

Beaty, Julia

From: Chris Roebuck <roebuck3@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 10:16 PM
To: Beaty, Julia
Cc: Didden, Jason
Subject: Gear Restricted Areas

Dear Julia,

I am writing to strongly recommend the elimination of both GRAs. The scup stock has been fully rebuilt, the GRAs hinder the production of other fisheries especially longfin squid, and the GRAs no longer reflect the habitat of scup.

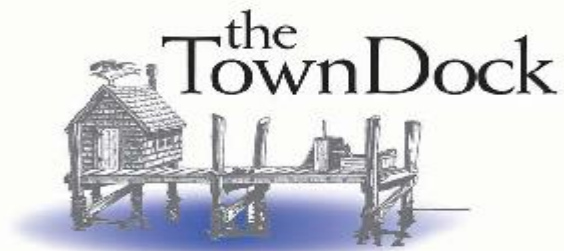
The southern GRA especially was improperly drawn from the beginning and covers depths that do not reflect scup habitat but do hinder the longfin squid fleet and with climate change covers areas where scup no longer exist.

At the very least, modification to the eastern boundary, as was recommended by Hank Lackner, could provide more access to the longfin squid fleet without impacting any part of the scup resource.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment and good luck with your presentation.

Chris Roebuck

MSB AP



November 25, 2015

Dr. Christopher M. Moore
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Dear Dr. Moore,

As a member of the Mackerel/Squid/Butterfish Advisory Panel I am writing to weigh in on the scup GRA Framework.

Ideally, we'd like to see the GRA's removed since scup has successfully been rebuilt. However, if the elimination of the GRA's altogether is not an option at this time we'd like to see a modification to the southern GRA.

As it is drawn now, the eastern line (the deep side) of the southern GRA cuts off fishing ground to the longfin squid fishery, especially from Wilmington to Norfolk Canyon. The squid fishery will fish anywhere between 50 to 100 fathoms. A suggestion would be to have the eastern line follow the 40 fathom contour line, rather than cutting a straight line down through the edges of the canyons.

In order to reduce the scup discards in the squid fishery perhaps the raising of the incidental limits of scup at 500 and 200 pounds per trip should be considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Beaty, Julia

From: Hank Lackner <jdhlcl@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 3:22 PM
To: Beaty, Julia
Subject: Re: Framework for scup quota period dates

Hello Julia,

My proposal was to extend winter one period 2 more weeks.. That is until may 15... Keeping the additional trip limit(50,000 lbs).. Summer period would then start on may 16 with what ever trip limit the states decide.. For winter 2, we would start the period on October 1 with what ever garfo determines the trip limit should be..

By implementing this time period adjustment, it is my belief, that if weather is decent during winter periods, the commercial fleet would then catch the TAC...

Please keep in mind the overall allocations for each period do not change.

Thanks for looking into this,can we get it into this up coming frame work .

Hank

Sent from my iPad