



THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Shallow Water Grouper Complex Reorganization

Snapper Grouper Amendment 55

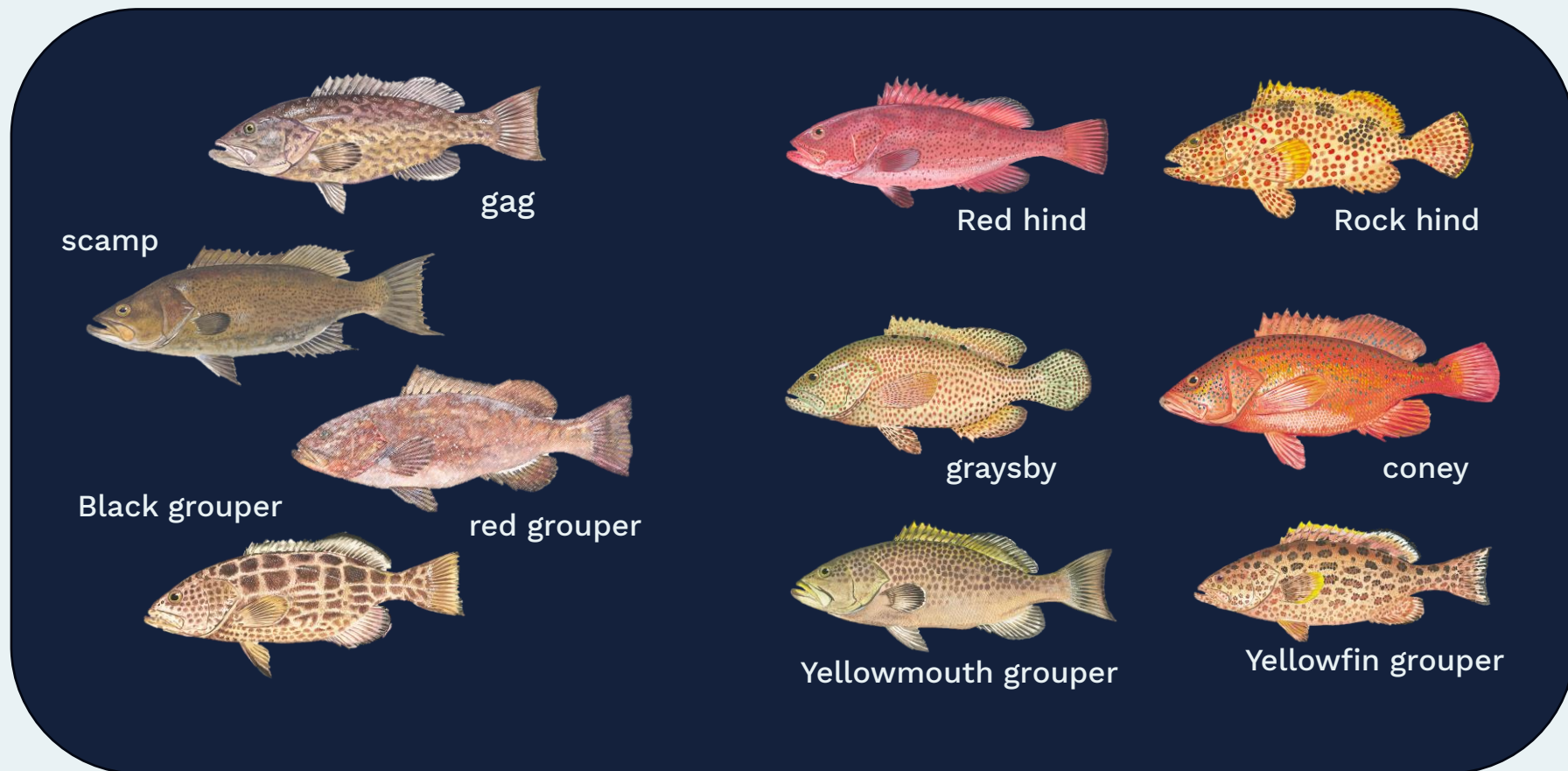
Snapper Grouper Amendment 55, as a result of the most recent SEDAR assessment (SEDAR 68 Operational Assessment, 2022), will reorganize the Other South Atlantic Shallow Water Grouper complex. This cheat sheet will outline the existing complex and the proposed changes through this amendment. See the Public Hearing document for full amendment details.



