

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT - SAFMC Visioning Workshop
December 7, 2015
Atlantic Beach, NC

Review of Vision Blueprint:

Staff presented the final Vision Blueprint document and appendices. The Council offered minor edits to the document.

Review of the Evaluation Plan for the Vision Blueprint

Staff presented the evaluation plan for review of the Vision Blueprint within the next five years. The Council offered the following **recommendations**:

- Move the evaluation plan (currently Appendix D) into the main body of the Vision Blueprint document.
- For the biennial review, use a combination of written comments, webinars and comment stations to collect public input on the progress/outcomes of actions implemented from the Vision Blueprint.
 - Use a web comment form or survey;
 - Include Vision Blueprint input at the regularly scheduled August public hearings;
 - Offer webinars specifically on the Vision Blueprint to provide opportunity for public comment;
 - Timing of the public input would be in August 2018 and staff would provide a progress report in December 2018.

Applying the Vision Blueprint – Review of Approaches and Example Ideas

Staff presented the upcoming amendment development work load for 2016-2017 for the Council to consider when selecting an amendment to be developed using the Vision Blueprint. Staff then presented the four different approaches to applying the Vision Blueprint, example amendment ideas that the Council developed during the October 2015 Visioning Workshop, and feedback from the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel on the approaches and amendment ideas.

The Council discussed the four approaches and the AP recommendation to further develop fishing portfolio information for the snapper grouper fishery in order to better understand the current and future capacity of the fishery moving forward.

The six amendment ideas included:

Sub-regional Management Amendment (Approach 1): Address sub-regional differences in the fishery using actions such as, species specific quota based management (state-by-state, etc.); staggered spawning season closure adjustments; regulations set on specific sub-regions

Fishery Seasonality/Retention Amendment (Approach 2): Address access to the fishery, sub-regional differences and some discard issues using actions such as, seasons (spawning, by species, sub-regional, by sector); bag and trip limits (aggregates, daily/multi-day, etc.); size limits (deepwater species, etc.)

Sector-Based Amendment - Commercial (Approach 2): Address ways to manage for a specific sector across several objectives using sector specific actions such as, split seasons/start dates; trip limit adjustments; permit banks

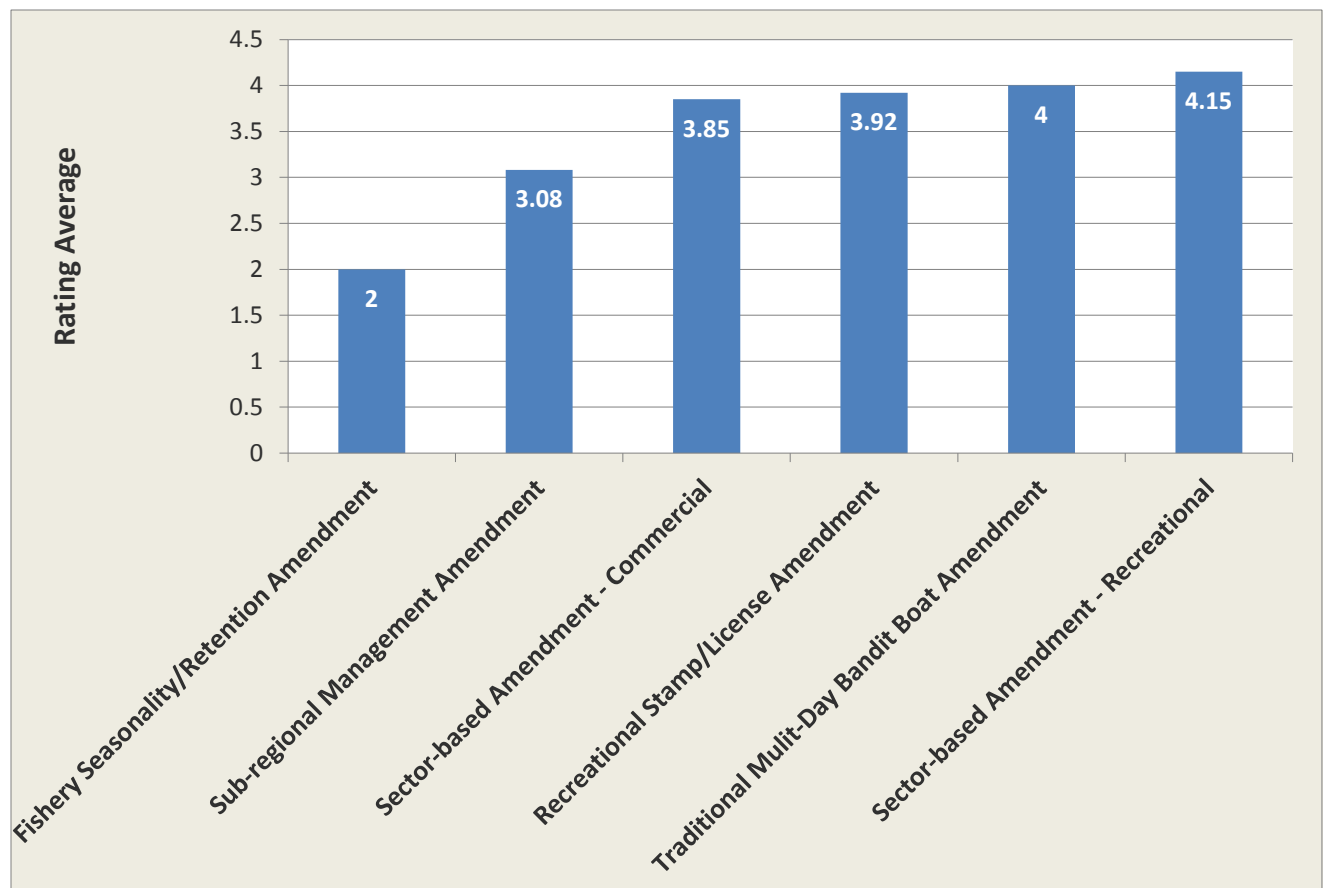
Sector-Based Amendment - Recreational (Approach 2): Address ways to manage for a specific sector across several objectives using sector specific actions such as, bag limits (daily/aggregate); seasons (staggered, time-out); recreational stamp; limited entry for-hire sector

