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Summary of Written Comments Received Framework Action: Adjust Greater Amberjack Annual Catch Limit March 29, 2017

35 members of the public submitted comment.

- There are more amberjack in the Gulf than the science is reporting.
 - It's hard to get a bait past the AJ's.
 - The science is a smokescreen used to cover the lobbyist kickbacks that drive the management system.
 - Near Destin, Florida the amberjack just under 34 inches are plentiful.
 - Stock assessment data and techniques need to be updated.
 - Amberjack are more plentiful now than they ever have been.
- The recreational data collection program is over estimating harvest.
 - There is no way that the recreational sector were 990,000 pounds over last year's annual catch limit.
 - The data collection system needs improvements. It doesn't legitimately count the amount of fish being harvested.
- Commercial and for-hire fishermen need their quota's cut.
- Please allow the commercial fishing industry to provide fish for the general public.
- Greater amberjack should be open year-round.
- Greater amberjack should be allocated 85% recreational and 15% commercial.

Other comments

- The headboat landings should not be counted against the recreational quota.
- Red snapper and triggerfish populations are healthy in the Gulf.
- The IFQ program has given a select few the privilege to harvest fish at the expense of the public.
- Eliminate the commercial sale and export of Gulf caught fish.
- Eliminate commercial fishing.
- Electronic logbooks will not work for the private sector.