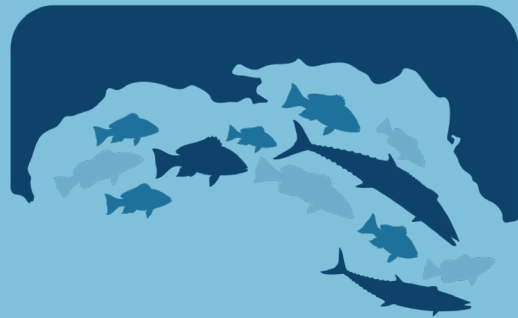


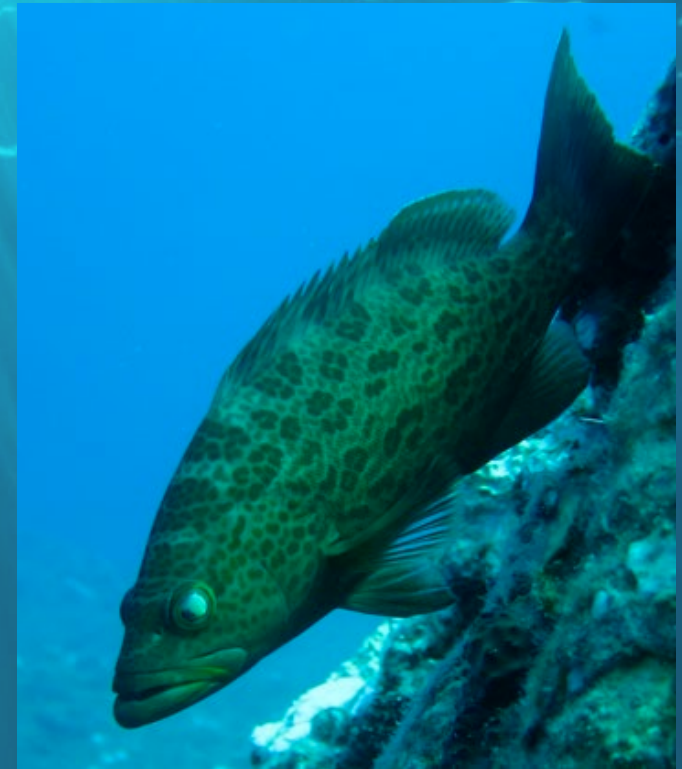
# Overview of Shallow-water Grouper Science & Management Actions 2021 - 2025



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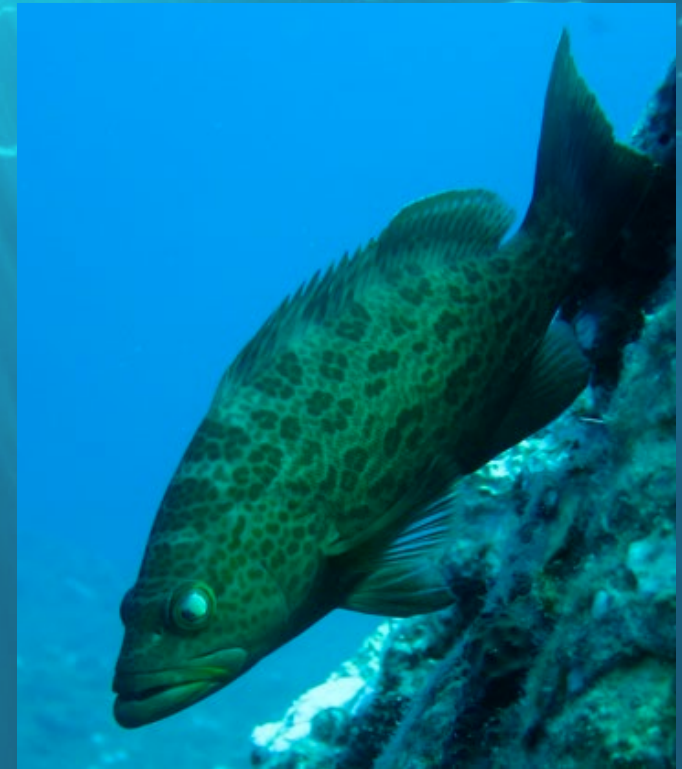
# A Brief Review

