

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, 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, revise paragraph (f) to read as follows:

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

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(f) *Seasonal closures for gray triggerfish.* The recreational sector for gray triggerfish in or from the Gulf EEZ is closed from January 1 through the end of February, and from June 1 through July 31, each year. During a recreational closure, the bag and possession limits for gray triggerfish in or from the Gulf EEZ are zero. The commercial sector for gray triggerfish in or from the Gulf EEZ is closed from June 1 through July 31, each year. During the period of both the commercial and recreational closure, all harvest or possession in or from the Gulf EEZ of gray triggerfish is prohibited and the sale and purchase of gray triggerfish taken from the Gulf EEZ is prohibited.

3. In § 622.37, revise paragraph (c)(1) to read as follows:

**§ 622.37 Size limits.**

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(c) \* \* \*

(1) *Gray triggerfish*. (i) For a person not subject to the bag limit specified in §622.38(b) (5)–14 inches (35.6 cm), fork length.

(ii) For a person subject to the bag limit specified in §622.38(b) (5)–15 inches (38.1 cm), fork length.

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4. In § 622.38, revise paragraph (b) (5) to read as follows:

**§ 622.38 Bag and possession limits.**

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(b) \* \* \*

(5) Gulf reef fish, combined, excluding those specified in paragraphs (b) (1) through (b) (4) and paragraphs (b) (6) through (b) (7) of this section–20. In addition, within the 20-fish aggregate reef fish bag limit, no more than 1 fish may be gray triggerfish and no more than 10 fish may be vermilion snapper.

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5. In § 622.43, revise paragraph (b) to read as follows:

**§ 622.43 Commercial trip limits.**

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(b) *Gray triggerfish*. Until the commercial ACT (commercial

quota) specified in § 622.39(a)(1)(vi) is reached--16 fish. See § 622.39(b) for the limitations regarding gray triggerfish after the commercial ACT (commercial quota) is reached.