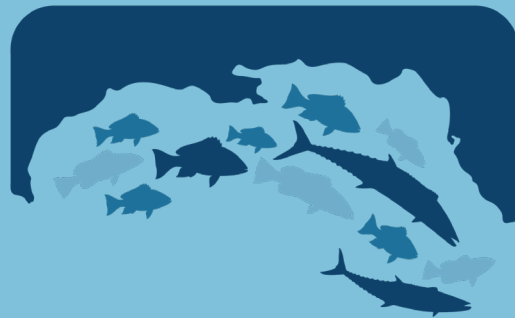


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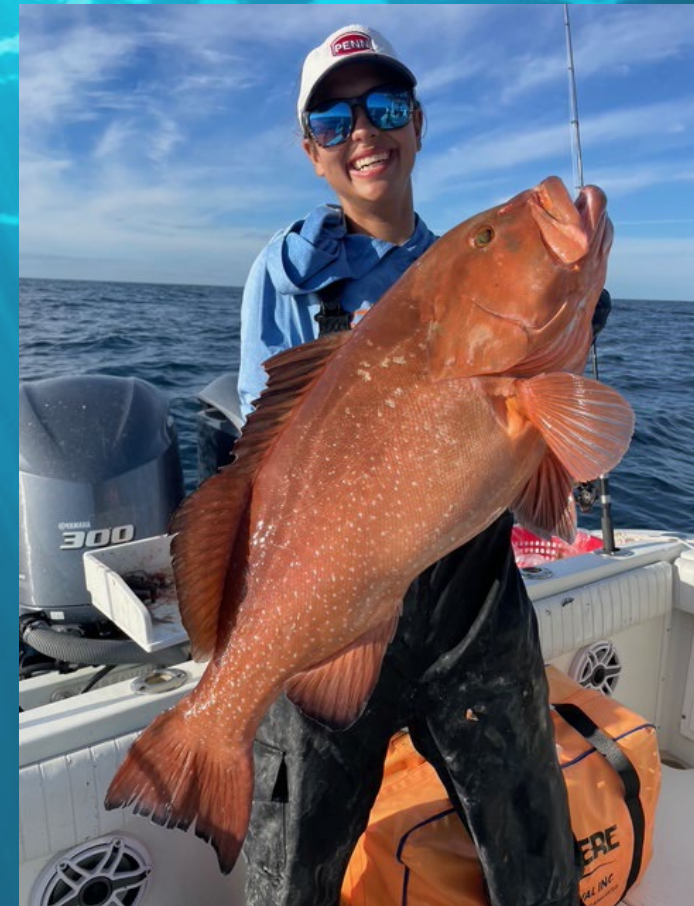
