

Attachment 3b - Proposed Actions and Alternatives for Golden Crab

Action 1. Establish Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic region.

Alternative 1. No action.

Alternative 2. MSY = 5 MILLION POUNDS.

Alternative 3. MSY = 2.5 MILLION POUNDS

Alternative 4. MSY = 400,000 – 600,000 POUNDS.

Alternative 5. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SSC.

Action 2. Establish an Overfishing Level (OFL) for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic region.

Alternative 1. No action.

Alternative 2. OFL = FMSY = 0.7047

Alternative 3. OFL = FMSY = 0.2055

Alternative 4. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SSC.

Alternative 5. THE VALUE FOR FMSY IS OBTAINED FROM THE MOST RECENT SEDAR ASSESSMENT (VALUE OR PROXY VALUE).

Action 3. Establish an Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic region.

Alternative 1. No action (THERE IS NO ABC SPECIFIED FOR GOLDEN CRAB)

Alternative 2. ABC = 2 MILLION POUNDS

Alternative 3. ABC = 1.5 MILLION POUNDS

Alternative 4. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SSC.

Alternative 5. ABC = 4.0-4.5 MILLION POUNDS

Action 4. Establish an Annual Catch Limit (ACL) for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic region.

Alternative 1. No action. THERE IS NO ACL SPECIFIED FOR GOLDEN CRAB.

Alternative 2. ACL= ABC

Alternative 3. ACL= X POUNDS LESS THAN ABC