

## Tab B, No. 8(b)

### Remaining Gulf Reef Fish Committee Motions on South Florida Document from June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Committee Report Johnny Greene-Chair

Remaining Gulf Committee motions regarding the South Florida Document (Tab B, No. 8a).

#### Action 7 – Partial Delegation of Recreational Management of Black Grouper to the State of Florida in Federal Waters Adjacent to the State of Florida

**The Gulf Reef Fish Committee recommends, and I so move: Motion: To have Action 7 apply to the waters adjacent to the State of Florida.**

*Motion carried.*

The Gulf Reef Fish Committee did not see a need to specify any additional minor modifications to the existing allowable gear for delegation to the State of Florida for recreational management. **The Gulf Reef Fish Committee recommends, and I so move: In Action 7, Alternative 2d be moved to considered but rejected.**

*Motion carried.*

Option 2d: Minor modifications to existing allowable gear

#### Action 8 – Establish and Consolidate ABCs and ACLs for Black Grouper

No Gulf Reef Fish Committee motions were made regarding Action 8.

#### Action 9 – Modify Shallow-water Grouper Species Compositions and Seasonal Closures in the Gulf and South Atlantic

No Gulf Reef Fish Committee motions were made regarding Action 9.

#### Action 10 – Modify Black Grouper Fishery Closures and Bag Limits in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic

#### Action 11 – Harmonize bag and size limits for species in shallow-water grouper complex seasonal closures in Federal Waters Adjacent to Monroe County, Florida

The Gulf Reef Fish Committee discussed Actions 10 and 11 in the current draft options paper as well as the proposed restructured actions (Tab B, No 4c). Based on staff's explanation of the overlapping nature of the current alternatives, without the needed specific information required for further analysis of how to harmonize bag and size limits management measures, the committee

made the following motion. NOAA General Counsel requested that the “South Florida Management Area” in the proposed restructured actions be defined. Staff suggested this be defined during the Joint Council session on Thursday.

**The Gulf Reef Fish Committee recommends, and I so move: To remove Actions 10 and 11 in the Options Paper and replace them with Actions 6, 7 and 8 in the Restructured Document.**

*Motion carried.*

From proposed restructured document action titles:

Action 6: Standardize Recreational Seasonal Closures for Grouper in the South Florida Management Area within the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Councils’ Jurisdictions

Action 7: Recreational Grouper Bag Limits in the South Florida Management Area within the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Councils’ Jurisdictions

Action 8: Modify Recreational Grouper Size Limits in the South Florida Management Area within the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Councils’ Jurisdictions

### **Action 12 – Changes to Circle Hook Requirements in the Gulf and South Atlantic Jurisdictional Waters**

No Gulf Reef Fish Committee motions were made regarding Action 12.

### **Action 13 – Specify Accountability Measures for South Florida Species.**

The Gulf Reef Fish Committee deferred discussion of the accountability measures action until the Joint Session on Thursday based on decisions made in the earlier actions and alternatives.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.