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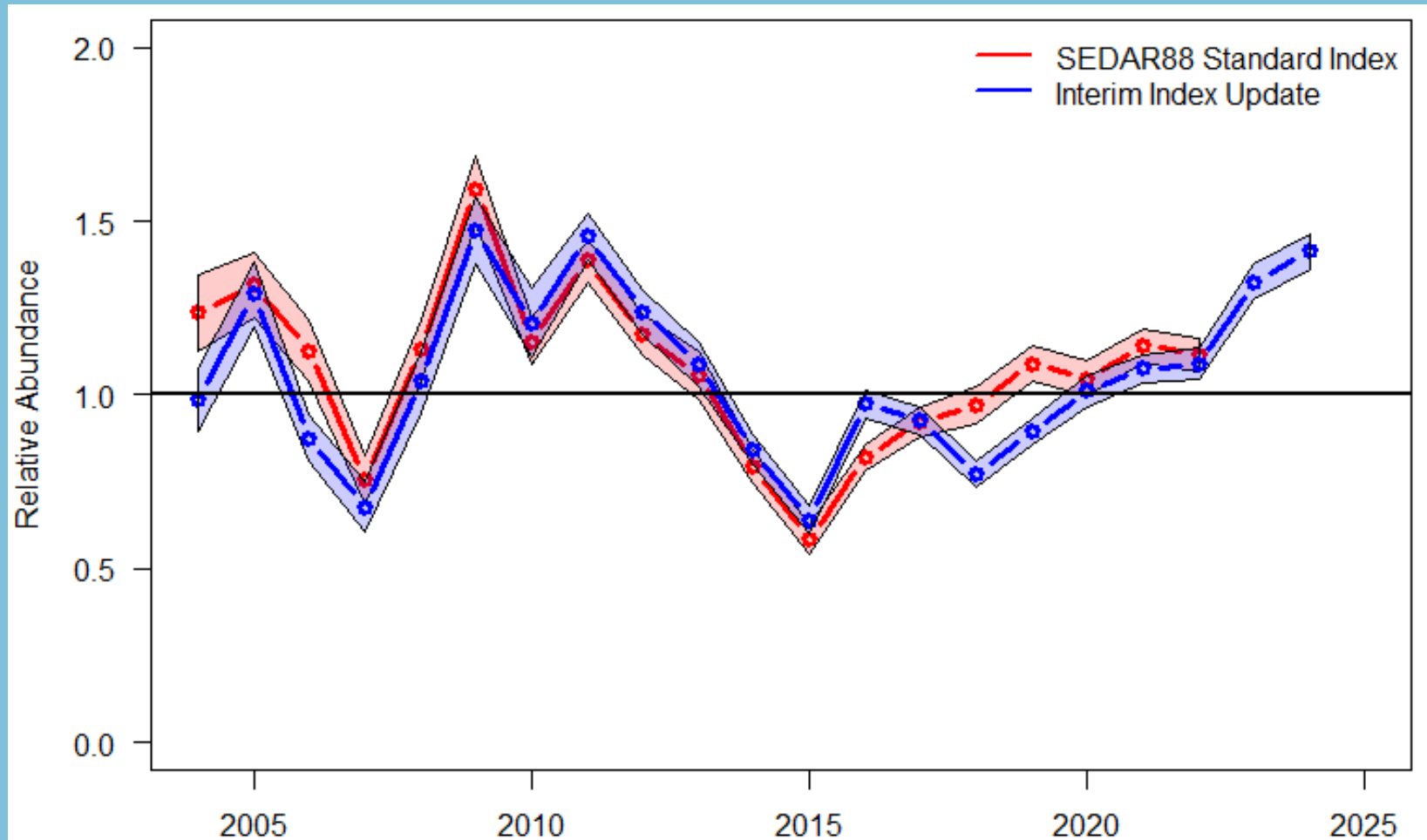
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# Red Grouper

