Note: Harvest from 1990-2009 taken from the SEFSC ACL database; harvest from 2010 to 2013 from IFQ database.

## Table 2.7.2. Annual Recreational Regulatory Summary

Note: There was no recreational grouper allocation explicitly specified prior to 2009, but the assumed commercial/recreational allocation of shallow-water grouper was 65%/35%. Therefore, the implied recreational allocation of SWG was the commercial quota\*(0.35/0.65).

| Year      | Days                                | <b>Closed Season</b> | Size  | Bag   | Agg. Bag  | Effective             | ACL     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------------------|---------|
|           | Open                                |                      | Limit | Limit | Limit     | Date                  | (mp gw) |
|           |                                     |                      | (TL)  |       |           |                       |         |
| 1990-2003 | 365                                 | -                    | 20"   | 5     | 5         | 1990                  |         |
| 2004      | 366                                 | -                    | 20"   | 2     | 5         | July 2004             | -       |
| 2005      | 304                                 | 11/1 – 12/31         | 20"   | 1     | 3         | Aug 2005              |         |
| 2006-2008 | 337                                 | 2/15 - 3/14          | 20"   | 1     | 5 (0 C&C) | Mar 2006              | -       |
| 2009      | 337                                 | 2/15 - 3/14          | 20"   | 2     | 4         | May 2009              | 1.85    |
| 2010      | 306                                 | 2/1 - 3/31           | 20"   | 2     | 4         |                       | 1.85    |
| 2011      | 306                                 | 2/1 - 3/31           | 20"   | 4     | 4         | Aug 2011              | 1.65    |
| 2012      | 306                                 | 2/1 - 3/31           | 20"   | 4     | 4         |                       | 1.90    |
| 2013      | 306 <sup>a</sup> 365 <sup>b</sup>   | $2/1 - 3/31^{a}$     | 20"   | 4     | 4         |                       | 1.90    |
| 2014      | 217 <sup>a</sup> , 276 <sup>b</sup> | $2/1 - 3/31^{a}$ ,   | 20"   | 3     | 4         | May 2014 <sup>c</sup> | 1.78    |
|           |                                     | $10/4 - 12/31^{a,b}$ |       |       |           |                       |         |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>: In waters > 20 fathoms

## 3 ASSESSMENT HISTORY AND REVIEW

Pre-SEDAR assessments of Gulf of Mexico resources were typically prepared by scientists of the Southeast Fisheries Science Center and reviewed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (GMFMC) Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP) and Science and Statistics Committee (SSC). Excerpts from RFSAP reports addressing previous assessments are compiled into a single document for convenience (SEDAR12-RW01). Previous stock assessments referenced below are provided for reference and organized under the SEDAR 12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Commercial trip limit of 6,000 lbs gutted weight in effect.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Individual Fishing Quota management system in effect

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior to 2004, red grouper was included in the shallow-water groupers (SWG) quota. During this time, SWG included: black grouper, gag, red grouper, yellowfin grouper, yellowmouth grouper, rock hind, red hind, speckled hind (only for 1990, moved to deepwater grouper complex in 1991), and scamp.

b: In waters < 20 fathoms

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>: If no formal management change is adopted, the bag limit will revert back to 4/person/day on Jan 1, 2015.