

**Supplemental Proposed Rule - Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment  
for the South Atlantic Region  
Revision of Commercial Quota for Greater Amberjack**

*Frequently Asked Questions – April 2012*

**What would the Supplemental Proposed Rule for the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment do?**

- The supplemental proposed rule would specify the revised commercial quota for greater amberjack of 769,388 pounds gutted weight in the regulations, as described in the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment.

**Is the commercial quota of 769,388 pounds gutted weight for greater amberjack currently in place?**

- No. The **current commercial quota** for greater amberjack is **1,169,931** pounds gutted weight.
- Actions in the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment will be implemented on April 16, 2012.
- The change in the commercial quota for greater amberjack from 1,169,931 pounds gutted weight, to 769,388 pounds gutted weight, would occur **after** the implementation of the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment.

**Why is this change being proposed?**

- The commercial quota for greater amberjack, as specified in the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment was 769,388 pounds gutted weight. NOAA Fisheries Service approved the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment on January 18, 2012.
- However, in the proposed rules that published on December 1, 2011 (76 FR 74757), and December 30, 2011 (76 FR 82265), the revised commercial quota for greater amberjack that was referenced in 50 C.F.R. § 622.49 (b)(11)(i)(A) was inadvertently not revised in the commercial quota section in § 622.42 (e)(3). The final rule published on March 16, 2012 (77 FR 15916), without the revised commercial quota for greater amberjack.
- Therefore, the subject supplemental proposed rule specifies the revised commercial quota for greater amberjack of 769,388 pounds gutted weight, as described in the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment.

**Who would be affected by the Supplemental Proposed Rule for the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment?**

- Commercial fishers who fish for greater amberjack in the South Atlantic EEZ (3-200 miles offshore).

**Where can I get more information on the Supplemental Proposed Rule for the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment?**

- The supplemental proposed rule may be found online at the NOAA Fisheries Service Web site at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/SASnapperGrouperHomepage.htm> and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Web site at <http://www.safmc.net>.
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