Current Catch Limits, Catch Targets, and Allocations and Ones Proposed in Amendment 17B for Nine Species Managed by the Council

Table 1. Overfishing Level (OFL) and Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Recommendations from SSC, Including the Annual Catch Limits In Place and Proposed In Amendment 17B.

Species	OFL Recommendation from SSC	ABC Recommendation from SSC	Current ACLs	ACLs In Preferred Alternatives in 17B
Black grouper	none specified	none specified	None	Comm Aggregate ACL (black, red, gag) = 662,403 lbs gw Rec Aggregate ACL = 648,663 lbs gw
Black sea bass	OFL = Yield at MFMT	ABC = rebuilding plan 847,000 lbs ww 717,797 lbs gw	309,000 lbs gw (comm.) 409,000 lbs gw (rec.)	No change proposed
Gag	OFL = Yield at MFMT	805,000 lbs gw (landed catch) 885,000 lbs gw (total kill)	353,940 lbs gw (comm.) 340,060 lbs gw (rec.)	KEEP 353,940 lbs gw (comm.) 340,060 lbs gw (rec.) IN ADDITION Comm Aggregate ACL (black, red, gag) = 662,403 lbs gw Rec Aggregate ACL = 648,663 lbs gw
Golden tilefish	none specified	none specified	295,000 lbs gw (comm.) (F_{MSY} level)	282,819 lbs gw (comm.) 1,578 fish (rec)
Red grouper	none specified	none specified	None	Comm Aggregate ACL (black, red, gag) = 662,403 lbs gw Rec Aggregate ACL = 648,663 lbs gw
Snowy grouper	OFL = Yield at MFMT	ABC = rebuilding plan[4] 102,960 lbs ww 87,254 lbs gw	82,900 lbs gw (comm.) 523 fish (rec)	No change proposed
Speckled hind	SSC Recommendation=Unknown	0 (landings only)	None	0 (landings only) comm. and rec.
Vermilion snapper	none specified	1,078,000 lbs ww (landed catch)[6] 1,109,000 lbs ww (total kill)	315,523 lb gw (Jan-June) (comm.) 302,523 lbs gw (July-Dec) (comm.) 307,315 lbs gw (rec.)=TOTAL **925,361 lbs gw**	No change proposed
Warsaw grouper	SSC Recommendation=Unknown	0 (landings only)	None	0 (landings only) comm. and rec.

Table 2. Current Accountability Measures (AM) and ones proposed in Amendment 17B as outlined in preferred alternatives. The AMs proposed in the amendment are in bold while those that are current are not.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES				
Species	Commercial		Recreational	
	In-Season	Overage	In-Season	Overage
Speckled hind	Closure[1]	Closure[1]	Closure[1]	Closure[1]
Warsaw grouper	Closure[1]	Closure[1]	Closure[1]	Closure[1]
Snowy Grouper	Close fishery when quota projected to be met		None	**Shorten length of following fishing season to ensure landings do not exceed rec. ACL the following year; use 3 year running average**
Golden tilefish	Close fishery when quota projected to be met	None	None	**Shorten length of following fishing season to ensure landings do not exceed rec. ACL the following year; use 3 year running average**[2]
Gag	Close SWG fishery when gag ACL is projected to be met; **in addition to gag ACL, create black, red, and gag ACL. Close SWG when either is met first.**	None	**If gag is overfished and ACL is met, close SWG fishery. Create black, red, and gag ACL. If gag, black, or red is overfished, close SWG fishery.**	**Independent of stock status, if individual species recreational ACL is exceeded, reduce species recreational ACL the following year by overage. Use 3 year running average.**[2]
Black grouper	Close SWG fishery when gag ACL is projected to be met; **in addition to gag ACL, create black, red, and gag ACL. Close SWG when either is met first.**	None		
Red grouper	Close SWG fishery when gag ACL is projected to be met; **in addition to gag ACL, create black, red, and gag ACL. Close SWG when either is met first.**	None		
Black sea bass	Close fishery when quota projected to be met	None	**If species is overfished and ACL is met, prohibit harvest of species.**	
Vermilion snapper	Close fishery when quota projected to be met	None		

[1]The deepwater closure may be considered as a type of AM.
[2]The alternative reads: Alternative 4 (Preferred). For black grouper, black sea bass, gag, red grouper, and vermilion snapper, compare recreational ACL with recreational landings over a range of years. For 2010, use only 2010 landings. For 2011, use the average landings of 2010 and 2011. For 2012 and beyond, use three-year running average.

Table 3. Current allocations (including the amendment they were implemented through) and ones proposed in Amendment 17B as outlined in the preferred alternatives.

Species	**ALLOCATIONS**	
	Current	**Proposed in 17B**
Black grouper	None	None
Black sea bass	43% Commercial 57% Recreational (Amendment 13C)	No change proposed
Gag	51% Commercial 49% Recreational (Amendment 16)	No change proposed
Golden tilefish	None	97% Commercial 3% Recreational
Red grouper	None	None
Snowy grouper	95% Commercial 5% Recreational (Amendment 15B)	No change proposed
Speckled hind	None	No change proposed
Vermilion snapper	68% Commercial 32% Recreational (Amendment 16)	No change proposed
Warsaw grouper	None	None