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COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES



Fishermen of the Greater Tampa Bay VOICES FROM THE FISHERIES Oral History

By Christina Package-Ward and Mike Jepson

For the last three school years, Southeast Regional Office anthropologists and a local school, Admiral Farragut Academy, have partnered to implement a Voices from the Fisheries' Local Fisheries Knowledge Project to conduct oral histories. Marine science students developed interview questions and conducted interviews with members of the commercial and recreational fishing sectors in Florida's greater Tampa Bay area.

A total of 27 oral histories of private recreational anglers, for-hire captains, commercial fishermen, fish dealers, fishing support business owners, and fisheries employees have been gathered through this project thus far.

Approximately 67 students have taken part in the project as interviewers, interviewing in teams of three to five students. The project provides meaningful learning opportunities for students and helps to preserve fishing history.

The project has been supported by NOAA Preserve America, NOAA Fisheries, and Southeast Regional Office's Education and Outreach Funding.

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if you're interested in
being interviewed as
part of the project.

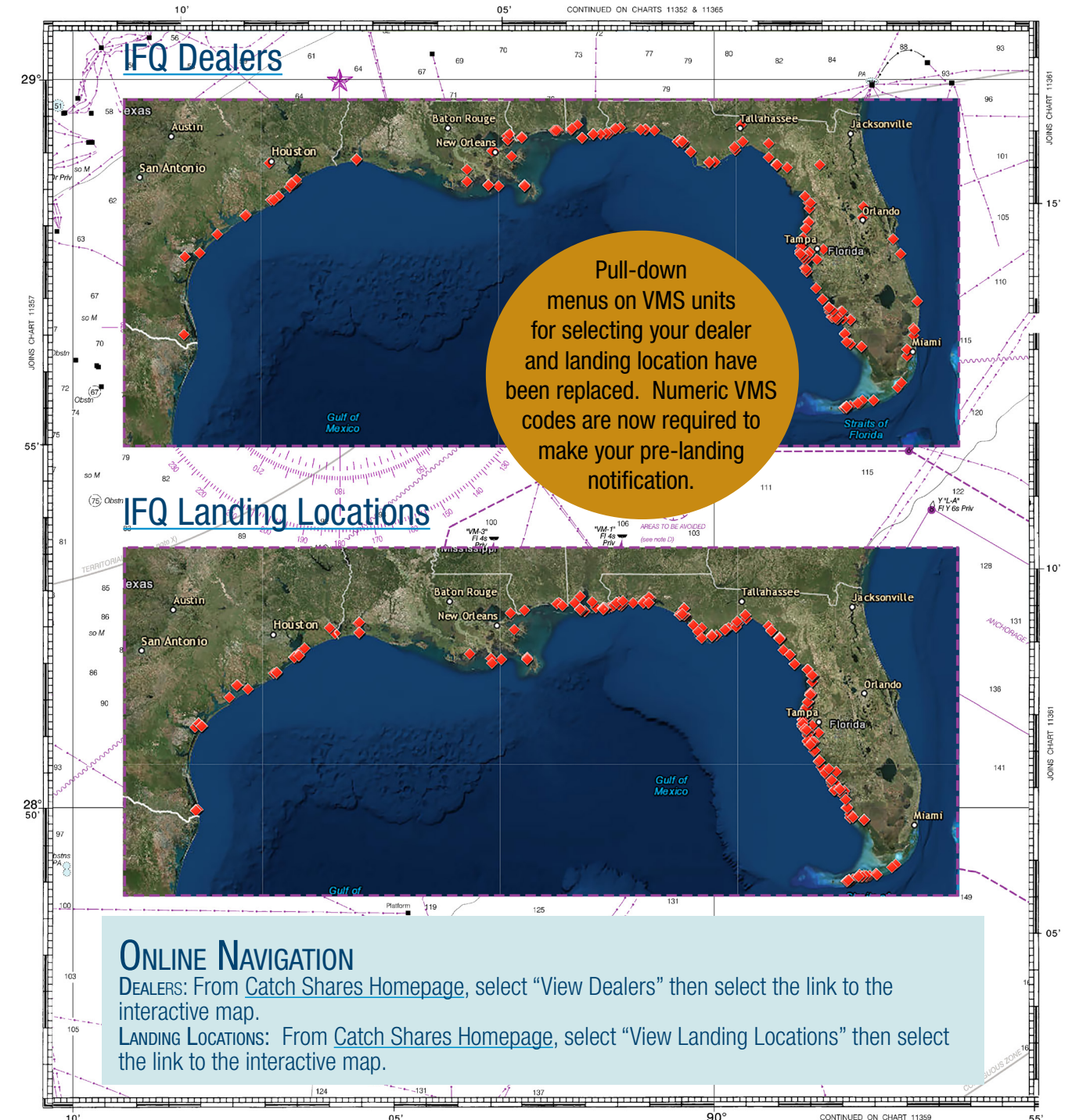
For a selection of the interviews click here and search for the
“[Greater Tampa Bay Voices from the Fisheries](#)”
collection.

