

Summary of Written Public Comment
Modifications to the Gulf Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits
January 2025 – May 27, 2025

16 Public Hearing Video Views

6 Comments Received

- The Council is basing decisions on unreliable data.
- The health of the stock appears to be increasing in the last few years.
- The average size of fish is up.
- The stock is overfished, and schools are not as prevalent off MS as they once were.
- The commercial fishery should be reduced along with the recreational sector.
- Gillnets should be abolished.
- The current bag limit is too high. Lowering the bag from 15 shouldn't bother responsible fishermen.
- The bag limit should be increased to 25 so people fish more and spend more money.
- Pressure on Spanish is increasing with declines in availability of cobia and king mackerel.
- Anglers don't keep many, that's why we're not reaching the quota.