

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

CCC PRESENTATION ON ACL, CATCH
SHARE AND OTHER COUNCIL
ACTIVITIES



South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
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SAFMC ANNUAL CATCH LIMITS

1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 17A

- Specifies ACLs and AMs for red snapper
- Secretary approved on October 27, 2010



2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B

- Specifies ACLs and AMs for all snapper grouper species undergoing overfishing (nine species)
- Secretary approved on December 22, 2010

3) Comprehensive ACL Amendment

- Specifies ACLs and AMs for species not undergoing overfishing
- Removes species from the Snapper Grouper FMU
- Final Council action scheduled for June 2011

ANNUAL CATCH LIMITS (JOINT SAFMC/GMFMC FMPs)

4) Mackerel Amendment 18

- Joint plan with the Gulf Council - Gulf lead Council
- Specifies ACLs and AMs for species in the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP
- Gulf and South Atlantic Committees meet in June 2011
- Final Council action scheduled for June 2011

5) Spiny Lobster Amendment 10

- Joint plan with the Gulf Council – SA lead Council
- Specifies ACLs and AMs for spiny lobster
- Gulf and South Atlantic Committees meet in June 2011
- Final Council action scheduled for June 2011



SAFMC Catch Shares

Snapper Grouper Amendment 20 (Wreckfish Fishery)

1) Addresses revising the current wreckfish ITQ program

- Program review completed in December 2009
- Survey of shareholders and a shareholder meeting indicate satisfaction with the current program
- Low ACLs are problematic
- Final Council action not scheduled



SAFMC Catch Shares



Golden Crab Amendment 5

- 1) Fishermen have designed a Catch Share Program
- 2) 11 active permit holders, 6-8 active vessels
- 3) Why a Catch Share Program for golden crab?
 - Resource will only support a limited fishery
 - With rising ex-vessel prices, a Catch Share Program could prevent a derby fishery and ensure overfishing does not occur
 - Reductions in other fisheries could result in more vessels entering the fishery
 - Fishing grounds are located adjacent to fragile coral HAPCs
 - Final Council action expected December 2011

SAFMC Catch Shares

Snapper Grouper Amendment 21

- 1) Public scoping meetings on developing a comprehensive snapper grouper catch share program were held in 2008 – there was very little industry support and the Council decided not to proceed with development
- 2) Recently industry support has increased and the Council is considering implementation of a catch share program, trip limits, endorsements and cooperative management as management options for the snapper grouper fishery
- 3) Public scoping is scheduled for January/February 2011



OTHER SAFMC AMENDMENTS

- 1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 10
 - Removes the large area closed to all Snapper Grouper fishing approved in Amendment 17A
 - Submitted for Secretarial review January 5, 2011

- 2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 18A
 - Addresses allocation and participation issues in the golden tilefish and black sea bass fisheries
 - Final Council action expected September 2011

- 3) Snapper Grouper Amendment 22
 - Explores options for long-term management of red snapper as the stock begins to rebuild
 - Public scoping scheduled for Jan/Feb 2011

OTHER SAFMC AMENDMENTS

- 4) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 9
 - Establishes trip limits for black sea bass, vermilion snapper, gag grouper and greater amberjack
 - Final Council action scheduled for March 2011

- 5) Snapper Grouper Amendment 24
 - Establishes a rebuilding schedule for red grouper
 - Public scoping scheduled for Jan/Feb 2011

OTHER SAFMC AMENDMENTS

6) Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2

- Modifies the ACLs for octocorals
- Modifies the South Carolina SMZs
- Modifies the Sea Turtle Release Gear Requirements for the Snapper Grouper Fishery
- Amends the Snapper Grouper and Coral FMPs to designate new essential fish habitat
- Final Council action scheduled for March 2011

7) Mackerel Amendment 19

- Addresses bag limit sales in the mackerel fishery
- Under development

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QUESTIONS

