



# **Snapper Grouper Committee Chair Update**

*Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel  
October 2023*

# June & Sept 2023 Snapper Grouper Committee Highlights

1. Amendments approved by Council:
  - Amendment 54 (Comprehensive Electronic Logbook)
  
2. Recently Initiated Amendments
  - Amendment 56 (BSB Assessment Response)
    - SEDAR 76 indicates overfished/overfishing
    - Additional modeling work needed for the SSC to develop projections of future catch
    - Paused until SSC provides ABC recommendations in early 2024
  - Reg Amendment 36 (BSB On-Demand Gear, Gag, & Black Grouper)



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## 3. MRIP FES Pilot Study

- Short-term study released earlier this year; indicates potential overestimation of recreational effort (and catch) estimates
- Long-term (1-year) pilot study is underway to verify and quantify results of the short-term study
- Council received a presentation in September 2023
- Discussions of ongoing and upcoming amendments included consideration of potential impacts



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## 4. Ongoing Amendments:

- Amendment 46 (Recreational Permit)
- Amendment 48 (Wreckfish)
- Amendment 55 (Scamp & Yellowmouth Grouper)
- Amendment 44 (Yellowtail Snapper)
  - Due to concerns about potential bias in MRIP data (indicated by recent pilot study), Council is requesting SSC reconsider ABC recommendation
  - Potential alternate recreational data stream through Florida State Reef Fish Survey (assessment would need to be re-run)
  - Working with Gulf Council & both SSCs to determine path forward



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5. Reg Am 35 (Red Snapper & Rec Discards)
  - Council approved for formal review in March 2023
  - Staff has been preparing for submission, but has not yet submitted to NMFS
  - Council discussed potential implications of the MRIP FES Pilot Study on red snapper management; decided to reconsider whether to submit Reg Am 35 and schedule discussion for December 2023 meeting
  
6. June - Council received a presentation from Space Florida about current and future launch activities; Council directed staff to communicate with USCG to quantify effects





**Questions?**