

# Review of: "Estimates of Atlantic Goliath Grouper (*Epinephelus Itajara*) Bycatch Mortality in Commercial Fisheries of the Southeastern Us From 2002 to 2022"

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Dear Editor,

I believe that this article is very interesting given the new data which it provides on the estimates of Atlantic goliath grouper (*Epinephelus itajara*) bycatch mortality in commercial fisheries of the Southeastern US from 2002 to 2022. The article is generally well-written with appropriate data analyses and an interesting discussion. Nevertheless, it has a number of shortcomings which should be addressed by the authors in order to improve understanding of the MS.

- The abstract should be reviewed, and a brief summary of the article should be given. Especially, the results section is a bit incomplete.
- Keywords should be reduced, and unnecessary words removed.
- Results-

## 3.2. Venting

Unfortunately, groupers may have general characteristics; for example, the same formations are seen in the *Serranus aeneus* species. These events are observed in July and August. It is estimated that the reason for this is lack of oxygen. Therefore, it would be useful for the authors to indicate in which months this event was observed.

- This MS should be accepted as a research paper after minor corrections.