

SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

2012 ACTIVITIES



**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201
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SNAPPER GROUPEL AMENDMENT 18A

(BLACK SEA BASS - UNDER SECRETARIAL REVIEW)

- ◆ **Updates the black sea bass rebuilding strategy, acceptable biological catch (ABC), annual catch limit (ACL) and annual catch target (ACT)**
- ◆ **Establishes an endorsement program for black sea bass pots**
- ◆ **Limits trap effort in the black sea bass pot fishery**



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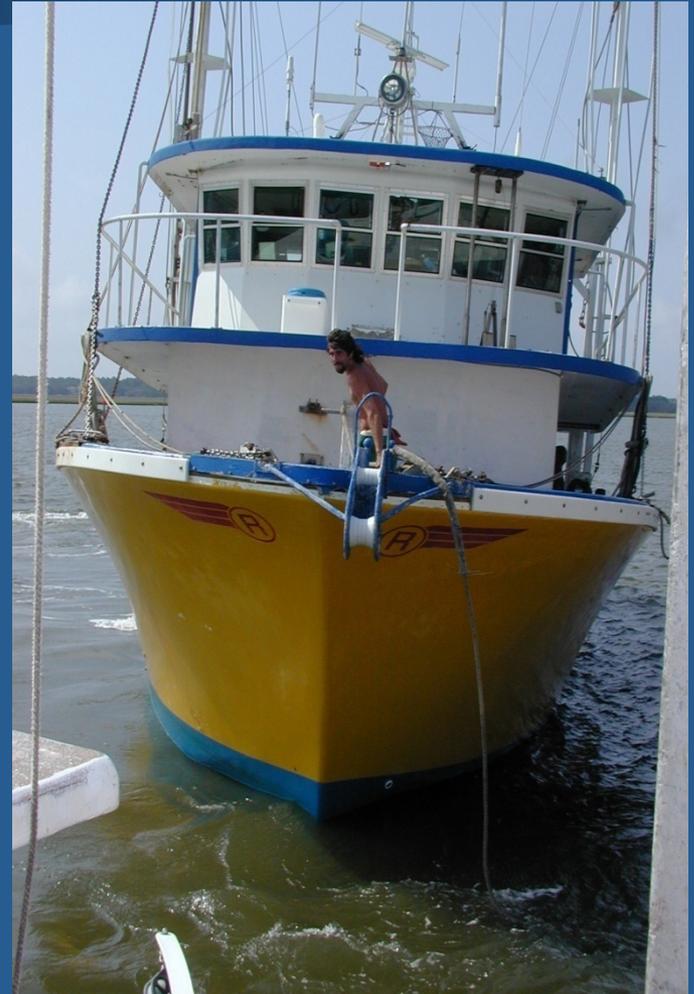
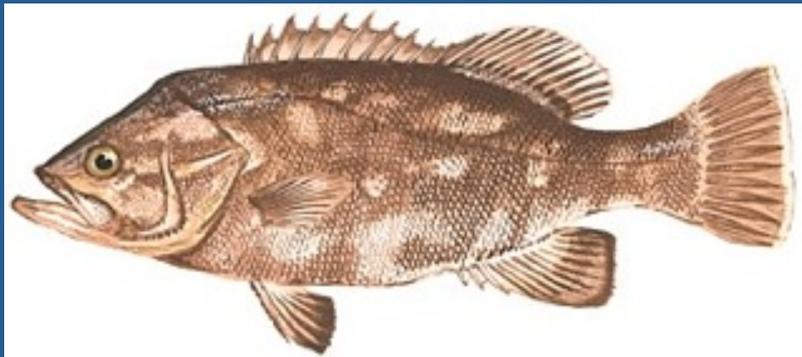
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- ◆ **Implements measures to reduce bycatch in the black sea bass pot fishery**
- ◆ **Modifies current black sea bass accountability measures (AMs)**
- ◆ **Modifies the current black sea bass size limits**
- ◆ **Improves the accuracy, timing, and quantity of fisheries data**

SNAPPER GROUPER AMENDMENT 20A

(WRECKFISH ITQ FISHERY - APPROVED, BUT NOT YET IMPLEMENTED)

