

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

CCC PRESENTATION ON STATUS OF SAFMC ANNUAL CATCH LIMITS



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Actions to Meet the ACL and AM Requirements in the Magnuson-Stevens Act

1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 17A

- Specifies ACLs and AMs for red snapper
- Final Council action expected June 2010



2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B

- Specifies ACLs and AMs for all snapper grouper species undergoing overfishing (nine species - red snapper covered in 17A)
- Submitted for Secretarial review on March 30, 2010

3) Comprehensive ACL Amendment

- Specifies ACLs and AMs for species not undergoing overfishing (77 species)
- Final Council action June 2011

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4) Mackerel Amendment 18

- Joint plan with the Gulf Council - Gulf lead Council
- Specifies ACLs and AMs for species in the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP
- Gulf and South Atlantic Committees meet in June 2010
- Final Council action March/April 2011

5) Spiny Lobster Amendment 10

- Joint plan with the Gulf Council – SA lead Council
- Specifies ACLs and AMs for spiny lobster
- Gulf and South Atlantic Committees meet in June 2010
- Final Council action Aug/Sept 2011



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SSC Integration in establishing ACLs and AMs
(Our SSC has developed data rich and data poor control rules)

1) Data Rich/SEDAR Assessed Species

- OFL = Yield at MFMT
- ABC = Yield that results in a chosen probability of overfishing occurring; the probability level is determined by the ABC control rule

2) Data Poor - if no assessment or no OFL - use landings data

- OFL = the median landings of the last 10 years 1998-2008 or other period of stable landings
- ABC = 75%OFL to ABC = 35%OFL for high uncertainty
ABC could be as low as 0% of OFL

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QUESTIONS

