Amend 17A or now Amend 17C should be dumped as an alternative to "end overfishing" of Red Snapper. The SAFMC knows that the data used for SEDAR 15 on the Red Snapper has too many flawed data sources to be litigmetaly used. It would take too long to list each flaw in this document but council minutes should provide more than a reasonable range of these flaws from the public comment periods. Because the data used in SEDAR 15 is so flawed, it can not be considered 'notice' to the SAFMC for the Red Snapper thus the Council needs to wait for the next Red Snapper assessment with meaningful data to properly assess the health or biomass of the Red Snapper stock. The Council is undering going its next biomass stock assessment for Red Snapper and they have promised a better "peer review" process unlike the last SEDAR 15 assessment which produced a junk filled document.

With the current state of our Nations economic woes, I do not see how it would hurt having businessmen return to work while the next assessment is promised by Dec 2010. I strongly encourage the rejection of Amend 17C or 17A plus allowing the expiration of the Intrum Rule of banning all Red Snapper possession to expire in June of 2010. Return work to hard working men & women.