

**FINAL Gulf Council Motions Report
February 5 – February 8, 2013
Mobile, Alabama**

Ad Hoc Restoration

Motion: That a letter be sent to Rebecca Blank, Acting Secretary of Commerce, at the Restoration Council offering our coordination and expertise in fisheries for the development of their draft Comprehensive Restoration Plan, along with a copy of our November 8, 2012, letter to Dr. Lubchenco, noting some of our fishery restoration priorities and our interest in having a continuing dialogue in the coming months.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To request that the Chair of the Council assign a Council member to participate in the GOMURC meeting.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Data Collection

Motion: In the Modifications to Federally Permitted Headboat Electronic Reporting Requirements Framework Action, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 4.

Alternative 4. Weekly or intervals less than a week. Require that selected headboat vessels submit fishing records to the SRD weekly or at intervals shorter than a week if notified by the SRD via electronic reporting (i.e., computer or internet). Weekly = seven days after the end of each week (Sunday).

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To approve the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico Generic Headboat Reporting in the South Atlantic Amendment as represented in Tab E, No. 4, along with any regulations deemed necessary and appropriate by the South Atlantic Council.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To request that staff work cooperatively with the South Atlantic Council on development of the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico Generic Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Reef Fish

Special Reef Fish Committee – January 2013

2013 Red Snapper Framework Action

Motion: In Action 1, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 2.

Alternative 2: Set the 2013 quotas for red snapper at the sector allocations of acceptable biological catch (ABC) based on 51%:49% commercial and recreational allocations. The commercial and recreational sector quotas would be 4.315 and 4.145 mp ww, respectively.

Commercial quota	Recreational quota
4.315 mp	4.145 mp

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 2, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 1.

Alternative 1: No Action – maintain the recreational red snapper bag limit at 2 fish per angler per day.

Motion carried.

Substitute motion: To create a new Alternative 4, to modify the recreational snapper bag limit to one fish per angler per day for the 2013 season only, and for it to be the preferred alternative.

Substitute motion failed by roll call vote.

Dr. Shipp	No	Ms. Williams	Abstain	Mr. Riley	No
Dr. Crabtree	Yes	Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Mr. Pearce	Yes
Mr. Riechers	No	Mr. Greene	Yes	Dr. Dana	No
Mr. Matens	No	Mr. Perret	No	Mr. Diaz	No
Dr. Abele	No	Ms. Bademan	No	Mr. Boyd	No
Mr. Anson	No	Mr. Fischer	No		

Motion: To submit the Framework Action to Modify the 2013 Red Snapper Quotas to the Secretary of Commerce for approval and deem the accompanying regulations as necessary and appropriate.

Motion carried by roll call vote with one abstention.

Dr. Crabtree	Yes	Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Mr. Fischer	Yes
Mr. Matens	Yes	Mr. Pearce	Yes	Mr. Anson	Yes
Dr. Shipp	Yes	Mr. Riley	Yes	Mr. Greene	Yes
Ms. Williams	Abstain	Ms. Bademan	Yes	Dr. Abele	Yes
Mr. Perret	Yes	Mr. Diaz	Yes	Mr. Boyd	Yes
Mr. Riechers	Yes	Dr. Dana	Yes		

Regional Accountability Measures

Motion: To request that staff develop an accountability measure that when the states are non-compliant, the Regional Administrator could then close the EEZ off of that state.

Substitute motion: To request that NMFS implement an emergency rule to develop new accountability measures for recreational red snapper that provides that if one or more Gulf states establishes less restrictive recreational red snapper regulations than federal regulations, then the Regional Administrator has the authority to reduce the recreational red snapper season in the EEZ off those states by the amount necessary to account for the additional harvest that would occur as a result of those non-compliant state regulations.

Substitute motion failed by roll call vote.

Mr. Greene	Yes	Dr. Shipp	Yes	Mr. Matens	No
Mr. Riechers	No	Ms. Williams	Yes	Mr. Diaz	Yes
Mr. Anson	Yes	Mr. Pearce	No	Mr. Perret	Yes
Dr. Abele	No	Dr. Dana	No	Ms. Bademan	No
Dr. Crabtree	Yes	Mr. Fischer	No	Mr. Boyd	No
Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Mr. Riley	No		

Second substitute motion: To request an emergency rule to remove the provision that requires charter for-hire to adhere to the stricter of federal or state regulations rule.

Second substitute motion failed.

Motion: To table discussion until the final vote on Amendment 39.

Motion to table failed.

Motion: To request that staff develop an accountability measure for recreational red snapper to be included in Amendment 39 so that when the states are non-compliant, the Regional Administrator could then close or reduce the season in the EEZ off of that state.

Motion carried 10 to 6.

Motion: To reconsider the failed substitute motion with regard to the emergency rule.

Motion to reconsider carried 9 to 6.

Substitute motion: To request that NMFS implement an emergency rule to develop new accountability measures for recreational red snapper that provides that if one or more Gulf states establishes less restrictive recreational red snapper regulations than federal regulations, then the Regional Administrator has the authority to reduce the recreational red snapper season in the EEZ off those states by the amount necessary to account for the additional harvest that would occur as a result of those non-compliant state regulations.

