

## Reef Fish Committee: Action Schedule for Tab B

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### **Agenda Item IV:** Recreational Red Snapper Season Projection

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council Input and Next Steps:** NMFS staff will present projections on the 2015 recreational red snapper season length under the Councils preferred alternative for a 14.30 mp ww total quota, divided into 7.293 mp ww commercial and 7.007 mp ww recreational, with a recreational ACT of 5.605 mp ww.

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### **Agenda Item V:** Headboat Collaborative Report

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council Input and Next Steps:** NMFS staff and an economist working with the headboat collaborative will review of the first year of the headboat collaborative program and present preliminary economic results.

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### **Agenda Item VI:** Options Paper – Framework Action to Adjust Gag ACL and Season

**Timeline Status:** Draft Framework Options paper (Council staff intends to provide a framework action for final action at the June Council meeting)

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Gag is no longer overfished or undergoing overfishing. Council staff will present an options paper with alternatives to adjust the gag ACL and recreational ACT based on ABCs from the recently completed SEDAR 33 gag benchmark assessment. A second action provides alternatives to adjust the recreational fishing season for gag. Council is asked to determine if the range of alternatives is appropriate. For Action 2 (recreational season), the Council is asked to provide input as to whether it would like to consider options for a split season, and if so, how to structure options for a split season. Council staff intends to provide a framework action for final action at the June Council meeting.

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### **Agenda Item VII:** Final Action – Framework Action for Modifications to Greater Amberjack Allowable Harvest and Management

**Timeline Status:** Final Action

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Council Staff will present a framework action for final action with respect to setting ACLs and ACTs for greater amberjack, modify the recreational minimum

size limit, modify the recreational closed season, and modify the commercial trip limit. The Committee should select preferred alternatives, with final action and approval of the codified regulations to be taken by the full Council.

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**Agenda Item VIII:** Scoping Summaries – Amendment 36 – Red Snapper IFQ Modifications

**Timeline Status:** Review and Discussion

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Staff will report on public comments received during a series of scoping meetings. Using this input, the Council is asked to identify which potential modifications it intends to further evaluate, which may be removed from consideration, and if any additional changes should be included. Also, the Council is asked to discuss potential actions and alternatives for these potential changes, for inclusion in an options paper or draft amendment to be presented at a subsequent Council meeting.

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**Agenda Item IX:** Revised Draft – Amendment 28 – Red Snapper Allocation

**Timeline Status:** Draft Amendment

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The Committee will review a revised public hearing draft including new alternatives based on MRIP recalibration of recreational landings and change in size selectivity. In addition, the Committee is expected to consider a timeline for final action.

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**Agenda Item X:** Revised Draft – Amendment 39 – Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper

**Timeline Status:** Draft Amendment

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Staff will present revised actions and alternatives. The Committee is asked to discuss the range of alternatives for their completeness. The Committee will also provide feedback on a proposed process for the review and approval of conservation equivalency proposals.

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**Agenda Item XI:** Options Paper – Joint South Florida Management

**Timeline Status:** Draft Options Paper for a Possible Amendment

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Staff will review options for a joint management approach to stocks in the south Florida area. Council is asked to determine if the range of actions and options is appropriate, and whether and how to proceed with development of an amendment.

**Agenda Item XII:** Charge to the Reef Fish Headboat AP

**Timeline Status:** Pre-AP meeting

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The Council will be appointing members to a newly created Reef Fish Headboat AP. Staff has prepared a draft charge to the AP for the Council to consider. The Council should decide whether to accept, revise, or replace the draft charge. This will be used to guide the AP when it meets following the Council meeting.

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**Agenda Item XIII:** Other Reef Fish SSC Summary

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The SSC representative will review items from the SSC report that were not covered in the previous agenda items. This agenda item is for information only, unless the Council wishes to provide guidance to staff. Items include:

- a. FWC mutton snapper assessment – The SSC will make recommendations for OFL and ABC at its March meeting. However, since the mutton snapper stock crosses Gulf and south Atlantic jurisdictions, the Gulf SSC and South Atlantic SSC must agree on OFL and ABC. Assuming that the SSCs agree on catch levels once the South Atlantic SSC reviews the assessment in April, staff can report back to the Council in June for further guidance on whether to proceed with a framework action to adjust ACL.
- b. Discussion of MSST options. Staff is developing an options paper to adjust MSST for low-mortality (and possibly other) stocks. The SSC’s input will be used to develop a draft amendment to present to the Council in June.
- c. Other