

**Final Snapper Grouper Committee Report
September 11-12, 2012
Charleston, SC**

The Snapper Grouper Committee met in Charleston on September 11 and 12, 2012.

Oculina Research Activities

The Committee made the following motion pertaining to this agenda item:

MOTION: REMOVE ITEM ON OCULINA RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FROM SG COMMITTEE AGENDA AND COVER UNDER THE ECOSYSTEM COMMITTEE OR THE HABITAT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Presentation on Red Snapper, Speckled Hind and Warsaw Grouper Discards

The Committee received a presentation titled “Catch and Discard Characterization for Red Snapper, Warsaw Grouper, and Speckled Hind” that summarized the results of a project conducted by the Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation (GSAFF). The presenters indicated they would provide their data, as needed, for use in management analyses.

SERO and SEFSC Reports

The Committee received reports from the Southeast Regional Office (SERO) and the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) on the status of commercial and recreational landings for snapper grouper species under quota management, respectively. Dr. Bonnie Ponwith, SEFSC, explained why the yellowtail commercial landings had been miscalculated resulting in a notice to close the fishery on September 11, 2012. Dr. Ponwith indicated that the mistake resulted from the procedure used to fill in empty cells in the database and emphasized how critical timely reporting is to avoiding unnecessary fishery closings. Dr. Ponwith indicated the revised commercial landings estimate for yellowtail would be available for the Full Council meeting.

Council staff requested an explanation from the SEFSC as to why the recreational landings estimates on the SEFSC website differ from those that are reviewed at Council meetings. Dr. Ponwith explained this was due to the post-stratification methodology and agreed to present this methodology at the December Council meeting. The Committee also requested that projections for recreational closures be included in the SEFSC reports to the Council.

Status of Amendments Under Review

SERO staff briefed the Committee on the status of amendments under review, including Regulatory Amendment 12 (adjustment of golden tilefish ACL). If implemented, the latter will increase the golden tilefish commercial and recreational ACLs.

The Committee inquired as to whether the snapper grouper framework could be revised to include the option for an action to not go through the notice and comment period in order to expedite implementation of certain regulations. NOAA GC indicated that the Administrative Procedures Act requires public comment, but agreed to look further into the matter to advise the

Council. The Committee agreed that there is a need to be able to use an Interim Rule for matters other than ending overfishing.

Discussion on Potential Delay of Opening of Golden Tilefish 2013 Fishing Season

The Committee discussed the possibility of requesting that NMFS issue an Emergency Rule to delay the opening of the golden tilefish season in order to align it with the implementation of Amendment 18B (longline endorsements, gear-specific ACLs, etc.). Committee members stated that fishermen are not in favor of delaying the 2013 fishing season. However, other options such as fishing 15 days on/15 days off or frequent projections of when the 300-pound trip limit would be triggered, were brought up as alternatives. The latter option, however, would entail high uncertainty and possibly a worsening derby conditions. The former option would need to be addressed via Regulatory Amendment and possibly require an additional Council meeting to affect the 2013 fishing year. NMFS indicated that administrative inaction is not a justification for requesting an Emergency Rule. The Committee made the following motion:

MOTION: MOVE THE DISCUSSION ON GOLDEN TILEFISH SEASON OPTIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: USE THE SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION OF ROUNDING TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN ACL HAS BEEN MET.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MPAs for Speckled Hind and Warsaw Grouper

The Snapper Grouper Committee Chair clarified the guidance the Council offered during the June meeting regarding consideration of MPAs to protect speckled hind and warsaw grouper. The Council's intent was to remove the action from the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 and hold additional workshops to obtain public input.

Council staff briefed the Committee on the SSC's discussions regarding specification of ABC for the two species. At their August 2012 meeting, the SSC attempted to apply the ORCS (Only Reliable Catch Species) methodology to speckled hind and warsaw grouper but only the initial step was accomplished. Further steps were not considered due to the SSC's concern that available landings for speckled hind and warsaw grouper are not representative of fishery exploitation. The SSC indicated that both species have a Low Risk of Exploitation and the possibility that they were continuing to experience overfishing was low.

