

Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting  
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**Language in National Standard 1 Guidelines Pertaining to Ecosystem  
Component Species**

(5) Ecosystem component (EC) species.

(i) To be considered for possible classification as an EC species, the species should:

(A) Be a non-target species or nontarget stock;

(B) Not be determined to be subject to overfishing, approaching overfished, or overfished;

(C) Not be likely to become subject to overfishing or overfished, according to the best available information, in the absence of conservation and management measures; and

(D) Not generally be retained for sale or personal use.