

Reef Fish Committee: Action Schedule for Tab B

Agenda Item IV: Update on 2015 Recreational Red Snapper Landings and Recreational Season Projections for 2016

Timeline Status: Information only, no action needed

Council Input and Next Steps: NMFS staff will provide an update on preliminary recreational red snapper landings estimates for 2015, and projections for the 2016 seasons for the federal for-hire component and private vessel component of the recreational red snapper sector.

Agenda Item V: Final Action – Framework Action to Modify Red Grouper ACL

Timeline Status: Final Action

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will review the framework action and select a preferred alternative to modify harvest limits for red grouper. The committee will receive and consider recommendations from Reef Fish AP. If appropriate, the Committee may approve the framework action and codified regulations, and send it to the Secretary for implementation.

Agenda Item VI: Options Paper for Amendment 46 – Modify Gray Triggerfish Rebuilding Plan

Timeline Status: Draft Options

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will review the background, purpose and need, and draft management options. The Committee should make recommendations for additional management alternatives they want staff to consider for data requests for the SSC to review at its May 2016 meeting. A more completed draft of management alternatives with analyses is expected for the June meeting.

Agenda Item VII: Draft Amendment 41 – Red Snapper Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels

Timeline Status: Review updated draft amendment and AP meeting summary

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will present the updated Draft Amendment 41, including the requested voluntary participation action and new alternatives for distributing quota among charter vessels. Staff will also present the summary from the Ad Hoc Red Snapper Charter For-

hire Advisory Panel meeting, and the Chairman of the AP will be available to answer Committee questions. The Committee is asked to discuss and provide input on the modifications to the document and the recommendations from the AP. The Committee should provide additional recommendations and direction for development of the amendment, as appropriate.

Agenda Item VIII: Draft Amendment 42 – Federal Reef Fish Headboat Management

Timeline Status: Revised Draft Amendment

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will present a revised Draft Amendment 42. The Committee will review the purpose and need and the management actions and alternatives. The Committee is expected to suggest revisions and/or additions to the amendment if needed, and discuss a timeline for the development of a public hearing draft.

Agenda Item IX: Public Hearing Draft Amendment 43 – Hogfish Stock Definition, SDC, ACL, and Size Limit

Timeline Status: Selection of preferred alternatives and approval for public hearings

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will review a pre-public hearing draft of the amendment, and is asked to select preferred alternatives and approve the amendment for public hearings. Public hearings will be held in Naples and St. Petersburg, Florida, with one additional hearing held via webinar. Final action is expected to be taken at the June Council meeting.

Agenda Item X: Draft Amendment 45 – Extend or Eliminate the Red Snapper Sector Separation Sunset Provision

Timeline Status: Public Hearing Draft

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will review a public hearing draft of Amendment 45 and select a preferred alternative. The Committee is expected to select public hearing locations or suggest alternative public hearing formats. Final action on this amendment is expected to be taken at the June Council meeting.

Agenda Item XI: Preliminary Options and Discussion – Mechanism to Allow Recreational Red Snapper Season to Re-open if ACL is Not Exceeded

Timeline Status: Initial discussion and preliminary options

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will review a preliminary discussion/options paper containing actions and alternatives that would establish conditions under which the Regional Administrator would be authorized to re-open a component of the recreational red snapper sector (for-hire component, private vessel component, or both) in the event that, after the season has closed, the component's ACL is not projected to be reached before the end of the year. The Committee is asked to decide if staff should proceed with a plan amendment, and if so, whether the actions and alternatives represent the direction that the Council wishes to proceed in or if a different approach is needed.

Agenda Item XII: Final Action – Framework Action to Modify Commercial Gear Requirements and Recreational/Commercial Fishing Year for Yellowtail Snapper

Timeline Status: Final Action

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will review analyses completed by the IPT. The Committee may select a preferred alternative in Action 1, and should verify that the current preferred alternatives in Action 2 are still desired. If appropriate, the Committee may approve the framework action and codified regulations, and send it to the Secretary for implementation.

Agenda Item XIII: Other Business

Timeline Status: Additional items that can be brought up for discussion, but no action can be taken since they have not been announced

Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by Committee members, time permitting. If the committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.