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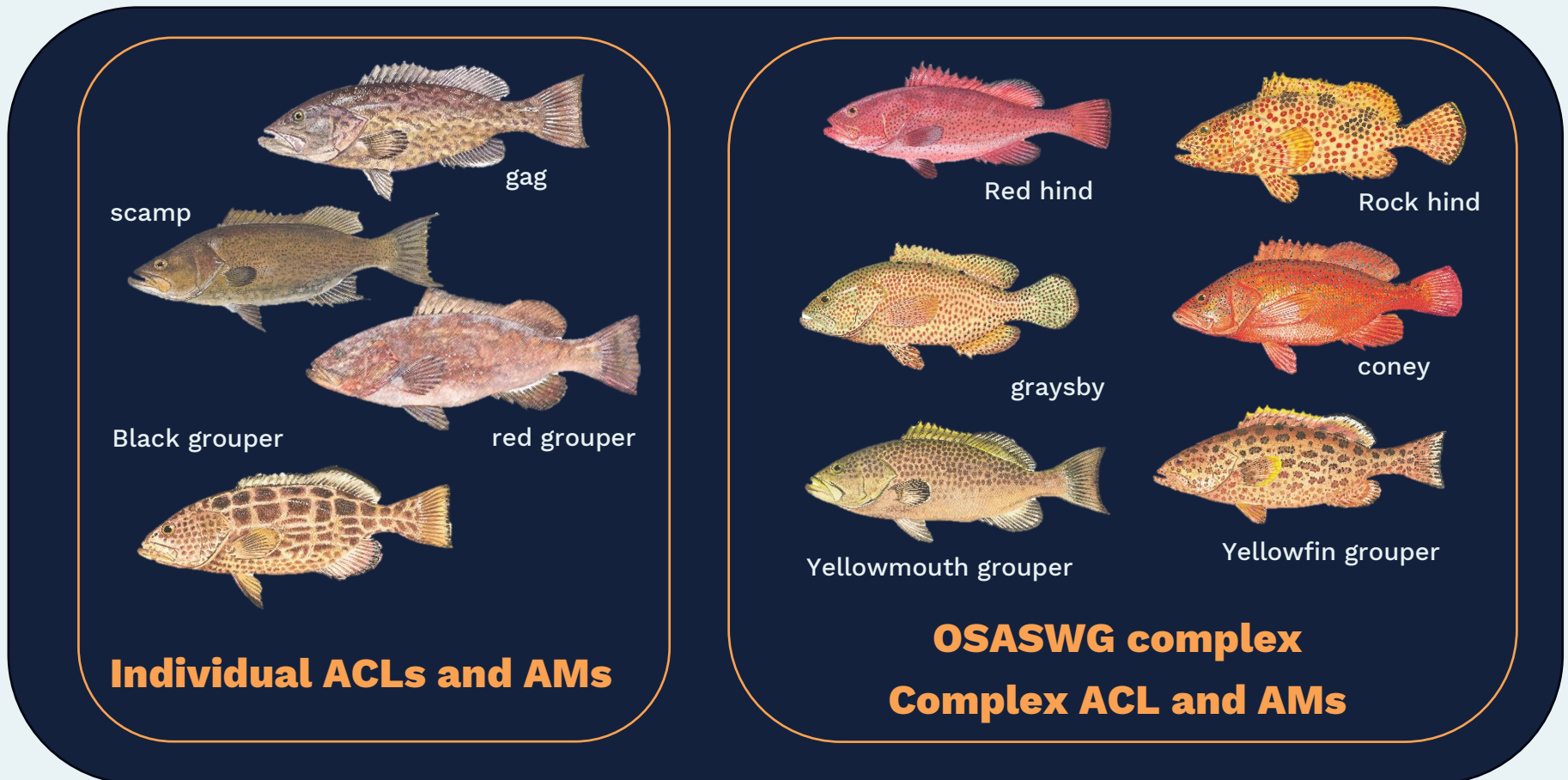
South Atlantic Shallow Water Grouper complex (SASWG)

The SASWG complex includes ALL of what are considered shallow water groupers. All of these species are included in the **annual shallow water grouper spawning season** closure from January 1 through April 30.



Catch Levels and Management Measures

Within the SASWG complex gag, scamp, red grouper and black grouper have individual annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs) whereas red hind, rock hind, graysby, coney, yellowfin and yellowmouth are lumped under one ACL. The group of species with a combined ACL are the **Other South Atlantic Shallow Water Grouper complex (OSASWG)**



Individual ACLs and AMs

**OSASWG complex
Complex ACL and AMs**



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Complex Reorganization

Through Amendment 55, yellowmouth grouper will be removed from the OSASWG complex, and the new Scamp and Yellowmouth Grouper complex will be created.

