

Mechanisms to Carry Over the Unharvested Red Snapper ACL to the Following Season

SEFSC prepared a simulation to demonstrate hypothetical effect of carrying over unused quota to the following year; used SEDAR 31 assessment as basis

Simulation assumed that there was a 20% underage for ALL the directed fishing fleets under the current allocation (48.5%/51.5% commercial/recreational)

Carryover would occur 2 years later, e.g. 2015 carry over would be for 2017. The reason was to account for the lag in obtaining final data for a year's fishing

Results: no negative long term impact on spawning potential

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Different ages being caught by different fisheries, impacts are different

Carry over for the sector experiencing underage and not a blanket carry over for the whole fishery

There was no discussion in this analysis about overages

Lots of details to be worked out; SSC made no determination about this; it was useful information