The Committee discussed possibly requesting a presentation at the December meeting from the SEFSC team that has been monitoring snapper grouper species' abundance in the existing Deepwater MPAs. The Committee also discussed possibly re-convening the MPA Expert Workgroup after the December Council meeting if the Council decides to consider designating new areas as MPAs. For the moment, however, the Committee's guidance was to focus on analyzing options to reconfigure or reposition some of the existing MPAs based on occurrence of speckled hind and warsaw grouper and presence of suitable habitat. Committee members indicated their interest in developing an evaluation plan, similar to the Oculina Evaluation Plan,

if MPAs for speckled hind and warsaw grouper are implemented. The Committee also discussed the importance of enforcement for the success of any MPAs that may be implemented in the future. To this end, NOAA GC advised the Committee that the Council could recommend ways to enhance compliance.

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION: REQUEST THAT AN ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF REGULATIONS ON CO-OCCURRING SPECIES OF SH AND WG BE CONDUCTED AND THE REDUCTION IN BYCATCH THAT HAS POTENTIALLY BEEN ACHIEVED

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: MOVE FORWARD WITH CONSIDERATION OF DEEPWATER MPAS (TIER 1 – RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING MPAS USING PERCENT OCCURRENCE AS A CRITERION) TO PROTECT SH AND WG THROUGH A REGULATORY AMENDMENT AND THAT ALTERNATIVES BE PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: ADD HABITAT AS AN ADDITIONAL CRITERION TO ANALYZE TIER 1 MPAS

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Regulatory Amendment 13 and Yellowtail Snapper

The Committee discussed the necessity of moving forward with Regulatory Amendment 13 to adjust ABCs, ACLs and ACTs for unassessed snapper grouper species. This is necessary to make the ACLs comparable to the landings estimates based on MRIP methodology. The RA explained to the Committee that an Environmental Assessment would be needed to make this adjustment because the change in recreational landings estimates will likely shift the commercial/recreational allocation for some species.

In order to proceed with development of Regulatory Amendment 13, however, the SEFSC needs to provide calibrated estimates for 2004-2008 and the calibration factor(s) that need to be applied to landings prior to 2004. Dr. Ponwith indicated that the SEFSC should be able to provide this information prior to the October 23-25th SSC meeting for their review. The intent is for the Council to approve the amendment for submission to the Secretary of Commerce at the December 2012 meeting.

The Committee also discussed the need to adjust the yellowtail snapper ACL based on the results of the new stock assessment. To do so quickly will require taking action via Emergency Rule. However, the assessment has not yet undergone SSC review. Therefore, South Atlantic SSC members will meet jointly with the Gulf SSC on October 10th, 2012 to review the assessment and provide ABC recommendations based on the ABC Control Rule. Once ABC recommendations are available, the Council can request an Emergency Rule to adjust the ACLs and ACTs. The

adjusted values would need to be subsequently adopted through a Regulatory Amendment before the Emergency Rule expires in 180 days.

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION: CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATORY AMENDMENT 13 TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE RECREATIONAL CATCHES FOR UNASSESSED SNAPPER GROUPER SPECIES. THE EXISTING BOYLES'S LAW AND THE ABC/ACL/ACT DETERMINATIONS WOULD BE USED. AT THE DECEMBER MEETING, THE AMENDMENT WOULD BE REVIEWED, PUBLIC COMMENT WOULD BE TAKEN, AND IT WOULD BE APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SOC.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: REQUEST EMERGENCY RULE TO ADJUST THE COMMERCIAL ACL FOR YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER BASED ON THE CURRENT STOCK ASSESSMENT, THE SSC'S ABC RECOMMENDATION BASED ON THE CURRENT ABC CONTROL RULE, INTERJURISDICTIONAL ALLOCATION, AND COMMERCIAL/RECREATIONAL ALLOCATIONS.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: INITIATE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGULATORY AMENDMENT (REGULATORY AMENDMENT 15) TO ADJUST THE YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER ACLS. BRING THIS TO THE COUNCIL FOR REVIEW AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: INCLUDE IN REG 15 ALTERNATIVES TO CHANGE THE FISHING YEAR START DATE TO AUGUST 1 AND AN ALTERNATIVE TO ESTABLISH A SPAWNING SEASON CLOSURE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL EXPRESSES THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGEMENT OF YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER AND MUTTON SNAPPER

