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THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Snapper Grouper Committee Chair Advisory Panel Update

October 2024





JUNE & SEPT 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Approved Amendments: Amendment 48 (Wreckfish), Amendment 55 (Scamp/Yellowmouth Grouper), Reg Amendment 36 (Gag and Black Grouper Rec Vessel Limits and Black Sea Bass On-Demand Pot Gear Transit)

Red Snapper Management

- Sept 2024 – Council was informed that NOAA Fisheries is developing a secretarial amendment to end overfishing of red snapper, due for submission to the Federal Register by June 6, 2025

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Amendment 46 (Recreational Permit)

- Received feedback from Technical AP, Private Angler AP, and Outreach and Communications AP at the June 2024 Council Meeting
- Next discussion in December 2024

Amendment 56 (Black Sea Bass Assessment)

- Continued discussions about potential management regulations to consider and how management changes should be incorporated into projections of future catch
- More information/discussion later in the AP meeting

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Commercial Management

- Council assemble a Commercial Management Subcommittee to continue progress on addressing commercial issues outside of quarterly Council meetings
 - The Subcommittee will report out to the Council, as necessary, at quarterly meetings
 - First meeting in November, reporting out at the December 2024 Council meeting



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For-Hire Limited Entry Amendment

- The Council previously initiated the amendment to include Snapper Grouper, Dolphin Wahoo, and CMP
- In June 2024, the Council paused amendment development until permits data is available from the Southeast Regional Office

SEFHIER Improvement Amendment

- Initiated in June to improve compliance with SEFHIER reporting requirements
- Assembling Ad Hoc For-Hire Reporting AP to include stakeholder input

QUESTIONS?

