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MEMORANDUM TO: Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: Update of Red Drum Sampling Protocols

The Southeast Fisheries Science Center reviewed the information on sampling protocols and age composition for red drum that was presented to the Council in February, 2010 as **Tab L, Handout 1**: "*Recommended Age Composition and Mark-Recapture Study Sample Sizes for Gulf of Mexico Red Drum*"; and **Tab L, Handout 2**: "*Recommended Age Structure and Mark-Recapture Sample Sizes for Gulf Red Drum*." There is no new information available that would warrant an update of the red drum sampling protocols at this time.

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