- SEFSC conducted interim analysis (IA)
  - Past versions have used NMFS Bottom Longline Survey (BLL) catch per unit effort (CPUE) data
    - Good indicator of spawning biomass condition
    - Less representative of lengths and ages targeted by most of the fishery
  - Gulf Fishery-Independent Survey of Habitat and Ecosystem Resources (G-FISHER) composite video index selected as appropriate for red grouper
    - Combines three video surveys, Gulf-wide coverage
    - Used in SEDAR 88 for red grouper already
  - IA done as a health check since Council working on RF Amendment 62



# Red Grouper



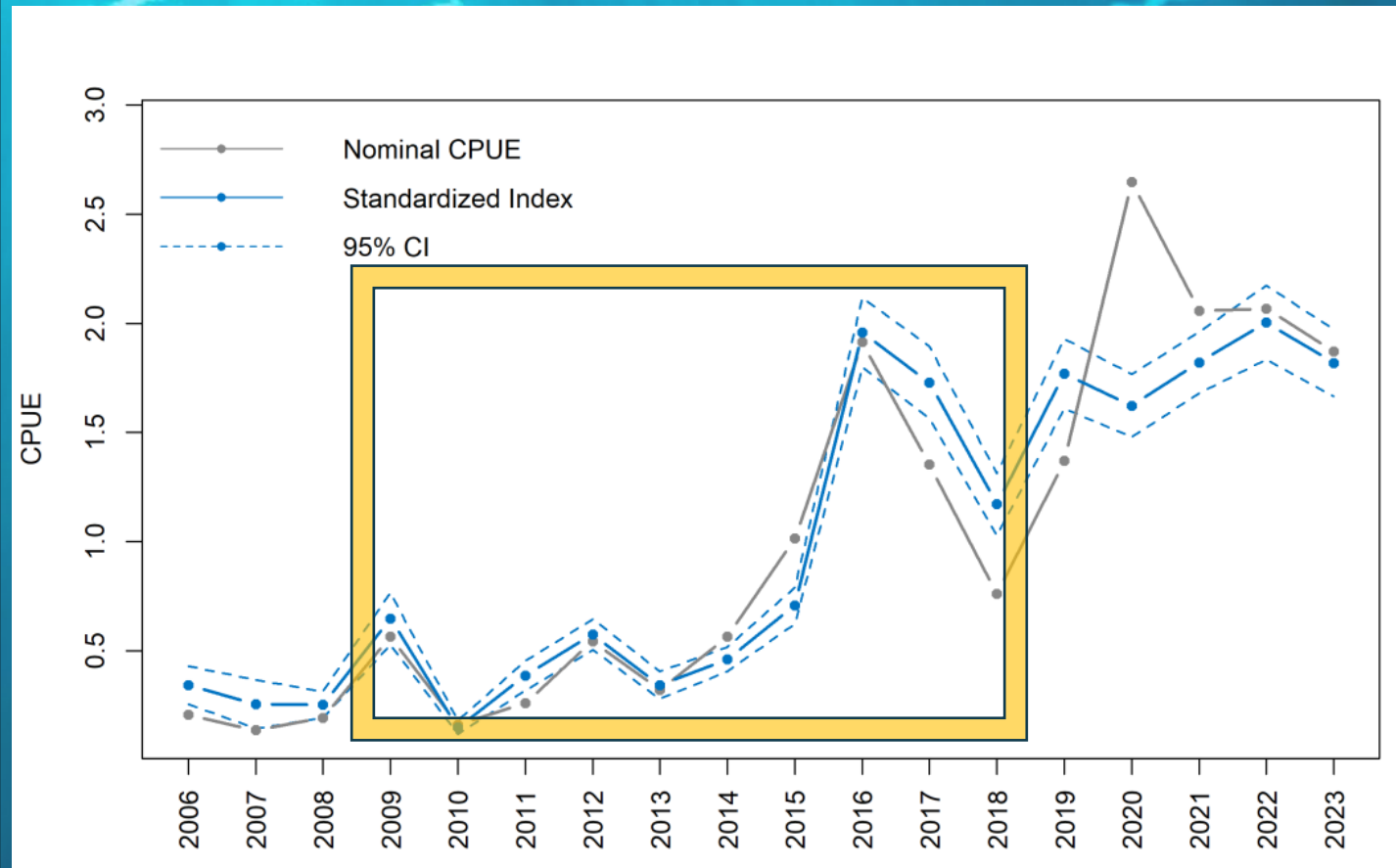
# Lane Snapper

- SEFSC conducted IA
  - Past versions have used Southeast Region Headboat Survey (SRHS) CPUE data
    - SRHS vulnerable to management and economic bias
    - SRHS also expected to discontinue (loss of funds)
- G-FISHER composite video index selected as appropriate for lane snapper
  - Combines three video surveys, Gulf-wide coverage
  - Samples habitat used by lane snapper and fishermen



# Lane Snapper

- **SSC Motions:**
  - **SSC considers the 2026 lane snapper IA using G-FISHER for 2009-2018 as consistent with BSIA.**
  - *Motion carried with one opposed and one abstention.*
- **SSC recommends OFL = 1,336,445 lb ww, and ABC = 1,304,917 lb ww, for 2026-2028.**
- *Motion carried without opposition.*



# Gag Grouper

- SEFSC conducted IA
  - First time IA has been done for gag grouper
- G-FISHER composite video index selected as appropriate for gag grouper
  - Combines three video surveys, Gulf-wide coverage
  - 2 of the 3 surveys used in SEDAR 72, will be considered in full for SEDAR 105
- Completed as a health check:
  - Rebuilding plan has just started
  - Catch limits changing annually
  - Stock not considered to be in a stable condition



# Gag Grouper

