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AMENDMENT 36A



Amendment 36A to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) was implemented in order to improve compliance and increase management flexibility in the IFQ programs.

The three components of Amendment 36A are:

Beginning on **January 1, 2019**, all commercial reef fish permitted vessels that are landing any federally managed reef fish must submit a pre-landing notification.

On July 12, 2018, NOAA Fisheries revoked shares in IFQ accounts that had never been activated since January 1, 2010.

Additionally, the rule gave NOAA Fisheries the flexibility to withhold a portion of the IFQ allocation when a reduction in the commercial quota is expected.

The reviews of the IFQ programs identified that additional enforcement efforts would be useful to deter violations in the programs. Adding a pre-landing notification for all vessels harvesting reef fish is a measure to aid in deterring fishermen from illegally landing IFQ species or reporting IFQ species as another species. The pre-landing notifications allow law enforcement officers to meet the vessel and inspect the landings. The pre-landing notification requirement becomes effective on January 1, 2019.

The new non-IFQ pre-landing notifications will include the vessel identifier, date and time of expected landing, landing location, and certification that there are no IFQ species on board the vessel. All landing locations must be selected from NOAA Fisheries' pre-approved landing locations. New landing locations must be submitted to NOAA Fisheries for approval.

Since all the share accounts have not been activated, the allocation associated with those shares in non-activated accounts has not been harvested. These shares have been returned to NOAA Fisheries, and the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is considering how to redistribute those shares in the subsequent Amendment 36B to the Reef Fish FMP.

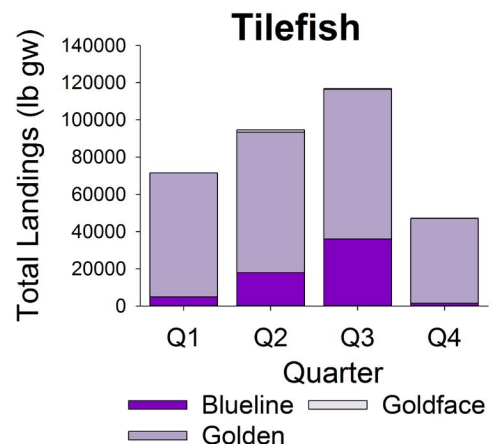
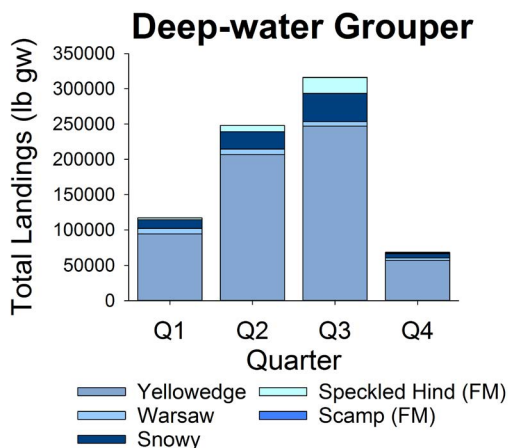
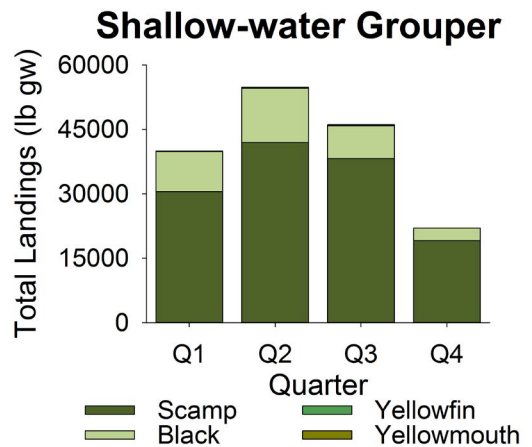
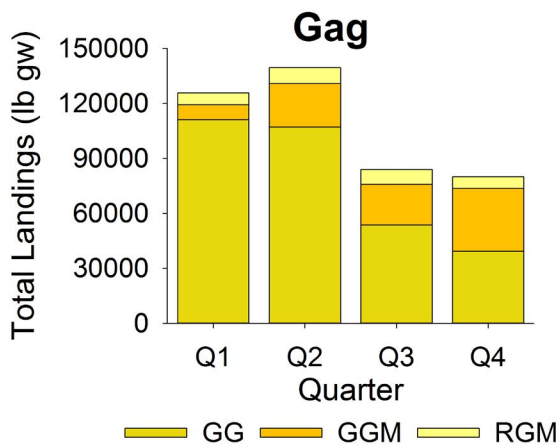
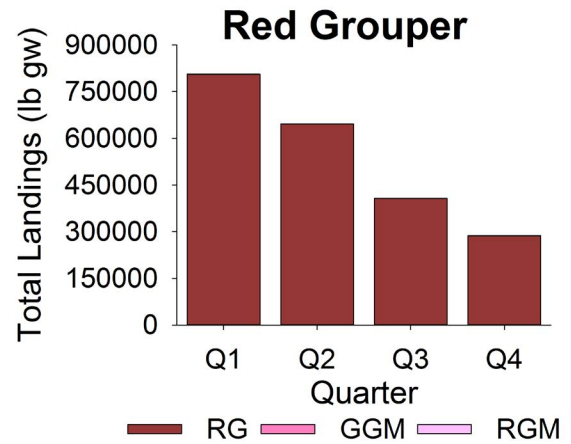
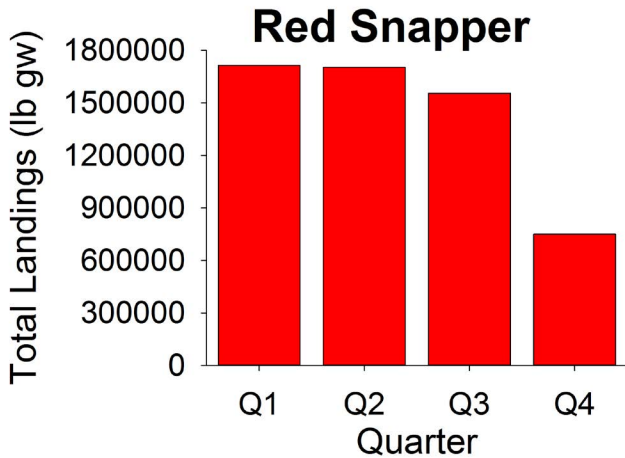
Also, allocation can not be returned after initial distribution. Therefore, amendment 36B would provide NOAA Fisheries with the flexibility to withhold any intended decrease in quota. If final action to decrease the quota is not completed prior to June 1 of that year, the withheld quota will be distributed to the shareholders.

