

# **Southeastern Fisheries Association Inc.**

## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency's leadership has adopted a decision mandating catch shares to control fishing, and

WHEREAS the decision was reached without discussion or debate with the fishing industry in the Southeastern United States, a region rich in fishing heritage and considerable economic value to the nation, and

WHEREAS the Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Fishery Management Councils are being pressured to adopt catch share programs immediately, and

WHEREAS the fishermen and fishing industry are not in favor of a forced philosophical regulation before understanding NOAA's catch share program

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Southeastern Fisheries Association requests a moratorium on any additional catch share programs for any species of fish in the southeastern United States until the proposed catch share program is fully vetted and industry is part of the team managing the fisheries, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the catch shares already granted in the red snapper catch share program remain in place, so no fisherman holding catch shares loses any fish awarded by NOAA, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional increases in the Total Allowable Catch of red snapper be distributed to fishermen who failed to qualify because of previous NOAA criteria and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED an outreach program be implemented providing all fishermen and affected businesses the opportunity to be heard and grievances addressed at a venue where they are not limited to three minutes or less to speak and discuss their points of view.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2010 by the SFA Board of Directors.

*Bob Jones*

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Executive Director