

PART 622—FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

2. In § 622.7, add paragraph (i) to read as follows:

§ 622.7 Fishing years.

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(i) *South Atlantic golden tilefish commercial hook-and-line component* ~~May 1 through April 30~~. (Note: The fishing year for the commercial longline component and the recreational sector is January 1 through December 31).

Commented [JDG1]: This placeholder text is the same as Action 2, Alt. 2c- This affects the total ACL, the way the ACL for hook-and-line is expressed (ex. 2020-2021 instead of 2020), and the AM trigger.

3. Amend § 622.190 as follows:

- a. Add paragraphs (a)(2)(i) through (iii);
- b. Revise paragraphs (a)(2)(iv) and (v); and
- c. Remove paragraph (a)(2)(vi).

The additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 622.190 Quotas.

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(i) *Hook-and-line and longline components* ~~combined~~ (A)

For the 2019 fishing year—299,730 lb (135,955 kg).

(B) For the 2020 fishing year—332,710 lb (150,915 kg).

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(C) For the 2021 fishing year—359,370 lb (163,007 kg).
(D) For the 2022 fishing year—381,210 lb (172,913 kg).
(E) For the 2023 fishing year—393,820 lb (178,633 kg).
(F) For the 2024 and subsequent fishing years—401,580 lb (182,154 kg).

(ii) *Hook-and-line component*—(A) For the 2019 fishing year—74,933 lb (33,989 kg).

(B) For the 2020 fishing year—83,178 lb (37,729 kg).
(C) For the 2021 fishing year—89,968 lb (40,809 kg).
(D) For the 2022 fishing year—95,303 lb (43,229 kg).
(E) For the 2023 fishing year—98,455 lb (44,658 kg).
(F) For the 2024 and subsequent fishing years—100,395 lb (45,538 kg).

(iii) *Longline component*—(A) For the 2019 fishing year—224,797 lb (101,966 kg).

(B) For the 2020 fishing year—249,532 lb (113,186 kg).
(C) For the 2021 fishing year—269,902 lb (122,425 kg).
(D) For the 2022 fishing year—285,907 lb (129,685 kg).
(E) For the 2023 fishing year—295,365 lb (133,975 kg).
(F) For the 2024 and subsequent fishing years—301,185 lb (136,615 kg).

(iv) *Recreational sector*—(A) For the 2019 fishing year—2,093 fish.

(B) For the 2020 fishing year—2,323 fish.

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Commented [JDG7]: Placeholder give is Alt. 4, sub-alternative 4a. Please see table 4.1.2 in the options paper

Commented [JDG8]: Number of fish, placeholder values from Alternative 4a.

(C) For the 2021 fishing year—2,512 fish.
(D) For the 2022 fishing year—2,661 fish.
(E) For the 2023 fishing year—2,749 fish.
(F) For the 2024 and subsequent fishing years—2,804 fish.

(v) *Recreational and commercial sectors* ~~combined~~—(A)

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For the 2019 fishing year—309,000 lb (140,160 kg).

(B) For the 2020 fishing year—343,000 lb (155,582 kg).
(C) For the 2021 fishing year—371,000 lb (168,283 kg).
(D) For the 2022 fishing year—393,000 lb (178,262 kg).
(E) For the 2023 fishing year—406,000 lb (184,159 kg).
(F) For the 2024 and subsequent fishing years—414,000 lb (187,787 kg).

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4. Amend § 622.193 as follows:

a. Add paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iii) and paragraph (a)(2) and;

b. Remove paragraphs (a)(1)(iv) through (vi), and paragraph (a)(3).

The additions read as follows:

§ 622.193 Annual catch limits (ACLs), annual catch targets (ACTs), and accountability measures (AMs).

(a) * * *

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(i) *Hook-and-line component.* If commercial landings for golden tilefish, as estimated by the SRD, reach or are projected to reach the commercial ACL (commercial quota) specified in § 622.190(a)(2)(ii), the AA will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register to close the hook-and-line component of the commercial sector for the remainder of the fishing year. Applicable restrictions after a commercial quota closure are specified in § 622.190(c).

(ii) *Longline component.* If commercial landings for golden tilefish, as estimated by the SRD, reach or are projected to reach the longline commercial ACL (commercial quota) specified in § 622.190(a)(2)(iii), the AA will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register to close the longline component of the commercial sector for the remainder of the fishing year. After the commercial ACL for the longline component is reached or projected to be reached, golden tilefish may not be fished for or possessed by a vessel with a golden tilefish longline endorsement. Applicable restrictions after a commercial quota closure are specified in § 622.190(c).

(iii) If commercial landings of golden tilefish, as estimated by the SRD, exceed the commercial ACL (including both the hook-and-line and longline component quotas)

specified in § 622.190(a)(2)(i), and the combined commercial and recreational ACL specified in § 622.190(a)(2)(v) is exceeded during the same fishing year, and golden tilefish are overfished based on the most recent Status of U.S. Fisheries Report to Congress, the AA will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register to reduce the commercial ACL for that following fishing year by the amount of the commercial ACL overage in the prior fishing year.

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(2) *Recreational sector.* (i) If recreational landings of golden tilefish, as estimated by the SRD, reach or are projected to reach the recreational ACL of specified in § 622.190(a)(2)(iv), the AA will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register to close the recreational sector for the remainder of the fishing year regardless if the stock is overfished, unless NMFS determines that no closure is necessary based on the best scientific information available. On and after the effective date of such a notification, the bag and possession limits for golden tilefish in or from the South Atlantic EEZ are zero.

(ii) If recreational landings of golden tilefish, as estimated by the SRD, exceed the recreational ACL specified in § 622.190(a)(2)(iv), then during the following fishing

year recreational landings will be monitored for a persistence in increased landings, and if necessary, the AA will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register to reduce the length of the recreational fishing season and the recreational ACL by the amount of the recreational ACL overage, if the species is overfished based on the most recent Status of U.S. Fisheries Report to Congress, and if the combined commercial and recreational ACL specified in § 622.190(a)(2)(v) is exceeded during the same fishing year. The AA will use the best scientific information available to determine if reducing the length of the recreational fishing season and recreational ACL is necessary. When the recreational sector is closed as a result of NMFS reducing the length of the recreational fishing season and ACL, the bag and possession limits for golden tilefish in or from the South Atlantic EEZ are zero.

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