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Amendment

Snapper Grouper Amendment 55

This amendment reorganizes the Other South Atlantic Shallow Water Grouper Complex and establishes a Scamp and Yellowmouth Complex, addresses a rebuilding plan, catch levels, sector allocations, and accountability measures for the new complex and updates to the Other South Atlantic Shallow Water Grouper Complex.

Submit Date	Submitted By	Location	Affiliation	Comment
9/9/2024	First Name: WELLS Last Name: BARKER Email: wbarker1@ec.rr.com		Commercial, Wholesale/Dealer /Retail	Amendment 55 Accountability Measures(AMs) : From the Council's rationale: "To achieve rebuilding the Council felt it was imperative that the commercial AMs be as effective as possible in preventing commercial landings from exceeding commercial ACLCouncil discussed the need to be consistent between the sectors with regards to AMs. "To be "consistent" and equitable, BOTH sectors need to be held accountable for their previous year's quota overages. The rec. season needs to be shut down as soon as its quota is projected to be caught. (Just like the com. sector). The rec. sector needs to be held accountable for their previous year's overage by having the next year's quota reduced by that overage (Just like the com. sector). Both sectors will have shortened seasons due these reductions. Just using the rec. landings to estimate the length of their following year's season, while necessary, does not hold them accountable for their overage the previous year's let you know how important it is to the rebuilding process that BOTH sectors need to be held accountable for their overage that seample. Because of Council reductions to both the rec. and com. gag quotas in '23, BOTH sectors went over their quotas. The com. sector was over by about 60K pounds and their '24 quota was reduced by that amount. The rec. sector was over by about 400K pounds yet had NO reduction in their '24 quota due to this overage. For some reason, these fish were not important in the rebuilding process???????! urge you to adopt AMs that are "consistent" and equitable. Gag 53 AMs need to be amended so as to be equitable also. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
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