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THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Snapper Grouper Committee Chair Advisory Panel Update

March 2024



DEC 2023 & MAR 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



Reg Am 35 (Red Snapper & SG Discards)

- Dec 2024 – Council rescinded approval of Reg Am 35 for submission
- Mar 2024 – Some discussions of additional information or alternative actions using recent literature, Snapper Grouper MSE, and research projects aimed at discard-reducing management strategies (FL FWC, SCDNR, Mote)
 - NOAA Fisheries sent the Council a letter stating that they are considering interim measures to reduce overfishing of red snapper during the 2024 fishing year

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For-Hire Limited Access

- Dec 2024 – Amendment initiated to establish limited access for the for-hire components of the snapper grouper, coastal migratory pelagics, and dolphin wahoo fisheries
- For-hire control date of December 8, 2023; anyone who obtains a for-hire permit after this date or who has not reported to SEFHIER on or prior to December 5, 2023 is not assured of future access if limited access is implemented

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For-Hire Reporting

- Dec 2023 & Mar 2024 – Discussed how to improve SEFHIER reporting
 - Established structure for a new AP to explore/advise on approaches to improve reporting

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Commercial Permits

- Staff updated a report previously presented in 2021
- Council will discuss previous visioning efforts and how the current fishery has/can move toward those goals
- Council is considering best approach for commercial stakeholder involvement through upcoming in-person outreach initiatives (“town hall” meetings beginning in 2025 or port meetings similar to the Mackerel-Cobia FMP)
- Considering a Sub-Committee approach (e.g. Wreckfish Am 48)
 - Public webinars specifically for this topic among a subgroup of Council members who would then report out to the Council

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Other Ongoing Amendments:

- Amendment 46 (Recreational Permit)
 - Gathering input from Technical AP, Private Angler AP, and Outreach and Communications AP ahead of June 2024 Council Meeting
 - Does not include mandatory reporting
- Amendment 48 (Wreckfish)
 - Added actions (e.g. pre-landing notification requirement, action on ITQ shareholder eligibility)
 - Selected preferred alternatives for several actions
 - Consider for public comment in June 2024

QUESTIONS?