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SPECIES LANDINGS BY QUARTER

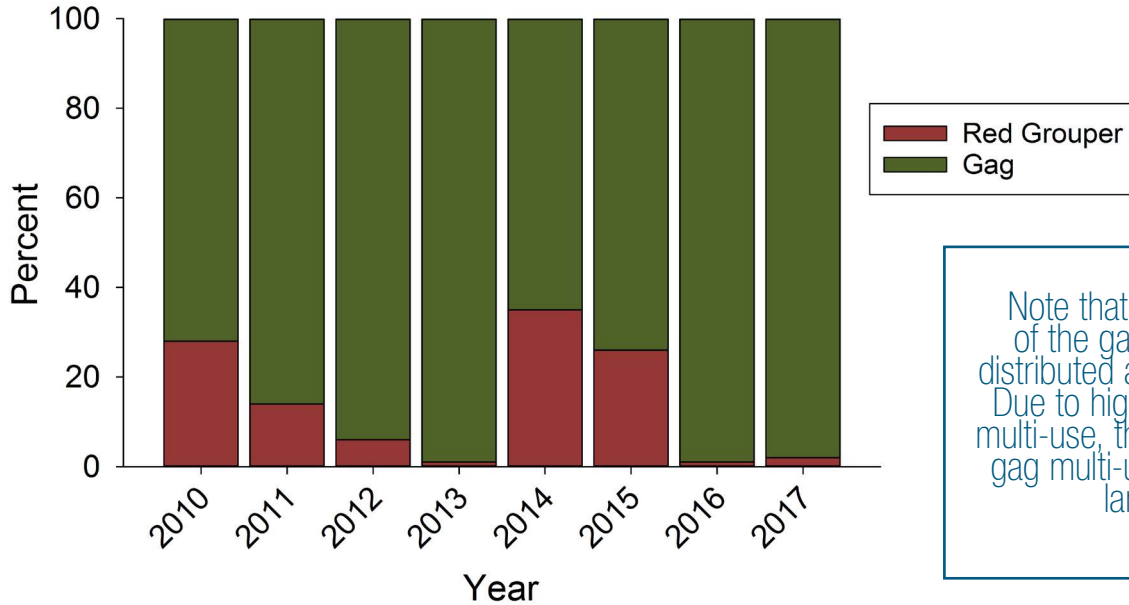
The figures below summarize preliminary landings by quarter (Q) from the Red Snapper and Grouper-Tilefish IFQ programs. Landings are all from 2018 and are displayed in pounds gutted weight (lb gw). For landings of multi-use flexibility measures, the landings are attributed to the share category from which the landings were deducted. For example, in the gag figure, gag were landed using primarily gag (GG) allocation, then gag multi-use (GGM), and finally red-grouper multi-use (RGM) allocation. The shallow water grouper and deep water grouper figures show how flexibility measures are invoked to land these species under the other share category when primary share category allocation is exhausted. Q4 values only contains landings through November 21, 2018.



MULTI-USE ALLOCATION LANDINGS

The figures below summarize Multi-Use allocation landings from Grouper-Tilefish IFQ programs through 2017.

