

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

CCC PRESENTATION ON SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
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Actions to Meet the Magnuson-Stevens Act Requirements



- 1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 17A
 - ❖ Specifies ACLs and AMs for red snapper
 - ❖ Establishes a rebuilding plan
 - ❖ Implemented effective 12/3/10

- 2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B
 - ❖ Specifies ACLs and AMs for all snapper grouper species undergoing overfishing (nine species)
 - ❖ Implemented effective 1/31/11

- 3) Comprehensive ACL Amendment
 - ❖ Specifies ABC control rules, ACLs and AMs for species not undergoing overfishing (77 species)
 - ❖ Final Council action June 2011 (may be delayed)

Actions to Meet the Magnuson-Stevens Act Requirements

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 Councils meet in June 2011
- ❖ Final Council action June or September 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 Councils meet in June 2011
- ❖ Final Council action June 2011



Resulting Hot Issues



- ❖ Red snapper fishery closure
- ❖ Recreational black sea bass in-season closure
- ❖ Snapper grouper spawning closures (gag grouper)
- ❖ Other snapper grouper quota closures (golden tilefish and vermilion snapper)
- ❖ Cobia bag limits
- ❖ Broad-brush approach to end overfishing has produced other problems

Status of SAFMC Catch Shares

1) Wreckfish Fishery

- ❖ Fishermen support the program
- ❖ Low ACLs are now problematic
- ❖ No recreational harvest
- ❖ Council to modify the program

2) Golden Crab Fishery

- ❖ Fishermen/staff have designed a catch share program

3) Comprehensive Snapper Grouper Fishery

- ❖ The Council voted not to pursue a catch share program for snapper grouper in March 2011



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QUESTIONS

