



South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

TOP 3 PRIORITIES IN 2014

**CCC Meeting
February 19, 2014**



- 1. Visioning -- Planning for the future of the snapper grouper fishery**
- 2. Improving reporting and data collection -- electronic reporting**
- 3. Improving stock assessments -- adjusting ACLs**

Visioning Project: *Background*

- Stakeholder concerns about current management strategies for *snapper grouper fishery*
- Council wants to *develop new management ideas and solutions*
- Need cooperative, *stakeholder driven process* to gather input
- End result - vision *and long-term road map* for the fishery



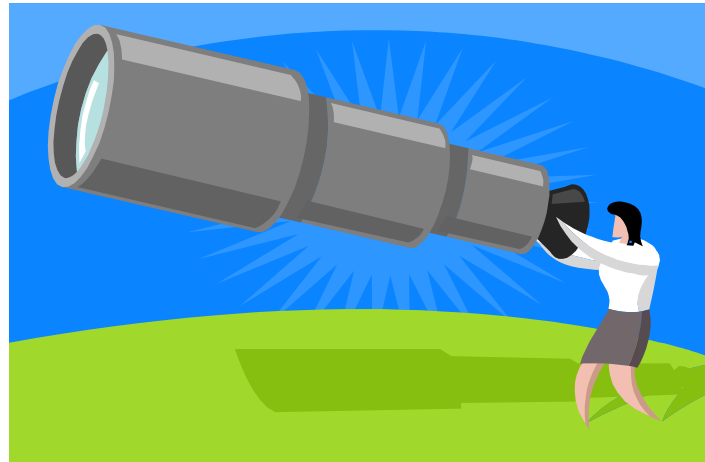
Visioning Project: *Process*

- Council member workshops at Council meetings.
 - ✓ *Open to public*
 - ✓ *Facilitated by staff; organized by visioning work group*
- Purpose:
 - ✓ *Focus on snapper grouper fishery only.*
 - ✓ *Develop vision statement, goals, and objectives for fishery.*
 - ✓ *Public involvement throughout process.*



Visioning Project: *Draft Vision Statement*

“The snapper grouper fishery is a healthy, sustainable fishery that balances and optimizes benefits for all.”



Visioning Project: *Next Steps*

- **Continue Council member workshops**
 - ✓ *Revise current snapper grouper FMP goals and objectives*
 - ✓ *Develop structure and format for Port Meetings*
 - ✓ *Schedule and hold the Port Meetings (currently 26 scheduled--first one held February 11th)*
- **Public Involvement - Port Meetings**
 - ✓ *Informal, town hall-style meetings in fishing communities throughout the region*
 - ✓ *Gather input from all stakeholders with fishery interests (commercial/for-hire/recreational; chefs/restaurants; eNGOs; coastal tourism operators, etc.)*
 - ✓ *Compile results and further develop into strategic plan*



Improving reporting/data collection

- **Generic Dealer Amendment**
 - *Modifies the **current permitting and reporting requirements for seafood dealers** who first receive federally managed species*
 - ***Dealers report weekly** or in a shorter timeframe (same as headboats)*
- **Joint S. Atlantic/Gulf Generic Headboat reporting Amendment**
 - *Modifies **data reporting for charter/headboat vessels** requiring that fishing records be submitted to the Science and Research Director (SRD) weekly or at intervals shorter than a week if notified*



Improving reporting/data collection

▪ **Joint Commercial Logbook Amendment**

- *Considers modifying the timing of reporting requirements for **commercial logbooks** in fisheries for snapper grouper, coastal migratory pelagic resources, dolphin/wahoo, and golden crab fisheries*
- *Provides an option for **logbooks to be submitted electronically***
- *Considers requiring that the components of the **commercial logbooks**. (landings, economic, and bycatch) be submitted within 21 days after the end of each trip*



Improving stock assessments/ adjusting ACLs

- **Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 15 (*yellowtail snapper and groupers*)**
 - *Adjusts the yellowtail snapper ACL and OY--ACL increased by 40%*
 - *Removes the requirement that when the gag grouper ACL is reached that all shallow water groupers will also close*



Improving stock assessments/ adjusting ACLs

- **Snapper Grouper Amendment 18 (*vermilion snapper and red porgy*)**
 - *Adjusts the vermilion snapper ACL, increasing it by 29%*
 - *Reduces the commercial trip limit from 1,550 lbs. to 1,000 lbs.*
 - *Adjusts the red porgy ACL, decreasing it by 23% (however, ACL projected to increase annually beyond initial reduction)*



Improving stock assessments/ adjusting ACLs

- **Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 19 (*black sea bass*)**
 - *Adjusts the black sea bass ACL, increasing it by 114%.*
- **Snapper Grouper Amendment 27 (*snapper grouper framework*)**
 - *Proposes changes to framework procedure to **allow for more timely adjustments to ACLs***



Improving stock assessments/ adjusting ACLs

▪ **Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5**

- *Increases the ACLs for **dolphin (5%)** and **wahoo (20%)***
- *Considers changes in AMs to determine ACL payback*



▪ **Joint CMP Framework Amendment 1 (Spanish Mackerel)**

- *Updates the ACLs for Atlantic group (**7% increase**) and Gulf group (**246% increase**) Spanish mackerel*





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QUESTIONS?