Gag Multi-use by Landed Species

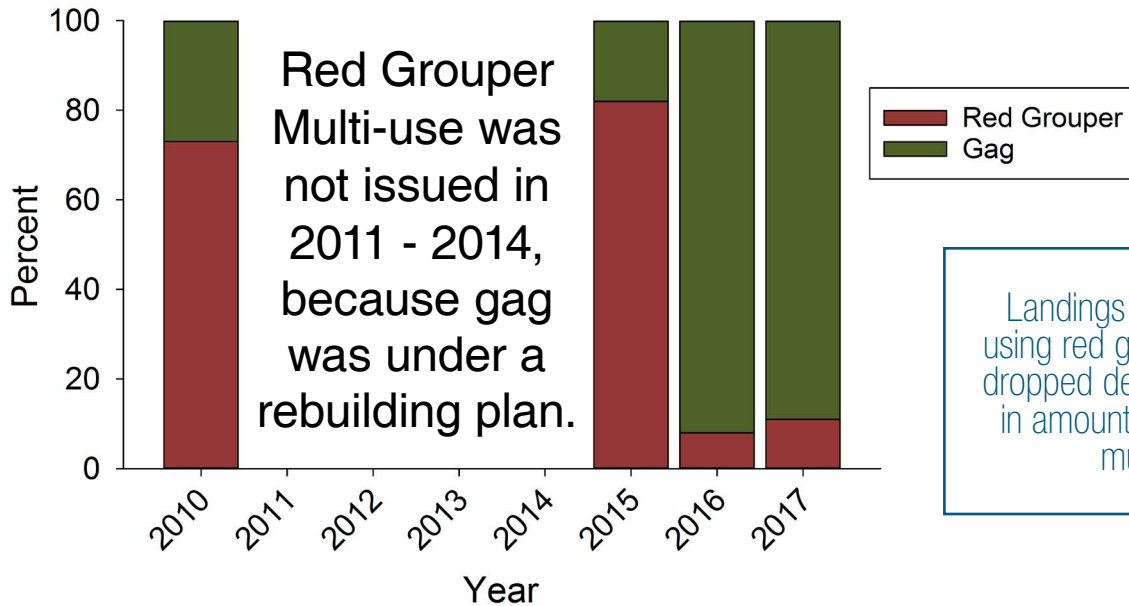


Note that in 2013, 70% of the gag shares were distributed as gag multi-use. Due to high percentage of multi-use, the majority of the gag multi-use was used to land gag.

Year	GGM (%)	RGM (%)
2010	8%	4%
2011	8%	NA
2012	8%	NA
2013	70%	NA
2014	47%	NA
2015	33%	4.8%
2016	33%	4.8%
2017	43.6%	3.5%

Multi-use percentages in the IFQ program.

Red Grouper Multi-use by Landed Species



Red Grouper Multi-use was not issued in 2011 - 2014, because gag was under a rebuilding plan.

Landings of red grouper using red grouper multi-use dropped despite no change in amount of red grouper multi-use.

End of Year Reminders

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NOAA Fisheries will shut down the IFQ online system for maintenance beginning 6 p.m., EST, December 31, 2018.

All transactions for the 2018 fishing year (landing, allocation, and shareholder) must be completed before 6 p.m., EST, December 31, 2018. Online IFQ functions will resume at 2 p.m. EST on January 1, 2019.

During the maintenance period, you can submit an advanced notice of landing using your vessel monitoring system or by calling Catch Share Customer Service at (866) 425-7627 (Option 1).

However, only landing transactions completed **prior to 6 p.m. EST**, December 31, 2018, will count toward your **2018** allocation.

Any remaining allocation in the account at 6 p.m., EST, December 31, 2018, expires and is removed from your account by the system.



Accept Share Transfers

A share transfer is a two-step process requiring the transferor to initiate and the transferee to complete the transaction.

To complete the transaction, accept the share transfer under the Receive Transferred Shares view. A share transfer transaction that has not been accepted by the transferee (e.g., pending status) after 30 days from the date the transfer was initiated will be cancelled.

Please ensure any share transfers are completed before the online system maintenance outage.

Transfer 2019 allocation to your vessel account after January 1

On January 1, your 2019 allocation will be issued to your shareholder account. You must transfer sufficient allocation to your vessel account prior to completing a landing transaction.

Transfers

Landing Notifications

Many vessels have the same or similar names. Use your vessel's Coast Guard documentation or state registration number when making your landing notice.

Please remember that the 24/7 call service is only for reporting pre-landing notifications.

They cannot complete dealer landing transactions or answer any IFQ related questions.

The only way to complete dealer landing transactions is through the online system by logging into the dealer account.



Landing Transactions

When dealers complete a landing transaction, they are required to select a notification confirmation.

Occasionally, there is not a notification to select.

In this case, the dealer can select "No Notification Meets Criteria" to complete the landing transaction.

While supplying a trip ticket number is optional it helps NOAA Fisheries combine datasets (i.e., Coastal Logbooks, Trip Tickets, and IFQ).

Please remember to include this number during the landing transaction.

You can also add it later by using the Update Trip Ticket option under the Landings menu.

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