

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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In the Materials and Methods section 2.1, this extrapolation is an estimation of the entire commercial fishery, and those uncertainties should be clear. SEUS appears for the first time here, but no explanation of this acronym is given. In section 2.3, it is not clear what constitutes a severe, moderate, or minimal effect of barotrauma. It is better to give more information about why it makes sense to apply an equation from *M. microlepis* to *E. itajara*, like size, habitat, and taxonomic similarities/differences.