Recreational Fishing Stamp/License Amendment (Approach 3): Address development of a stamp for recreational fishermen harvesting snapper grouper species using actions such as, potential fee structure; license management

Traditional Multi-Day Bandit Boat Amendment: (Approach 3): Address ways to manage this segment of the fishery using a variety of actions such as, permit stacking; multi-day trip endorsements; voluntary sector or community shares

The Council made the following **recommendations** for staff analysis, prioritizing amendment ideas, and collecting public input:

- Update the fishery growth potential paper and tables presented at the October and December 2015 Visioning workshops.
- Conduct a summary analysis of the current seasons, bag limits, trip limits, and Annual Catch Limit information (totals and fishery closures) of snapper grouper species using the ACL summary spreadsheet produced by staff. This analysis will help the Council determine options for determining changes to seasons, limits, etc. to consider sub-regional management approaches that may address access to the fishery and reducing discards.
- Staff will send the Council a survey before the Executive Finance Committee to rank each of the amendment ideas (listed above) in order of priority for implementation in 2016-2017. The survey will help the Council prioritize which ideas to present to the public in early 2016 to collect public input. Results of the survey were presented during the Executive Finance Committee on December 10, 2015. The results are summarized in the figure below and are shown in order of priority for development of amendments in 2016-2017:



Amendment Idea:	Rank:
Fishery Seasonality/Retention Amendment (Approach 2)	1
Sub-regional Management Amendment (Approach 1)	2
Sector-Based Amendment - Commercial (Approach 2)	3
Recreational Stamp/License Amendment (Approach 3)	4
Traditional Multi-Day Bandit Boat Amendment (Approach 3)	5
Sector-Based Amendment - Recreational (Approach 2)	6

- Develop approaches for collecting public input on which amendment ideas should be implemented in 2016-2017. Approaches include:
 - Web-based survey of snapper grouper stakeholders.
 - Mail survey sent to a random sample of snapper grouper permit holders (commercial and for-hire) and recreational anglers (using the MRIP/angler registry database).
 - For each survey, collect contact information and how survey respondents participate in the fishery
 - Design the survey to ensure there are no duplicate responses.

MOTION: Adopt the 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint for the snapper grouper fishery.

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