

## Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel Comments and Recommendations

At their June 2022 meeting the Council provided the following guidance for the AP:

*"Convene a meeting of the Recreational Permitting and Reporting AP before the September 2022 SAFMC meeting. Direct the AP to review the Mid-Atlantic recreational tilefish reporting program with consideration of its applicability to the South Atlantic snapper grouper complex. Present AP recommendations at the September 2022 SAFMC meeting."*

To help facilitate comments and development of recommendations, the following discussion questions are offered to the AP:

- 1) Could the Mid-Atlantic's approach to private recreational permitting and reporting be used to develop similar requirements in the Snapper Grouper fishery?
  - a. **Permit Requirement:**
    - i. What are the considerations for implementing the permit?
    - ii. How could such a permit be made most useful to address data deficiencies?
  - b. **Reporting Requirement**
    - i. What are the considerations for implementing reporting requirements?
    - ii. How could reporting requirements be made most useful to address data deficiencies?
  - c. **Data:**
    - i. Is there additional information that should be captured in reporting?
    - ii. Is there data captured that is not necessary for Snapper Grouper species the South Atlantic?
- 2) What species from the Snapper Grouper complex would be most applicable to the Mid-Atlantic's private recreational tilefish permit approach? (i.e. specific species, deepwater complex, all species, etc.?)
- 3) What species from the Snapper Grouper complex would be most applicable to the Mid-Atlantic's private recreational tilefish reporting approach? (i.e. specific species, deepwater complex, all species, etc.?)
- 4) What information is available to determine the number of anglers and potential permits desired?
- 5) Should reporting and permitting requirements be linked and imposed at the same time?
- 6) Should permitting and reporting requirements apply to all SG species and fishing effort?
- 7) Can data collected via permits and reporting be integrated with existing monitoring programs to add to the value of those efforts and reduce reporting burdens?