

American Samoa and Guam Proposed BMUS

American Samoa

BMUS Selection Criteria

These criteria are based on the list of 10 factors to consider when selecting species for federal conservation and management ([§ 600.305 C\(1\)](#)) of the MSA. Three criteria were relevant for bottomfish selection in American Samoa.

1. (ii) **The stock is caught by the fishery**
 - ☐ Species caught in 5% of bottomfish fishing trips (data source: boat based surveys)
2. (iii) **Whether an [Federal] FMP can improve or maintain the condition of the stock**
 - ☐ Species primarily occur in federal waters
 - Deep water species: Subfamily Etelineae (Pristipomoides, Etelis, Aphareus)
3. (x) **The extent to which the fishery is already adequately managed by states, by state/Federal programs, or by Federal regulations pursuant to other FMPs or international commissions, or by industry self-regulation, consistent with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable law**
 - ☐ Species proposed to be managed by territorial FMP primarily occur in territorial waters
 - Shallow water species (Lethrinus, Lutjanus)
4. **Other selection considerations**
 - ☐ Species that occur in both shallow and deep waters (Aprion, Variola, Caranx)
 - ☐ Declining catch

Classification	Scientific Name	FEP		tFMP	Rational
		Stay	Add		
Etelineae	<i>Aphareus rutilans</i>	x			Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Aprion virescens</i>			x	Etelineae, spans shallow and deep
Etelineae	<i>Etelis boweni</i>		x		Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Etelis carbunculus</i>	x			Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Etelis coruscans</i>	x			Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides argyrogrammicus</i>		x		Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides auricilla</i>		x		Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides filamentosus</i>	x			Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides flavipinnis</i>	x			Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides seiboldii</i>		x		Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides zonatus</i>	x			Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides multidentis</i>		x		Etelineae, deep
Snapper	<i>Paracaesio stonei</i>		x		Deep-only snapper
Snapper	<i>Paracaesio kuskarii</i>		x		Deep-only snapper
Jack	<i>Caranx lugubris</i>			x	spans shallow and deep
Grouper	<i>Variola louti</i>			x	spans shallow and deep
Emperor	<i>Lethrinus rubrioperculatus</i>			x	Primarily shallow
Snapper	<i>Lutjanus kasmira</i>			x	Primarily shallow

Guam

BMUS Selection Criteria

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5. (ii) The stock is caught by the fishery

- ☐ Species caught in 8% of bottomfish fishing trips (data source: boat based surveys)

6. (iii) Whether an [Federal] FMP can improve or maintain the condition of the stock

- ☐ Species primarily occur in federal waters
 - ☒ Deep water species: Subfamily Etelineae (Pristipomoides, Etelis, Aphareus)

7. (x) The extent to which the fishery is already adequately managed by states, by state/Federal programs, or by Federal regulations pursuant to other FMPs or international commissions, or by industry self-regulation, consistent with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable law

- ☐ Species proposed to be managed by territorial FMP primarily occur in territorial waters
 - ☒ Shallow water species (Lethrinus, Lutjanus)

8. Other selection considerations

- ☐ Species that occur in both shallow and deep waters (Aprion, Variola, Caranx)
- ☐ Declining catch

Classification	Scientific Name	FEP		tFMP	Discuss	Notes
		Stay	Add			
Etelineae	<i>Aphareus rutilans</i>	x				Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Aprion virescens</i>			x		Etelineae, spans shallow and deep
Etelineae	<i>Etelis boweni</i>		x			Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Etelis carbunculus</i>	x				Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Etelis coruscans</i>	x				Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides argyrogrammicus</i>		x			Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides auricilla</i>	x				Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides filamentosus</i>	x				Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides flavipinnis</i>	x				Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides seiboldii</i>	x				Etelineae, deep
Etelineae	<i>Pristipomoides zonatus</i>	x				Etelineae, deep
Jack	<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>			x		shallow
Jack	<i>Caranx lugubris</i>				x	spans shallow and deep
Grouper	<i>Variola louti</i>			x		spans shallow and deep
Emperor	<i>Lethrinus rubrioperculatus</i>			x		Primarily shallow
Snapper	<i>Lutjanus kasmira</i>			x		Primarily shallow