

OVERVIEW

Wreckfish Fishery IFQ Program Shareholder Meeting

North Charleston, SC

At this meeting of the Wreckfish Fishery IFQ Program Shareholders, the meeting participants need to: A) review and provide comments on the draft program review of the South Atlantic Wreckfish IFQ Program; B) hear updates on proposed changes to the Wreckfish fishery IFQ Program encompassed in Snapper Grouper Amendment 20 and discuss these changes; and C) develop a list of issues the shareholders would like to see addressed and changes to Wreckfish management the shareholders would like implemented.

A. Draft Program Review of the South Atlantic Wreckfish IFQ Program (Attachment 1)

In September 2009, Council and NMFS staff presented the Council with a draft review of the Wreckfish IFQ Program. Several issues were highlighted and suggestions made. In general, the goal of the report was to compare the current state of the fishery with goals and objectives chosen for the fishery when the IFQ program was first implemented. Staff concluded that a comparison was not able to be completed due to the nebulous nature of the goals and objectives. However, suggestions for better future management and review of the IFQ program were made.

Meeting participants need to review the Program Review of the Wreckfish IFQ Program and discuss changes and additions in order to better inform the Council on issues of importance to Wreckfish shareholders.

B. Snapper Grouper Amendment 20 (Attachment 2)

In September 2009, the Council outlined actions and alternatives they would like to see explored in an amendment that would consider changes to the management of the Wreckfish fishery.

Meeting participants need to review actions and Alternatives in Amendment 20 and discuss changes and additions in order to better inform the Council on issues of importance to Wreckfish shareholders.

C. List of Issues and Changes

Meeting participants need to develop a list of issues they would like brought to the attention of Council members and changes they would like see made to management of the Wreckfish fishery in the South Atlantic.