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SEDAR 68 Scamp and Yellowmouth Grouper *Mycteroperca phenax* (and *M. interstitialis*) Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic

Commercial Working Group

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Agenda

1. Review of Accepted Recommendations
2. New Recommendations
3. Pending Issues

Summary of Decisions from Plenary I

- 1. Data Sources for Commercial Landings (SA and GoM)**
- 2. Commercial Effort (data sources for maps)**
- 3. Gear Groupings for SA and GoM landings**
- 4. Species Identification (Scamp and Yellowmouth)**
- 5. Proportioning Unclassified for the SA only**
- 6. Biological data are adequate for use**

Summary of Recommendations for Plenary II

1. Other Gear grouping
2. Commercial Landings Uncertainty SA

Grouping of Other Gears (if needed)

The workgroup is recommending Other Gears be lumped with Hand Line if needed.

- a. Question from Plenary I from Skyler S.
- b. Based on the composition of the Other Gears (primary unknown, combined, and not coded) it is the consensus of the group that the assumption can be made that these are the primary gear (hand line) used in this fishery.

Commercial SA Uncertainty

- **The workgroup is recommending uncertainty for the South Atlantic created using the following procedure which has been consistently used in previous SEDAR assessments.**
 - Uncertainty is determined based on the reporting methodology by state and year. This ranges from non-comprehensive annual reports through trip level reporting.
 - The group agreed, based upon expert opinion, that both an upper and lower bound be used for the period during which unclassified grouper were present in the landings.
 - The workgroup recommended that an upper bound only be set to account for underreported landings during the period when no unclassified grouper were reported.
 - The uncertainty by state will be aggregated using a weighted average and supplied as annual uncertainty.

Commercial SA Uncertainty

Year	NC	SC	GA	FL - Atl	Comments	South Atlantic
1950-1961	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	Annual state summaries, likely missed small scale dealers	weighted average
1962-1977	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	Annual state summaries, more inclusive General Canvas	
1978-1985	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	Monthly state summaries	
1986-1990	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.05	FL starts state trip ticket	
1991-1993	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.05		
1994-1995	0.05	0.1	0.1	0.05	NC starts state trip ticket	
1996-2000	0.05	0.1	0.1	0.05		
2001-2003	0.05	0.1	0.05	0.05	GA starts state trip ticket	
2004-2010	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	SC starts state trip ticket	
2011- present	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05		
<hr style="border: 1px solid red;"/> indicates break between upper and lower boundary in early years to upper boundary only in later years						

Pending Issues

1. Review previous GoM grouper assessment decisions
2. Determine GoM proportions to commercial landings data
3. Determine data source for SA discards
4. Review scamp data from Scamp Release
5. Writing assignments
6. Research recommendations

Questions?



Data Sources for Commercial Landings

- The workgroup is recommending the following data sources, consistent with best practices (SEDAR Procedural Workshop 7)
 - GoM (ALS) R. Orhun/B. Wrege
 - Florida (Trip Ticket/Logbook) provided by S. Brown for 1986-2018 and ACCSP prior to 1986 for the State of Florida
 - ACCSP state-validated data sets provided by M. Rinaldi / J. Simpson

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- Recommendation: Use the NMFS logbook data to proportion out South Atlantic/GoM Scamp/Yellowmouth in the trip ticket data since it is believed that fisher reported area fished data were generally more accurate than area fished data reported by dealers. Additionally, use NMFS logbook data to apportion landings by gear in the trip ticket data.

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Commercial Effort

- Consistent with TOR, the group recommends creating map products representing commercial harvest and effort
- The workgroup discussed the maps to be created.
 - **Recommendation**
 - Use the harvest maps from the Stock Id Workshop
 - Create effort maps using CFLP data

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Gear Groupings

- The workgroup discussed the primary gears used in the GoM and SAt fisheries.
- **Recommendation: Commercial landings will be aggregated by the following gear types (per region):**

South Atlantic

Handline

Longline

Spear/Diving

Other

Gulf of Mexico

Handline

Longline

Other

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Species Identification

- The group recommends to remain consistent with the Stock ID workshop and feedback provided by the fishermen and treat Scamp and Yellowmouth Grouper as one unit

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Yellowmouth Grouper



Scamp



Proportioning Unclassified for South Atlantic

Discussion

- Examined % unclassified grouper landings by year and state and the implementation of the trip ticket in each state
- Reviewed a summary of how unclassified grouper have been handled in the SAt in previous SEDARs

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Recommendation

Years = Unclassified & Species Specific

$$\frac{\text{Scamp/Yellowmouth}}{\text{All Identified Grouper}^*}$$
] by year, gear, and state

* With the exception of goliath and warsaw grouper

Should be applied to unclassified grouper landings by the same strata

Years back to 1950 = All unclassified

- Mean proportion of scamp by gear:
 - Florida – 1986-1991
 - Georgia – 1981-1991
 - South Carolina - 1980-1991
 - North Carolina – 1981-1991



Biological Sampling Adequacy

- There are no known inadequacies with the available TIP data
- **Recommendation: Data are adequate for use**

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