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Amendment 22 (Tag Program)

Council staff gave an overview of the Options Paper and timing for development of this amendment. The Committee discussed the need for long-term management measures for red snapper and the appropriateness of a tag program to accomplish this. State representatives on the Council expressed their respective state's willingness and ability to administer a tag program. Overall, states are not prepared to administer a tag program for red snapper and would prefer that the NMFS be the agency that does. The use of an independent contracting agency was proposed as means to administer a tag program without incurring additional costs. However, this would only be a consideration if the states were willing to hire a contractor since the NMFS cannot

enter into a contractual agreement with an independent company. The Committee spent time discussing criteria they would like to see in a recreational tag program for deepwater snapper grouper species (golden tilefish, snowy grouper and wreckfish) and directed staff to proceed with development of such program in Amendment 22.

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION: ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL TAG PROGRAM FOR SA RED SNAPPER AND ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR SUCH A PROGRAM.

MOTION FAILS

MOTION: CONSIDER A RECREATIONAL TAG PROGRAM FOR THE DEEPWATER SPECIES (GOLDEN TILEFISH, SNOWY GROUPER, WRECKFISH) IN AMENDMENT 22 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: CONSIDER A RECREATIONAL TAG PROGRAM FOR RED SNAPPER, AND THE DEEPWATER SPECIES (GOLDEN TILEFISH, SNOWY GROUPER AND WRECKFISH) IN AMENDMENT 22.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION APPROVED; SUBSTITUTE BECOMES MAIN MOTION
MAIN MOTION APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: DIRECT STAFF TO FURTHER DEVELOP AMENDMENT 22 AND BRING TO COUNCIL (AS AN OPTIONS PAPER) IN MARCH 2013 OR JUNE 2013

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: DIRECT STAFF TO INCLUDE AMENDMENT 22 OPTIONS PAPER AND SG COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE SSC'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC PANEL AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 2012

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES FOR RED SNAPPER MANAGEMENT IN REGULATORY AMENDMENT 15

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Regulatory Amendment 14

Council staff provided an overview of the Options Paper and reviewed the list of possible actions and the timeline for this amendment. The intent is for the Council to review the draft document during their December meeting, and approve for public hearings in January 2013.

The Committee made the motions below.

Greater Amberjack

MOTION: INCLUDE OPTIONS 1-3 FOR THE FISHING YEAR ADJUSTMENT FOR GREATER AMBERJACK

Option 1. No Action. Do not modify the fishing year for greater amberjack. The current fishing year begins on May 1.

Option 2. Modify the fishing year for greater amberjack to begin on January 1.

Option 3. Modify the fishing year for greater amberjack to begin on March 1.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: INCLUDE OPTIONS 1-2 FOR THE TRIP LIMIT ADJUSTMENT FOR GREATER AMBERJACK

Option 1. No Action. Do not reduce the trip limit for greater amberjack. The current trip limit is 1,200 pounds gw.

