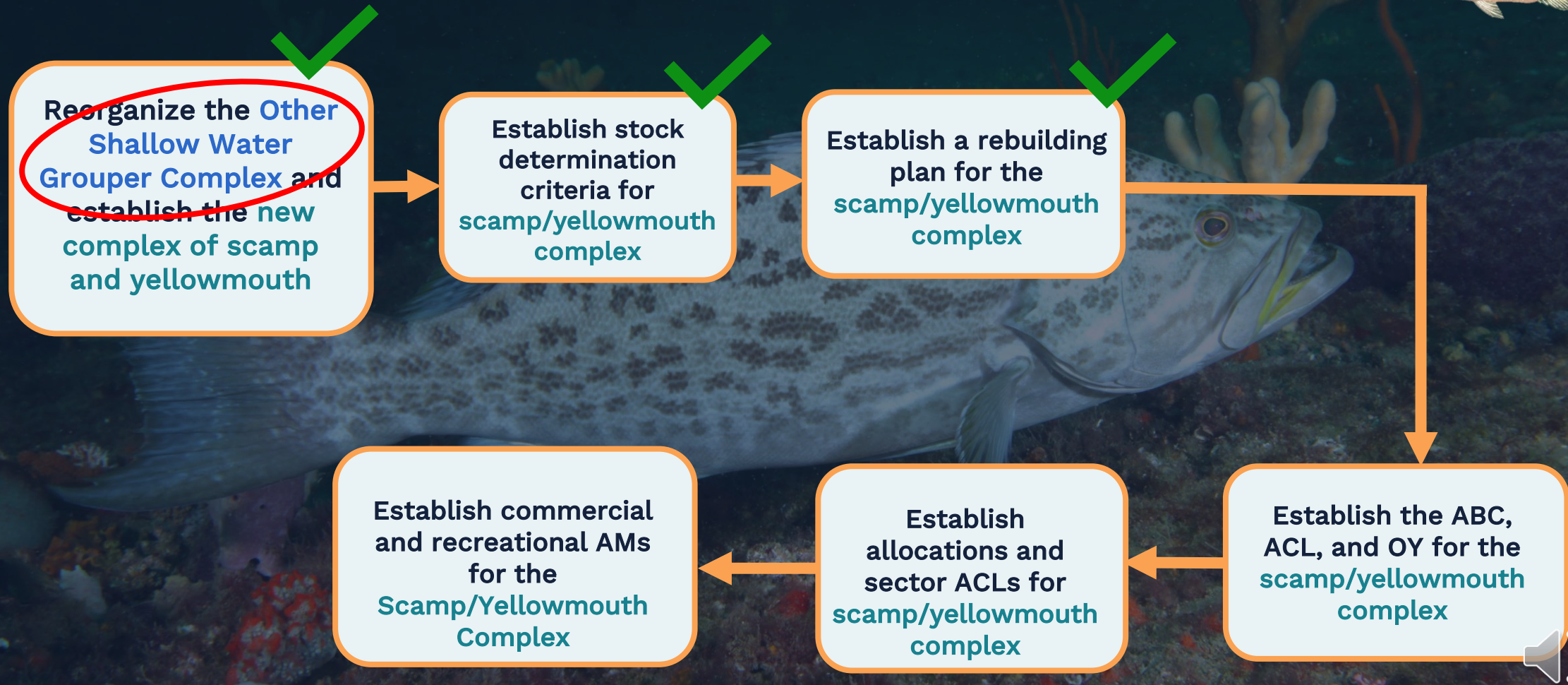
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Establish stock
determination
criteria for
scamp/yellowmouth
complex

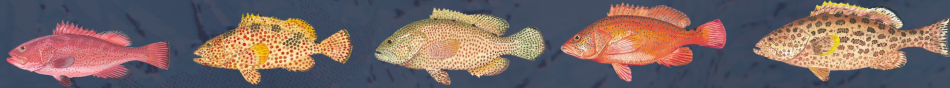
Establish a rebuilding
plan for the
scamp/yellowmouth
complex



SCAMP/YELLOWMOUTH COMPLEX



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Consider the need for federal management
measures
Do these remaining species require management
measure?

Red hind, rock hind, graysby, coney, yellowfin grouper

OR

Update the ABC and ACL and allocations for the
Other Shallow Water Grouper Complex

The Science and Statistical Committee (SSC)
would need to develop a method to determine
the ABC since none of the species in the
complex are assessed