SYSTEM FUNCTIONS

CATCH SHARE ONLINE SYSTEM INTERACTIVE MAPS

Looking for an IFQ dealer or approved landing location? Need to know a VMS code? Check out the new Catch Shares interactive maps!

Each red diamond indicates a dealer or landing location in the Catch Share program. Click a red diamond to view details of that site including the name, address, GPS coordinates, and VMS code.



UPCOMING ACTIONS

YOUR INDUSTRY

YOUR OPINIONS

YOUR GUIDE TO UPCOMING
REGULATORY CHANGES

AMENDMENT 41

Allocation-Based Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels

This amendment explores allocation-based management programs to reduce uncertainty, improve economic conditions, and increase fishing opportunities for federally permitted charter vessels and their passengers. Two options (an individual fishing quota and a permit fishing quota program) and five selected species (red snapper, greater amberjack, gray triggerfish, gag, and red grouper) are being considered. The Gulf Council will review a decision tool and consider preferred alternatives at the April Gulf Council meeting.

[Read more](#)

AMENDMENT 42

Reef Fish Management for Headboat Survey Vessels

Similar to Amendment 41, Amendment 42 considers allocation-based management for federally permitted for-hire vessels that have a landings history through the Southeast Region Headboat Survey. Five species are considered for inclusion: red snapper, greater amberjack, gray triggerfish, gag, and red grouper. The Gulf Council requested a decision tool for stakeholders to review the range of alternatives. The Gulf Council will review and select preferred alternatives at the April Gulf Council meeting.

[Read more](#)

AMENDMENT 36B

Commercial IFQ Program Modifications

Considers updates to the IFQ programs' goals and objectives based on the Red Snapper IFQ 5-year review and the upcoming Grouper-Tilefish IFQ 5-Year review. The current actions consider program participation requirements, restrictions for public participants, quota redistribution of future quota increases, distribution of revoked shares from non-activated accounts, restrictions on share and allocation transfers, and creation of a red snapper allocation cap.

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AMENDMENT 36A: OPEN FOR COMMENTS

Commercial IFQ Program Modifications

This amendment would establish hail-in requirements for all commercial reef fish permitted vessels (3-24 hours advance notice and landing only at an approved location), returning shares from non-activated IFQ accounts, and retaining annual allocation before a quota reduction. NOAA Fisheries is taking comments on the proposed rule through April 23.

[Read more](#)

GROUPE-TILEFISH 5-YEAR REVIEW

The Gulf Council and NOAA Fisheries are conducting the first five-year review of the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ program. Several presentations of analyses, studies, and surveys have been given to the Council and Science and Statistical Committee. The Gulf Council will review a draft document at the April Gulf Council meeting. A presentation will also be given to the Gulf Council at their April meeting.

WRECKFISH REVIEW

The South Atlantic Council and NOAA Fisheries are conducting the second review of the Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) program. The review will compare results from 2009/2010 – 2011/2012 fishing years to the most recent fishing years 2012/2013-2016/2017. This review will evaluate the effectiveness of the program, and provide conclusions and recommend changes to the ITQ program. Council action will be required to make any changes to the program through the normal amendment process.