Option 2. Reduce the commercial trip limit to 1,000 pounds gw.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Mutton Snapper

MOTION: APPROVE OPTIONS 1-6 UNDER THE ACTION TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS TO PROTECT MUTTON SNAPPER DURING THE SPAWNING SEASON FOR INCLUSION IN REGULATORY AMENDMENT 14

Option 1. No Action. Do not implement additional regulations to protect mutton snapper during the spawning season. During May and June, commercial snapper-grouper permit holders are limited to a commercial harvest of mutton snapper of 10 fish per person or 10 fish per trip, whichever is more restrictive, which is equivalent to the aggregate snapper recreational bag limit.

Option 2. Designate area closures coinciding with known spawning aggregation sites and close them to fishing for mutton snapper during May and June

Sub-option 2a. Designate Western Dry Rocks as a mutton snapper spawning aggregation area closure.

Sub-option 2b. Designate Eyeglass Bar as a mutton snapper spawning aggregation area closure.

Option 3. Implement a reduction in the bag limit to 5 mutton snapper per person per day during May and June.

Option 4. Implement a reduction in the bag limit to 3 mutton snapper per person per day during May and June.

Option 5. Modify the commercial spawning season closure.

Sub-option 5a. All commercial and recreational harvest is prohibited in May and June.

Sub-option 5b. All commercial and recreational harvest is prohibited in April-June.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: ADD AN OPTION (OPTION 6) TO REDUCE BAG LIMIT OF MUTTON SNAPPER YEAR-ROUND TO 3, 5 OR 7 PER PERSON PER DAY (INCLUDED IN THE AGGREGATE 10-SNAPPER BAG LIMIT)

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Gray Triggerfish & Hogfish

MOTION: ADD OPTION TO CHANGE THE MEASUREMENT METHOD FOR GRAY TRIGGERFISH TO HAVE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN STATE AND FEDERAL WATERS. THE MEASUREMENT WOULD BE SPECIFIED IN FORK LENGTH.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: REMOVE ACTION TO CHANGE THE SIZE LIMIT OF GRAY TRIGGERFISH UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE STOCK ASSESSMENT

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: ADD ACTION TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR HOGFISH TO REGULATORY AMENDMENT 14. INCLUDE OPTIONS FOR 12 (NO ACTION), 13 AND 14 INCHES FORK LENGTH.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: REMOVE OPTIONS TO MODIFY THE BAG LIMIT AND ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL TRIP LIMIT FOR GRAY TRIGGERFISH UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE STOCK ASSESSMENT

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Black Sea Bass

The Committee discussed options to modify the fishing year for black sea bass and directed staff to re-structure the proposed actions in the Options Paper to allow for the possibility of changing either the commercial fishing year or the recreational fishing year or both. In addition, the Committee instructed staff to re-word the No Action alternative.

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION: CONSIDER ACTION TO MODIFY THE BSB RECREATIONAL FISHING YEAR TO CONSIDER START DATES OF JAN 1, APRIL 1 AND OCTOBER 1

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: CONSIDER ACTION TO MODIFY THE BSB COMMERCIAL FISHING YEAR TO CONSIDER A START DATE OF JULY 1

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: INCLUDE OPTIONS TO OPEN THE BSB COMMERCIAL SEASON TO THE HOOK AND LINE SECTOR ONLY ON EITHER JUNE 1 OR MAY 1 WITH A TRIP LIMIT OF 50 POUNDS (INTENT IS FOR THE TRIP LIMIT TO END WITH THE OPENING OF THE BSB POT SEASON)

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Vermilion Snapper

The Committee made the following motions pertaining to vermilion snapper management:

MOTION: CONSIDER OPTIONS TO MODIFY THE TRIP LIMIT FOR VERMILION SNAPPER TO:

1. NO TRIP LIMIT
2. 1,000 POUNDS
3. 500 POUNDS
4. 400 POUNDS

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: INCLUDE AN ACTION TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO CHANGE THE BAG LIMIT FOR VERMILION SNAPPER IN REGULATORY AMENDMENT 14.

INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD ADJUST THE BAG LIMIT FROM 3 TO 10 FISH.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: INCLUDE AN ACTION TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR MOVING THE OPENING OF THE SECOND COMMERCIAL VERMILION SNAPPER SEASON:

1. JULY 1
2. JUNE 1
3. MAY 1

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: INCLUDE AN ACTION TO CONSIDER OPTIONS TO LENGTHEN OR SHORTEN THE RECREATIONAL CLOSED SEASON FOR VERMILION SNAPPER:

1. CLOSURE NOVEMBER 1 – FEBRUARY 1
2. CLOSURE DECEMBER 1 – MARCH 1
3. CLOSURE OCTOBER 1 -- MARCH 1

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

The Committee proposes adding the following to Regulatory Amendment 14:

Red Porgy

MOTION: INCLUDE AN ACTION TO CONSIDER A RANGE OF OPTIONS TO INCREASE THE RED PORGY RECREATIONAL BAG LIMIT UP TO 5 FISH.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: INCLUDE AN ACTION TO CONSIDER A RANGE OF OPTIONS TO INCREASE THE RED PORGY COMMERCIAL HEAD COUNT IN THE COMMERCIAL FISHERY UP TO 240 FISH OR THE EQUIVALENT POUNDAGE.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Grouper

MOTION: INCLUDE AN ACTION IN REG AMENDMENT 14 TO INCREASE AGGREGATE GROUPEER BAG LIMIT FROM 3 TO 4 FISH AND WITHIN THAT INCREASE THE GAG BAG LIMIT FROM 1 TO 2 FISH.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

The Committee also discussed the current regulation to close harvest of shallow water grouper (black grouper, red grouper, scamp, red hind, rock hind, yellowmouth grouper, yellowfin grouper, graysby, and coney) once the gag ACL is met or projected to be met. This measure was implemented through Amendment 16, which addressed overfishing of gag and vermilion snapper.

MOTION: ADD AN ACTION TO REGULATORY AMENDMENT 15 TO REMOVE THE TRIGGERING OF THE SHALLOW-WATER GROUPEER CLOSURE WHEN THE GAG ACL IS MET OR PROJECTED TO BE MET.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: ADD AN ACTION TO REGULATORY AMENDMENT 14 TO ADDRESS PROHIBITION OF POWERHEADS OFF NC.

MOTION FAILS

Blue Runner Issue

The Committee received an overview of the issue surrounding blue runner from the Council vice-chair. The subsequent discussion focused on ways to modify the current regulations to preclude further conflict. In order to remove blue runner from the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Unit, however, the Council would need to develop a plan amendment. Due to the level of impacts that will continue to affect fishermen who depend on landings of blue runner for a large portion of their income, the Committee discussed the possibility of requesting that blue runner be removed from the FMU via emergency action. NOAA GC advised the Committee that such an action would be challenging to justify and urged them to consider a defensible rationale to support an emergency rule request. Therefore, this issue will be addressed again during the Full Council meeting. The Florida representative on the Council expressed confidence in the state's ability to assume management for this species once it is removed from under Federal management.

The Committee made the following motion:

MOTION: DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN DEVELOPMENT OF A SNAPPER GROUPEER PLAN AMENDMENT TO REMOVE BLUE RUNNER FROM THE SNAPPER GROUPEER FMU.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN DEVELOPMENT OF A SG PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN BLUE RUNNER FISHERY

SUBSTITUTE MOTION APPROVED; SUBSTITUTE MOTION BECOMES MAIN MOTION
MAIN MOTION APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Vision and Strategic Planning

The Committee Chair initiated discussion on long-term planning for the snapper grouper fishery and development of a vision statement. Two steps to initiate this process were suggested: invite the chair of the MAFMC to attend the December Council meeting to present on their approach and lessons learned, and convening the Snapper Grouper Committee on Monday morning of the December meeting week to discuss this topic.

Other Business

The Committee discussed the possibility of revisiting the measure that prohibits retention of bag limit quantities of the gag and tilefish aggregate as well as vermilion snapper. This regulation was implemented through Amendment 16 and does not apply to any other species in the snapper grouper FMU.

