South Atlantic Council Review
Review and Discussion
February 8, 2017
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Division of Marine Fisheries Management
Final Action – Mutton Snapper and For-hire Electronic Reporting

Changes to mutton snapper regulations approved

- All changes consistent with recent FWC rule changes
  - 18-inch minimum size limit
  - 5-fish recreational bag limit
  - 5-fish per person commercial bag limit, April – June
  - 500-lb. per vessel commercial trip limit, July – March

Mandatory electronic reporting for the for-hire fleet approved

- Requires weekly reports
- A mobile app will be created for easy reporting

Pending approval by U.S. Secretary of Commerce
Yellowtail Snapper Sector Allocations

- Considering strategies to maximize commercial and recreational access to unused quota and prevent quota closures
  - Quota sharing
  - No sector closures until overall quota is met
  - Temporary transfer of allocation between sectors
  - Permanent sector reallocation
- Combining Atlantic and Gulf quotas into a single quota
  - Delayed consideration of similar actions for dolphin

Public hearings scheduled for January 2017
Approved for Public Scoping – Red Snapper

Current population status
- Continues to be overfished and undergoing overfishing

Management changes under consideration
- Create large bottom-fishing closures
- Establish very limited snapper-grouper fishing seasons
- Require use of descending devices
- Require a recreational stamp for bottom-fishing
- Require a recreational tag for red snapper harvest
- Mandate recreational reporting via a mobile app
- Size limits, recreational bag limits, and commercial trip limits

Public scoping scheduled for January 2017
Approved for Public Scoping – Recreational and Commercial Snapper-Grouper Regulations

- New and revised aggregate recreational bag limits
- Removal of size limits for deep-water species
- Lower recreational minimum size limit for black sea bass
- Adjustments to the recreational and commercial shallow-water grouper seasonal closure
- Decrease the minimum size limit for recreational and commercial harvest of gray triggerfish off Florida
- New and revised commercial trip limits and reserving quota for later in the year to lengthen fishing seasons

Public scoping scheduled for January 2017
Public Scoping and Workshop Schedule

- Jacksonville
- Cocoa Beach
- Stuart
- Key Largo
- Marathon
- Key West
- Webinar

***This slide will be updated after the January 2017 public meetings***
Other Items

Snapper-grouper for-hire limited-entry program
- Council will continue to discuss a limited-entry program for the snapper-grouper fishery only

Bahamas/China fisheries partnership
- Bahamas announced they will no longer pursue a partnership that would grant Chinese corporations fishing rights
- Council will send a letter in support of this decision
No Direction Requested

- Input on Council items is welcome
- Next Council meeting is March 6-10 in Jekyll Island, GA
The following slides are considered backup material and are not anticipated to be part of the actual presentation.
### Yellowtail Snapper Quota Allocations

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<th>Jurisdiction</th>
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### Species within Current Atlantic Federal Snapper-Grouper Recreational Aggregates

#### Grouper Aggregate

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<td>Coney</td>
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#### 20-fish Aggregate

- Porgies, excluding red porgy
- Scup
- Triggerfishes
- Jacks, excluding greater amberjack
- Grunts, excluding tomtate
- Spadefish
- Bank sea bass
- Rock sea bass

#### Snapper Aggregate

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Main Data Elements for Charter Boat Electronic Reporting

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