

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 622 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 622--FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

2. In § 622.37, revise paragraphs (a)(5) and (b)(1) to read as follows:

§ 622.37 Size limits.

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(a) * * *

(5) *Mutton snapper*--18 inches (45.7 cm), TL.

Comment [SS1]: Action 3, Preferred Alternative 2. Mutton size limit of 18" for both sectors

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(b) * * *

(1) *Gag*--24 inches (61.0 cm), TL.

Comment [SS2]: Action 4, Preferred Alternative 2. Current size limits are 22" commercial and 24" recreational. Will be 24", for the commercial sector.

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3. In § 622.38, revise paragraph (b)(4) to read as follows:

§ 622.38 Bag and possession limits.

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(b) * * *

(4) *Snappers, combined, excluding red, lane, and vermilion snapper*--10. In addition, within the 10-fish aggregate snapper bag limit, no more than 5 fish may be mutton snapper.

Comment [SS3]: Action 2, Preferred Alt 2, 2b. 5 mutton within the snapper aggregate.

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4. In § 622.41, revise the last sentence of paragraph (o) to read as follows:

§ 622.41 Annual catch limits (ACLs), annual catch targets (ACTs), and accountability measures (AMs).

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(o) * * * The stock ACL for mutton snapper, in round weight, is 129,096 lb (58,557 kg) for 2017, 134,424 lb (60,974 kg) for 2018, and 139,392 lb (63,227 kg) for 2019, and 143,694 lb (65,179 kg), for 2020 and subsequent fishing years.

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Comment [SS4]: Action 1, Preferred Alt 2/2a for mutton ACLs. ACT has not and will not be codified.