

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 622 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 622--FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

2. In § 622.34, paragraph (c) is revised to read as follows:

§ 622.34 Seasonal and area closures designed to protect Gulf reef fish.

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(c) *Seasonal closure of the recreational sector for greater amberjack.* The recreational sector for greater amberjack in or from the Gulf EEZ is closed from March 1 through May 31, each year. During the closure, the bag and possession limit for greater amberjack in or from the Gulf EEZ is zero.

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3. In § 622.37, paragraph (c)(4) is revised to read as follows:

§ 622.37 Size Limits.

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(c) * * *

Comment [SS1]: Action 2.2, Preferred Alternative 3

(4) *Greater amberjack*--34 inches (86.4 cm), fork length, for a fish taken by a person subject to the bag limit specified in § 622.38(b)(1) and 36 inches (91.4 cm), fork length, for a fish taken by a person not subject to the bag limit.

Comment [SS2]: Action 2.1, Preferred Alternative 3

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4. In § 622.39, paragraphs (a)(1)(v) and (a)(2)(ii) are revised to read as follows:

§ 622.39 Quotas.

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(a) * * *

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(v) *Greater amberjack*--394,740 lb (179,051 kg), round weight.

Comment [SS3]: Action 1, Preferred Alternative 3a, commercial ACT (quota).

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(2) * * *

(ii) *Recreational quota for greater amberjack*. The recreational quota for greater amberjack is 1,092,372 lb (495,492 kg), round weight.

Comment [SS4]: Action 1, Preferred Alternative 3a, recreational ACT (quota).

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5. In § 622.41, paragraphs (a)(1)(iii) and (a)(2)(iii) are revised to read as follows:

§ 622.41 Annual catch limits (ACLs), annual catch targets (ACTs), and accountability measures (AMs).

(a) * * *

(1) * * *

(iii) The commercial ACL for greater amberjack is 464,400

lb (210,648 kg), round weight.

Comment [SS5]: Action 1, Preferred Alternative 3a, commercial ACL

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(iii) The recreational ACL for greater amberjack is

1,255,600 lb (569,531 kg), round weight.

Comment [SS6]: Action 1, Preferred Alternative 3a, recreational ACL

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6. In § 622.43, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 622.43 Commercial trip limits.

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(a) *Gulf greater amberjack*. Until the quota specified in § 622.39(a)(1)(v) is reached, 1,923 lb (872 kg), gutted weight;

2,000 lb (907 kg), round weight. See § 622.39(b) for the

limitations regarding greater amberjack after the quota is reached.

Comment [SS7]: Action 3, Preferred Alternative 1.

Comment [SS8]: Commercial trip limits is not changing but is being represented in both gutted and whole weight for clarity and will have both in any rulemaking.

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