- Scamp and yellowmouth grouper were assessed through the Research Track and Operational Assessment Process
- Integration of catch advice has been challenging and subject to a protracted timeline
- Black grouper stock assessment is unreliable and managed jointly with the South Atlantic Council
- Scamp and yellowmouth grouper are managed in the Shallow-water Grouper Complex along with black and yellowfin grouper
- Yellowmouth and yellowfin grouper landings are very low (< 1k (lb)/yr)
- SSC has provided catch advice and the Council has been developing actions to implement
- **Council has requested consideration of scamp/yellowmouth grouper projections at  $F_{SPR30\%}$  and  $F_{SPR40\%}$ , along with a comparison of the pros and cons of each approach (scientific merit)**

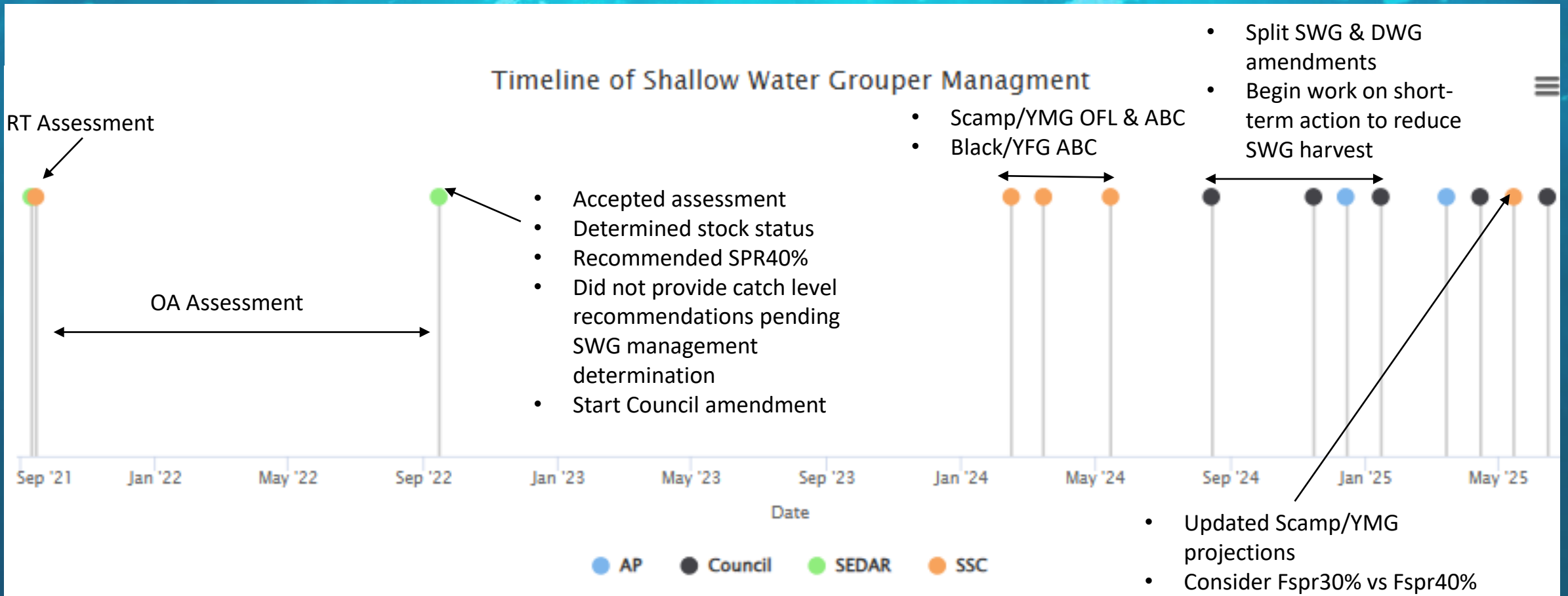


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- Integrating this advice into management is challenging and unlikely to occur before 2027:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> assessment for scamp and yellowmouth grouper
  - Ongoing uncertainty with MRIP-FES data, affects allocations and other management measures
  - Will require separating the SWG Complex into separate complexes: scamp and yellowmouth grouper; black and yellowfin grouper
  - Development of new share categories and individual allocations in the commercial IFQ program
  - Consideration of sector allocation, accountability measures and other management measures necessary to constrain catch and prevent overfishing
  - Council is working on a short-term measure to reduce harvest pending implementation of a full suite of management measures



# Shallow-water Grouper: Summary of Actions



Interactive graphic: <https://rpubs.com/jfroeschke/SWGManagement>

# Questions