

Snapper Grouper AP Motions and Recommendations  
August 4-6, 2009  
North Charleston, SC

MOTIONS

*Amendment 17A*

MOTION 1: IN AMENDMENT 17A, RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL ANALYZE THE FOLLOWING RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES OFF THE COAST OF GEORGIA:

--6 MONTH CLOSURE STARTING OCT 1

--BAG LIMIT TO 1, EXCLUDING CAPT AND CREW (KEEP 1<sup>ST</sup> FISH CAUGHT)

--NO MIN SIZE LIMIT

--MAX SIZE LIMIT 28"

--CLOSE 50% OF LIVE BOTTOM TO ALL SNAPPER GROUPE HARVEST WHERE RED SNAPPER ARE YEAR-ROUND (RECONSIDER CLOSURE FOLLOWING NEXT STOCK ASSESSMENT)

--ONE HOOK PER ROD AND REELS, MANUAL ROD AND REEL ONLY

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MOTION 2: 31 20 LATITUDE LINE TO BE THE NORTHERN END OF THE GA CLOSURE (NORTHERN SECTION OPEN TO FISHING).

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MOTION 3: COUNCIL EXPLORE METHODS TO PROTECT SPAWNING REEF FISH.

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MOTION 4: COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE CLOSING AREAS WHERE FISH ARE KNOWN TO SPAWN

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MOTION 5: RECOMMEND THE COUNCIL INVESTIGATE METHODS TO REDUCE RECREATIONAL LIMITS THROUGH VESSEL LIMITS (1/PERSON OR 4/VESSELS WHICHEVER IS MORE RESTRICTIVE) WITH ADJUSTMENTS TO VESSEL LIMITS FOLLOWING THE NEXT ASSESSMENT. ALSO INVESTIGATE A REDUCTION IN RED SNAPPER MINIMUM SIZE TO 16"

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MOTION 6: PROHIBIT RED SNAPPER COMMERCIAL HARVEST UNTIL THE NEXT STOCK ASSESSMENT ALLOWS A HIGHER QUOTA.

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MOTION 7: RED SNAPPER ALLOCATION OF 40% COMMERCIAL AND 60% RECREATIONAL.

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MOTION 8: MOVE SAFMC INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVE EFFORT CONTROLS TO ACHIEVE MULTI-SPECIES MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES. THE DAYS-AT-SEA CONCEPT INVOLVES CONTROLLING MULTISPECIES HARVEST PRESSURE (HOOKS IN THE WATER) BY TIME RATHER THAN CLOSURE OF AREAS.

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MOTION 9: MOVE SAFMC DEVELOP A RESEARCH SET-ASIDE PROGRAM FOR MANAGEMENT AND DATA NEEDS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC SNAPPER GROUPER COMPLEX. THE PROGRAM SHOULD UTILIZE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE THE VESSELS AND EXPERTISE OF INDIVIDUALS IN SOUTH ATLANTIC SNAPPER GROUPER COMPLEX FISHERY.

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MOTION 10: MOVE SAFMC AND NMFS AGGRESIVELY SUPPORT THE DATA RESEARCH NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN THE SEDAR REPORT FOR RED SNAPPER.

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MOTION 11: REQUEST NMFS HMS TO INVESTIGATE THE INTERACTION WITH SNAPPER GROUPER SPECIES WITHIN THE PROPOSED MANAGEMENT AREAS IN AMENDMENT 17A

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MOTION 12: MOVE SAFMC URGE NMFS TO DEVELOP CENSUS REPORTING DATA SYSTEMS FOR ALL COMMERCIAL AND FOR-HIRE PARTICIPANTS.

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MOTION 13: MOVE SAFMC URGE NMFS AND STATES TO IMPLEMENT REAL-TIME REPORTING SYSTEMS FOR ALL SECTORS TO TRACK LANDINGS AND DISCARDS FOR DAILY MONITORING AND QUOTA MANAGEMENT.

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MOTION 14: MOVE SAFMC REVIEW THE APPROPRIATENESS OF ALL SIZE LIMITS IN SNAPPER GROUPER COMPLEX.

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MOTION 15: FOR COMMERCIAL ONLY:

NO NEW CLOSED AREAS. COMMERCIAL ANNUAL CATCH TARGET = 40%(ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT)=40%(61,000 LBS WHOLE WEIGHT)=24,400 LBS WHOLE WEIGHT. IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING MONITORING DEVICES: VMS, REAL-TIME ELECTRONIC BYCATCH REPORTING, AND OBSERVERS. IF DISCARDS ARE GREATER THAN 24,400 LBS, PROHIBIT THE USE OF HOOK AND LINE GEAR FOR FISHING FOR MID-SHELF SPECIES. SPEARFISHING AND BLACK SEA BASS POTS WOULD BE ALLOWED. IF BYCATCH REPORTING IS VIOLATED, LOSE PERMIT. ALSO PLACE A SMALLER CLOSURE IF RED SNAPPER ACL IS MET BUT INCLUDE A QUOTA BUFFER FROM THE 24,400 LBS TO ACCOUNT FOR THE RED SNAPPER MORTALITY (I.E SOUTHERN FL AND 32 NORTH 80 WEST).

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MOTION 16: AFTER THE RED SNAPPER COMMERCIAL ACL IS MET, ALLOW HARVEST WITH SPEARFISHING GEAR IN SOUTH ATLANTIC EEZ EXCLUDING ANY CLOSED AREAS

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MOTION 17: IMPLEMENT A SALTWATER VESSEL PERMIT WITH A MONITORING SYSTEM

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MOTION 18: AP RECOMMENDS A BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT BE THE NEXT ASSESSMENT FOR RED SNAPPER. USE THE MOST RECENT DATA AVAILABLE.

