

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

CCC PRESENTATION ON SAFMC LAPPS/CATCH SHARES



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SAFMC LAPPs/Catch Shares

Snapper Grouper Amendment 20 Wreckfish Fishery

Addresses revising the current
wreckfish ITQ program

- Program review completed in
December 2009
- Survey of shareholders and a
shareholder meeting indicate
satisfaction with the current
program

(Final Council action Sept. 2011)



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Golden Crab Fishery

- 1) Currently working with fishermen to design a Catch Share Program
- 2) 11 active permit holders, 6 active vessels
- 3) Why a Catch Share Program for golden crab?
 - Resource will only support a limited fishery
 - With rising ex-vessel prices, a Catch Share Program could prevent a derby fishery and ensure overfishing does not occur
 - Reductions in other fisheries could result in more vessels entering the fishery
 - Fishing grounds are located adjacent to fragile coral HAPCs

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Snapper Grouper Amendment 21 Comprehensive Snapper Grouper Catch Share Program

- 1) LAPP Exploratory Workgroup established in 2007
- 2) Produced a report defining the conservation, economic and social benefits and drawbacks of a LAPP
- 3) Public scoping meetings were held in 2008 – there was very little industry support and the Council decided not to proceed with development
- 4) Council is currently reexamining implementing a Catch Share Program for the snapper grouper fishery as industry support has recently increased

(Scoping scheduled for January/February 2011)



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QUESTIONS