- ◆ **Defines and reverts inactive wreckfish shares**
- ◆ **Redistributes reverted shares to remaining shareholders**
- ◆ **Establishes a share cap**
- ◆ **Establishes an appeals process**



SNAPPER GROUPEY REGULATORY AMENDMENT 11

(UNDER SECRETARIAL REVIEW)

- ◆ **Removes the prohibition on fishing for, and possession and retention of deepwater snapper species (except speckled hind and warsaw grouper) beyond a depth of 240 feet**
- ◆ **Prohibits transit through the 240 foot closure area with prohibited species on board**



SNAPPER GROUPER REGULATORY AMENDMENT 12

(GOLDEN TILEFISH - UNDER SECRETARIAL REVIEW)

- ◆ **Modifies the Optimum Yield (OY) and ACL for golden tilefish in the South Atlantic**
- ◆ **Revises recreational AMs for golden tilefish**



SNAPPER GROUPER AMENDMENT 18B

(GOLDEN TILEFISH - UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

- ◆ **Limits Participation in the fishery**
- ◆ **Establishes initial eligibility requirements for longline endorsements**
- ◆ **Establishes an appeals process**
- ◆ **Allocates the commercial ACL between gear groups**
- ◆ **Allows for transferability of golden tilefish endorsements**
- ◆ **Adjusts the golden tilefish fishing year**
- ◆ **Modifies the existing trip limit and establishes a new trip limit for fishing gear other than longlines**



GOLDEN CRAB AMENDMENT 6

(UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

- ◆ **Establishes eligibility criteria for a catch share program**
- ◆ **Establishes initial apportionment of catch shares**
- ◆ **Establishes criteria and structure of an appeals process**
- ◆ **Establishes criteria for transferability**
- ◆ **Defines quota share ownership caps**
- ◆ **Addresses a use it or lose it policy**



GOLDEN CRAB AMENDMENT 6

(UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

- ◆ **Addresses a cost recovery plan**
- ◆ **Revises the boat length limit rule**
- ◆ **Modifies the small vessel sub-zone restriction**



- ◆ **Measures for monitoring and enforcement**
- ◆ **Defines annual pounds ownership cap**
- ◆ **Addresses approved landing sites**

COMPREHENSIVE ECOSYSTEM-BASED AMENDMENT 3

(UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

- ◆ **Expands the Oculina and Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPCs)**
- ◆ **Establishes new Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)**
- ◆ **Designates HAPCs for speckled hind and warsaw grouper**
- ◆ **Modifies permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) to ensure ACLs are not exceeded**



SHRIMP AMENDMENT 9

(UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

- ◆ **Specifies additional criteria that triggers states' ability to request a concurrent closure of the penaeid shrimp fisheries in the adjacent EEZ during severe winter weather**
- ◆ **Modifies the process for a state to request a concurrent closure of the penaeid shrimp fisheries in the adjacent EEZ during severe winter weather**
- ◆ **Revises the overfished status determination criteria (BMSY proxy) for the pink shrimp stock**



MACKEREL AMENDMENT 19

(JOINT WITH THE GULF COUNCIL - UNDER DEVELOPMENT - SCOPING)

- ◆ **Consider prohibiting the sale of bag limit caught Coastal Migratory Pelagic species (king and Spanish mackerel, cobia) in the South Atlantic**
- ◆ **Address South Atlantic permit issues**
- ◆ **Address latent permits**
- ◆ **Address joint permitting issues with the Gulf Council**



MACKEREL AMENDMENT 20

(JOINT WITH GULF COUNCIL - UNDER DEVELOPMENT - SCOPING)

- ◆ **Address modifying the boundaries for Gulf migratory group king mackerel**
- ◆ **Consider changing the opening date for Gulf migratory group king mackerel in the Western Zone**
- ◆ **Address transit provisions, fishing zones and state-by-state quotas**



JOINT SOUTH ATLANTIC AND GULF DEALER AMENDMENT

THE AMENDMENT WILL ADDRESS:

- ◆ **Creating a universal South Atlantic and Gulf dealer permit**
- ◆ **Requiring permits for all species versus only ACL species**
- ◆ **Increasing the frequency of reporting and improving reporting methodology (electronic)**
- ◆ **Establishing reporting requirements necessary to maintain a permit**

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QUESTIONS