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*Amendment 17B*

MOTION 19: RECOMMEND A PERCENTAGE CLOSURE OF BOTTOM SEAWARD OF 300 FOOT DEPTH (50 FATHOM) FOR ALL SECTORS

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MOTION 20: REMOVE ALTERNATIVE 4 FROM CONSIDERATION (DEEP WATER CLOSURE)

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MOTION 21: REPLACE THE 3 YEAR RUNNING AVERAGE WITH A FIVE YEAR AVERAGE (DROP THE LOW AND HIGH NUMBER) IN TERMS OF RECREATIONAL GOLDEN TILEFISH LANDINGS

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MOTION 22: COUNCIL CONSIDER A COMBINED GAG AND BLACK GROUPER COMMERCIAL ACL AND A SEPARATE RED GROUPER ACL.

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MOTION 23: IF THE ACLS ON AN INDICATOR SPECIES HAS BEEN REACHED AND SHUT DOWN THE FISHERY, THAT SPEARFISHING WOULD STILL BE ALLOWED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GROUPERS THAT HAVE ACLS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN REACHED

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MOTION 24: REQUEST THE COUNCIL ADD CHANGES TO BLACK SEA POT FISHERY (SUCH AS CHANGES TO ALLOWABLE POT NUMBERS) BE ADDED TO THE FRAMEWORK

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MOTION 25: SAFMC TO DEVELOP WHITE PAPER TO ANALYZE PROS AND CONS OF THREE SECTOR MANAGEMENT STRATEGY.

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*Amendment 18*

MOTION 26: AP ENDORSES ALTERNATIVE 3 OF ACTION 1 AS THE PREFERRED

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MOTION 27: AP PREFERS ALTERNATIVE 3 UNDER ACTION 2 WITH ALTERNATIVES 3B AND 3F. SEPTEMBER START DATE.

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MOTION 28: TO ALLOW NEW PARTICIPATION, TRANSFERABILITY OF ENDORSEMENTS TO OWNER OF ANOTHER SNAPPER GROUPER PERMIT HOLDER IS PREFERRED.

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MOTION 29: MAKE SUB-ALTERNATIVE 7A ITS OWN ALTERNATIVE (BLACK SEA BASS POT ACTION)

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MOTION 30: ADOPT ALTERNATIVE 3 AND THE NEW ALTERNATIVE 8 AS THE AP PREFERRED (BLACK SEA BASS POT ACTION)

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MOTION 31: AP PREFERS STATUS QUO ALTERNATIVE UNDER SNOWY GROUPER ACTION

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MOTION 32: AP PREFERS ALTERNATIVE 1 UNDER THE GAG RECREATIONAL ACTION

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MOTION 33: AP PREFERS ALTS 3, 4 AND 5 UNDER COMMERCIAL DATA REPORTING ACTION

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MOTION 34: AP SUGGESTS ANALYZING ALTS 2 AND 6 AS ONE ALTERNATIVE UNDER THE COMMERCIAL DATA REPORTING ACTION

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MOTION 35: AP PREFERS ALTERNATIVE 2 UNDER THE FOR-HIRE DATA REPORTING ACTION (ELECTRONIC OR PAPER)

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MOTION 36: AP PREFERS ALT 2 UNDER PRIVATE RECREATIONAL DATA REPORTING ACTION

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MOTION 37: AP SUGGEST A NEW ALTERNATVIE UNDER THE EFH-HAPC ACTION THAT CONSOLIDATE THE EFH REVIEW, UPDATE, AND REVISION UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE ECOSYSTEM-BASED AMENDMENT II.

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*Amendment 20*

MOTION 38: THE AP PREFERS THAT THE COUNCIL ENDORSE A WRECKFISH ACL EQUAL TO 1.1 MILLION POUNDS. THIS AMOUNT IS BASED ON THE NEEDS OF CURRENT WRECKFISH FISHERMEN.

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MOTION 39: AP PREFERS ALT 4 UNDER THE WRECKFISH ACTION IN AMD 20

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*Other*

MOTION 40: AP NOMINATES DON DEMARIA AS CHAIR OF THE SG AP

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MOTION 41: AP NOMINATES ZACK BOWEN AS VICE CHAIR

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RECOMMENDATIONS *(The following items are recommendations to the Council.)*

Ideas to limit mortality of red snapper

- (a) VMS (all vessels that harvest snapper grouper species in the EEZ)
- (b) Consider recommendations from LAPP Workgroup
- (c) Smaller closures closed to all fishing and target closures to spawning locations
- (d) Closures that change throughout the year and location changes
  
- (e)
  - A. Close 50% of live bottom off GA coast
  - B. 6 month closure (Nov 1 through March 31) for for-hire and pr. rec
  - C. Bag limit to 1/person excluding captain and crew
  - D. Eliminate 20" size limit
  - E. Maximum of 28" size limit for red snapper
  - F. Restrict to 1 hook per angler for hook and line fishing
  - G. Prohibit use of electric reel for recreational fishermen
  - H. Create mid-shelf spawning area with no fishing allowed
  - I. Artificial reef placement
  
- (f) Implement days-at-sea restrictions, close spawning locations
  
- (g) No sale of red snapper (partial support of Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel)
  
- (h) No size limit option
  
- (i) Recommendation: The AP requests that the Council consider roll-overs of underages and paybacks of overages for non-overfished species.
  
- (j) Include guideboats with charter and headboats for consideration in a research set-aside program.
  
- (k) Establish an ad-hoc group to discuss recreational monitoring, data collection
  
- (l) For Florida red snapper regulations:
  - 1/person
  - 4/vessel
  - excluding capt/crew
  - keep size limit
  - closure areas to protect spawning areas
  - one hook per rod and reels, manual rod and reel only