APPENDIX A. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED BUT ELIMINATED FROM DETAILED ANALYSIS

Action 1.

Alternative 12

Allow fishing for, harvest and possession of snapper grouper species (with exception of red snapper) in the closed area if fish were harvested with black sea bass pots.

Discussion: This alternative was removed from consideration because the Council chose Alternative 11 (No Area Closure) as their preferred. If the area closure is not implemented, then Alternative 12 is unnecessary.

Alternative 13

Allow fishing for, harvest and possession of snapper grouper species (with the exception of red snapper) in the closed area if fish were harvested with spearfishing gear.

Discussion: This alternative was removed from consideration because the Council chose Alternative 11 (No Area Closure) as their preferred. If the area closure is not implemented, then Alternative 13 is unnecessary.

Alternative 14

The prohibition on possession does not apply to a person aboard a vessel that is in transit with legally harvested snapper grouper species on board and with fishing gear appropriately stowed.

Discussion: This alternative was removed from consideration because the Council chose Alternative 11 (No Area Closure) as their preferred. If the area closure is not implemented, then Alternative 14 is unnecessary.

Action 2: Sunset Provision

Alternative 1

Do not specify a date that the snapper grouper spatial closure would expire.

Alternative 2

The snapper grouper spatial closure would expire on January 1, 2012.

Alternative 3

The snapper grouper spatial closure would expire on January 1, 2013.

Alternative 4

The snapper grouper spatial closure would expire on July 1, 2014.

Discussion: Since the Council chose Alternative 11 (No Area Closure) as their preferred, then an action to specify the length of that closure was no longer necessary.