



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Dear Mr. Mahood,

This letter advises you that at its April 12-15, 2010, meeting in Galveston, Texas, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council) discussed changes in current management through an amendment presently being developed: the Annual Catch Limit/Accountability Measures Generic Amendment. This amendment could effectively transfer management of selected stocks in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (South Atlantic Council). The Gulf Council respectfully requests the South Atlantic Council's assistance in determining whether they would be willing to manage the following species listed below throughout their range. All of these species are currently managed by the South Atlantic Council. Nassau grouper has a geographical distributed that is on the fringe of the Gulf Council management range and some species, such as yellowtail snapper are assessed as one stock throughout their range in both the federal waters of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.

Species for potential transfer of management to the South Atlantic Council:

Mutton snapper, *Lutjanus analis*

Yellowtail snapper, *Ocyurus chrysurus*

Nassau grouper, *Epinephalus striatus*

The Gulf Council respectfully requests that you examine and consider the transfer of management of any or all of the species listed above throughout their range. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Gulf Council.

Sincerely,

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Council Chairman

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