IFQ PRICE SNAPSHOT

Below you will find **preliminary 2017 price** summaries for each species and share category in the Gulf Catch Shares programs.

Share Category	Species	Share Price (per 1lb equivalent)	Allocation Price (per/lb)	Ex-Vessel Price
Deep-water Grouper	Snowy grouper	\$12.45	\$1.17	\$4.19
	Speckled hind			\$4.00
	Warsaw grouper			\$3.75
	Yellowedge grouper			\$4.54
Gag	Gag	\$17.20	\$1.43	\$5.10
			Gag multi-use: \$1.39	
Other Shallow Water Grouper	Black grouper	\$6.65	\$0.66	\$5.09
	Scamp			\$4.88
	Yellowfin grouper			\$4.39
	Yellowmouth grouper			\$4.40
Red Grouper	Red grouper	\$5.20	\$0.55	\$4.17
			Red grouper multi-use: \$1.24	
Red Snapper	Red snapper	\$35.65	\$3.37	\$4.81
Tilefish	Blueline tilefish	\$9.34	\$0.64	\$1.83
	Golden tilefish			\$2.96
	Goldface tilefish			*

*There were not enough transactions for goldface tilefish to meet confidentiality standards to show ex-vessel price data for Goldface tilefish.

INDUSTRY IN DEPTH



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Individual Bluefin Tuna Quota Program

Fisheries implemented the Individual Bluefin Tuna Quota (IBQ) program in 2015 as a way to reduce and fully account for dead discards in the pelagic longline fishery, prevent overfishing, and rebuild the Atlantic Bluefin tuna stock. Bluefin tuna can be encountered as bycatch on pelagic longlines that are targeting swordfish or yellowfin or bigeye tunas. This innovative program differs from other catch share programs as the reporting and allocation requirements are solely for the bycatch of bluefin tuna rather than the targeted fishery (i.e., other tunas or swordfish). All pelagic longline vessel owners must account for bluefin tuna landings and dead discards using IBQ allocation. The program requires that for the first pelagic longline trip in each calendar quarter, a vessel must have a minimum amount of allocation before departing on a fishing trip.

One of the successes of the IBQ program is a dramatic reduction in dead discards. Discards have been reduced greater than six-fold from over 130 mt to less than 23 mt (Table 1). A full evaluation of the program, including the effect on the economics of the fishery will be completed in an upcoming 3-year review. The review will also look at the effects of the design of initial share distribution. This program serves as a model of how catch shares can be designed and applied to different fisheries to address a specific fishery issue. To learn more visit the [Bluefin Tuna Frequently Asked Questions](#) or the [HMS Amendment 7 homepage](#).

Year	Landings MT	Dead Discards MT	Total Catch MT	Base Quota MT	Total Catch, as a % of Base Quota (without & with* dead discards)		Adjusted Quota MT	Total Catch, as a % of Adjusted Quota (without & with* dead discards)	
2012	81.2	205.2	286.4	74.8	109%	*382%	78.4	104%	*365%
2013	57.9	146.2	204.1	74.8	77%	*273%	46.0	126%	*444%
2014	78.7	130.0	208.7	74.8	105%	*279%	99.2	79%	*210%
2015	46.4	17.1	63.5	137.3	*46%		182.3	*35%	
2016	68.4	22.6	91.0	148.3	*61%		182.3	*50%	
2017	63.5			148.3			193.3		

DATES & RESOURCES

APR
16-19

April 2018 [Gulf Council Meeting](#)
Gulfport, MS

APR
23-29

Dealer Outreach Visits
Galveston through Corpus Christi, TX

APR
30

1st Quarter [Cost Recovery Fees](#) due

MAY-JUN
30-1

[Gulf of Mexico Scientific and
Statistical Committee Meeting](#)
Tampa, FL

Jun
TBD

Dealer Outreach Visits
South Florida through Key West, FL

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