

## **Grouper Spotter Wildbook - Website Terms of Use**

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- b. You may not use the Site in any manner which could disable, overburden, damage, or impair the Site, our servers or computer network, or interfere with any other party's use and enjoyment of the Site.
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  - post or upload any User Content that infringes any patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or other intellectual property right of any party;
  - impersonate another person, or falsify or delete any author attributions, legal or other proper notices or proprietary designations or labels of the origin or source of any content;
  - use the Site in connection with surveys, contests, junk email, spamming or any duplicative messages (commercial or otherwise);

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  - upload files that contain bugs, viruses, trojan horses, worms, or any other similar software or programs that may damage the operation of the computer or property of another; or
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### **Assignment**

You may not assign any rights you receive or delegate any obligations you have under these Terms, in whole or in part, whether voluntarily or by operation of law, without our prior written consent.

### **Entire Agreement**

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### **Questions**

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