Substitute motion carried by roll call vote.

Dr. Abele	Yes	Dr. Dana	Yes	Mr. Pearce	No
Ms. Bademan	No	Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Ms. Williams	Yes
Mr. Diaz	Yes	Mr. Perret	Yes	Dr. Shipp	Yes
Mr. Riechers	No	Mr. Greene	Yes	Mr. Riley	No
Mr. Anson	Yes	Mr. Fischer	No	Mr. Boyd	No
Mr. Matens	No	Dr. Crabtree	Yes		

Amendment 28 – Red Snapper Allocation

Motion: That the red snapper allocation issue be treated independently of other species in a separate amendment.

Substitute motion: To postpone discussion of Amendment 28 until after the 2013 stock assessment.

Substitute motion carried with one opposed.

Motion: To accept the boundaries map as presented in Tab SP-6(b), slide number 7.

Motion carried with one opposition.

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Vermilion Snapper, Yellowtail Snapper, and Venting Tool Framework Action

Motion: In Action 3, to change the fishing year to August 1 through July 31 (from the current January 1 through December 31) and increase the ACL to the ABC (as recommended by the SSC in October 2012). Any overruns can be managed with ACL adjustments to the next season.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion: That the Vermilion Snapper, Yellowtail Snapper, and Venting Tool Framework Action and the accompanying regulations be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for review and final approval and that the regulations be deemed necessary and appropriate.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ms. Williams	Yes	Mr. Anson	Yes	Dr. Shipp	Yes
Mr. Perret	Yes	Mr. Diaz	Yes	Mr. Greene	Yes
Ms. Bademan	Yes	Mr. Riley	Yes	Mr. Fischer	Yes
Mr. Riechers	Absent	Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Mr. Matens	Yes
Dr. Crabtree	Yes	Mr. Pearce	Yes	Mr. Boyd	Yes
Dr. Dana	Yes	Dr. Abele	Yes		

For-Hire Red Snapper Days-at-Sea Pilot Program

Motion: To request that staff develop language to look at research set-aside programs in the FMPs in the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

Motion to table.

Motion to table carried with one opposition.

Motion: To send the For-Hire Red Snapper Days-at-Sea Pilot Program Scoping Document to scoping/workshop meetings.

Motion carried.

Motion: To hold scoping/workshop meetings for the For-Hire Red Snapper Days-at-Sea Pilot Program in the following cities:

- Corpus Christi, TX
- Galveston, TX
- Orange Beach, AL
- Biloxi/Gulfport, MS
- Destin, FL
- St. Petersburg, FL
- Naples, FL
- Kenner, LA

Motion carried with no opposition.

Amendment 39 – Regional Management for Recreational Red Snapper

Motion: That staff move forward with developing an options paper with regard to Amendment 39.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Other Reef Fish Motions

Motion: That the EFP application for Dynasty Marine Associates, Inc., not be approved.

Motion carried with one opposition.

Motion: To direct staff to develop a white paper that addresses collection of live animals for educational or public display.

Motion carried with one opposition.

Motion: To adopt the SEDAR Action Schedule labeled “GMFMC NEW” in the SEDAR Schedule Options Handout.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In the document titled “Issues and Options Related to Passenger Capacity in the Limited Entry Gulf of Mexico For-Hire Fishery,” to adopt Option 2.

Option 2 (Recommended): Revise the regulations to limit the maximum passenger capacity of the vessel, when operating as a charter, to the passenger capacity of the permit as specified on the face of the charter/headboat permit because that value represents the fishing effort allowed by the vessel that qualified for the permit in March of 2001, and not restrict the transfer or renewal of the permit based on the passenger capacity on the COI.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To ask the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission to initiate discussions with the state directors regarding their support of and process necessary to begin a fish tag system for red snapper.

Motion carried.

Amendment: To add the following after the last sentence:

“Specifically ask the state directors if there is support for a red snapper fish tag, and for individual fishermen or vessel permit system for red snapper. If so, is it for quota limitation or data collection?”

Amendment withdrawn.

Motion: To direct staff to prepare a document that looks at inter-sector trading issues.

Motion carried.

Motion: That the opening date for greater amberjack be July 1.

Motion withdrawn.

Shrimp

Motion: To continue the 2013 Texas Closure to coincide with the State of Texas closure out to 200 miles.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To direct staff to develop an options paper for the April 2013 Council meeting regarding the implementation of an Electronic Logbook Program.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Other Motions

Motion: To form an ad hoc committee made up of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Administrative Policy and Budget/Personnel Committees, as well as the Council Chair and Vice Chair, to review the SOPPs, Administrative Handbook, and travel policies.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: That all Council members be authorized to attend the “Managing Our Nations Fisheries 3” conference May 7-9, 2013 in Washington, D.C.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To deem the regulations and the changes discussed in the Proposed Rule for the FMP for Regulating Offshore Marine Aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico as necessary and appropriate.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Mr. Riley	No	Mr. Diaz	Yes
Dr. Shipp	Yes	Mr. Riechers	Yes	Mr. Anson	Yes
Mr. Fischer	Yes	Dr. Crabtree	Yes	Ms. Bademan	Yes
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