

Report of Colloquium on Snapper and Grouper Resources of the Western Central Atlantic

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ABSTRACT

A colloquium on snapper and grouper fishery resources was held at the October 1975 meeting of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC). Information on the resource and fishery was presented and problems and possible solutions were discussed. Proceeding of the Colloquium will be available from GSMFC, 511 St. Louis St., New Orleans, LA 70130.

The colloquium technique is recommended as a mechanism for management agencies to obtain information and advice from all concerned groups and, used in this way, is an effective tool in the planning process.

Problems of the snapper and grouper fisheries include increased competition among commercial, recreational, and foreign fisheries, greater fishing pressure on the resource, and decreasing margins between income and costs of operation. Solutions to these problems will come from management action based on reliable statistical and biological information.