DRAFT MOTION TO ADOPT TIMING AND TASKS

- A. SEFSC TO INCLUDE PRELIMINARY HB LANDINGS IN COUNCIL REPORTS
- B. SEFSC PRESENTATION AT DECEMBER MEETING ON POST-STRATIFICATION METHODOLOGY USED TO ARRIVE AT RECREATIONAL LANDINGS ESTIMATES, INCLUDING WHETHER THE METHODOLOGY HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND WHETHER IT IS USED IN OTHER REGIONS.
- C. PREPARE DRAFT REGULATORY AMENDMENT 17 TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES FOR MPAs. THE ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE LIMITED TO RE-ORIENTATION OF THE APPROPRIATE EXISTING MPAs BASED ON OCCURRENCES OF SH AND WG AND SUITABLE HABITAT. SERO STAFF WOULD PRESENT ANALYSIS AT DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING.
- D. CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF REG AMENDMENT 13 AND PRESENT TO COUNCIL IN DECEMBER. COUNCIL WILL HOLD PH AT THE DECEMBER MEETING AND APPROVE FOR FORMAL REVIEW.
- E. REQUEST EMERGENCY RULE TO ADJUST THE YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER ABC/ACLs/ACTs BASED ON THE CURRENT STOCK ASSESSMENT
- F. DEVELOP REGULATORY AMENDMENT 15 TO IMPLEMENT ADJUSTMENT TO YELLOWTAIL ACLs, ETC. AND BRING TO COUNCIL FOR REVIEW IN DECEMBER. INCLUDE ACTIONS FOR RED SNAPPER MANAGEMENT AND REMOVAL OF TRIGGER TO CLOSE SAWG WHEN GAG ACL IS MET OR PROJECTED TO BE MET.
- G. CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF AMENDMENT 22 AND PRESENT OPTIONS PAPER TO THE COUNCIL JUNE 2013 OR SEPTEMBER 2013.
- H. BRING DRAFT REGULATORY AMENDMENT 14 TO COUNCIL FOR REVIEW IN MARCH AND APPROVAL FOR PH IN AUG 2013. ACTIONS TO INCLUDE:
 1. PROTECTION OF MUTTON SNAPPER DURING ITS SPWANING SEASON

2. CHANGE METHOD FOR MEASURING GRAY TRIGGERFISH TO FORK LENGTH
3. INCREASE MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR HOGFISH
4. CHANGE THE START OF THE RECREATIONAL BSB FISHING YEAR
5. CHANGE THE START OF THE COMMERCIAL BSB FISHING YEAR
6. MODIFY TRIP LIMIT FOR VERMILION SNAPPER
7. ADJUST BAG LIMIT FOR VERMILION SNAPPER
8. ADJUST START OF SECOND COMMERCIAL VERMILION SNAPPER SEASON
9. MODIFY RECREATIONAL VERMILION SNAPPER CLOSED SEASON
10. INCREASE THE RED PORGY BAG LIMIT
11. INCREASE THE RED PORGY COMMERCIAL HEAD COUNT
12. MODIFY THE AGGREGATE GROUPEUR BAG LIMIT
- I. DEVELOP PLAN AMENDMENT TO REMOVE BLUE RUNNER FROM THE SNAPPER GROUPEUR FMU AND BRING TO THE COUNCIL IN DECEMBER FOR APPROVAL FOR PH IN JANUARY 2013.
- J. INVITE MAFMC CHAIR TO PRESENT ON VISIONING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING AT DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING
- K. CONVENE THE SG COMMITTEE ON MONDAY MORNING OF THE DECEMBER MEETING WEEK TO DISCUSS VISIONING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

MOTION: APPROVE TIMING AND TASKS MOTION AS MODIFIED
 APPROVED BY COUNCIL