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To whom it may concern

I offshore fish on a regular basis off the coast of NC, SC and Florida. I particularly like to bottom fish. Grouper is what I like to catch. In the last 5 years or so, I have seen an increase in the Red Snapper population off the coast of NC/SC which is where I am from. So much so that I catch as many or more Red Snapper as I do Grouper. Even though we do our best to preserve the fish and return it as healthy as possible, I imagine that a portion of those fish die.

Could 1 Red Snapper be added to the grouper limit similar to how the Gags and Blacks are limited. Maybe worded as, one Black Grouper, Gag Grouper or Red Snapper in a limit?

What is the reasoning that NC and SC Is so short verses the Gulf Coast region? This is two totally different fisheries. One should not affect the other. Why not have NC and SC together, Georgia and the Atlantic side of Florida then the gulf coast.

I hope that you read this and respond. Thank you for your time.

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One more thing that I failed to ask. When there is a season, it falls right in the middle of the Red Snapper Breeding season. For the life of me, I don't understand why we would put a harvest season on a species that we are trying to manage and grow a healthy population in the middle of breeding season.

My apologies if you are not the correct person to be directing these questions to. If you are not, would you be so kind and point me in the right direction. Thank you for your time.

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