

**Gulf Council Motions Report  
October 20-23, 2014  
Mobile, Alabama**

**Joint Administrative & Budget/Personnel**

Motion: Have staff submit to NOAA activities to be funded and carried over to the 2015 budget extension request.

Motion carried.

Motion: To give staff & the Council Chair the authority to decide on projects to fund in 2015 with 2014 carry-over funds, if indeed this decision needs to be made by the end of this year. If additional time is provided, then staff and the Council will make the decision.

Motion carried.

Motion: That there be a one-time increase in the liaison funding to the Gulf States and the GSMFC for up to an additional \$20,000 for each entity.

Motion carried.

Motion: To do away with the eastern-western geographical descriptions under the AP Panels.

Motion carried.

Motion: To make Option 1, "Discontinue the SSC Conflict of Interest Policy," the preferred policy.

Motion carried.

**Joint LEC/Law Enforcement**

Motion: To instruct staff to create a document that eliminates the requirement to carry decals for vessels with charter vessel /headboat permits.

Motion carried.

Motion: To retain option 2: "Modify the current charter vessel and headboat definitions in 50 CFR 622.2 by adding the following words "or provides goods or services" after who pays a fee throughout the definition as outlined in the background material. In addition, add a definition of for-hire fishing in the Gulf of Mexico exclusive economic zone to clarify if vessels accept goods or services in exchange for fishing trips they must have a valid federal charter vessel/headboat permit and valid U.S. Coast Guard Captain's License on board the vessel" as the preferred alternative.

Substitute Motion:

To retain option 2: "Modify the current charter vessel and headboat definitions in 50 CFR 622.2 by adding the following words "or provides goods or services" after who pays a fee throughout the definition as outlined in the background material. In addition, add a definition of for-hire fishing in the Gulf of Mexico exclusive economic zone to clarify if vessels accept goods or services in exchange for fishing trips they must have a valid federal charter vessel/headboat permit," as the preferred alternative.

Substitute Motion failed.

Substitute Motion: To adopt status quo, no action, as the preferred alternative.

Substitute Motion carried.

Motion: To commend the LDWF for their ongoing efforts to solve the need for the transport within Louisiana state waters of multi-day on the water bag limits at Port Eads Marina as outlined in their NOI as amended.  
Motion carried.

Motion: Fund the LEAP state representative to attend Gulf Council meetings in their respective state.  
Motion carried.

Motion: To ask the Council staff to work with the GSMFC staff to develop an officer or team of the year program for the GOM.  
Motion carried.

Motion: To accept the State’s committee operation plan.  
Motion carried.

**Mackerel**

Motion: To select Preferred Alternative 4: Establish a trip limit of 3,500 lbs for the Southern Zone. When 75% of adjusted Southern Zone quota is met or projected to be met, the trip limit would be reduced to 1,500 lbs. When 100% of adjusted Southern Zone quota is met or projected to be met, the trip limit is reduced to 500 lbs until the end of the fishing year or until the Southern Zone commercial quota is met or projected to be met, at which time the commercial sector in the Southern Zone would be closed to harvest of Spanish mackerel. \*75% of the current adjusted Southern Zone quota = 1,692,848 lbs \*100% of the current adjusted Southern Zone quota = 2,257,130 lbs, be the preferred alternative.

Motion carried.

Motion: That Framework Amendment 2 be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation and that the regulations be deemed as necessary and appropriate, and that staff be given editorial license to make the necessary changes in the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. (1 absent)

Mr. Walker	Yes	Mr. Pearce	Absent	Mr. Sanchez	Yes
Mr. Greene	Yes	Mr. Fischer	Yes	Mr. Matens	Yes
Dr. Stunz	Yes	Mr. Riechers	Yes	Ms. Bademan	Yes
Dr. Dana	Yes	Mr. Boyd	Yes	Dr. Crabtree	Yes
Ms. Bosarge	Yes	Mr. Diaz	Yes	Mr. Anson	Yes
Mr. Williams	Yes	Mr. Perret	Yes		

Motion: That the Council conduct a public workshop for the king mackerel gillnet fishery in coordination with the South Florida Committee meeting during the week of January 12th, 2015.

Substitute Motion: That the Council conduct a public workshop for the king mackerel gillnet fishery.  
Substitute Motion carried.

## **Red Drum**

Motion: To request the Council to send a letter to the Gulf States to update their escapement rates for red drum as soon as possible.

Motion carried.

## **Reef Fish**

Motion: To have the SEFSC provide the Council with a full range of F's to include SPR proxies of 20%, 22%, and 24%, along with Fmax, for the next red snapper update assessment.

Motion carried.

## **Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Regional Management of Red Snapper**

Motion: To add an Alternative 4 in Action 1, Regional Management: To establish a regional management program in which the regions submit proposals to NMFS describing the conservation equivalent measures each region will adopt for the management of its portion of the red snapper quota.

Motion carried.

Motion: That in Action 1 Alternative 2, add an Option c that would allow delegation to sunset after 2 calendar years of the program, and an Option d that would allow delegation to sunset after 3 calendar years of the program. In Action 1, select Alternative 2 Option d (delegation with a sunset after 3 calendar years) as the preferred alternative.

Motion carried.

Substitute Motion: That in Action 1 in Alternatives 2 and 4, add an Option c that would allow regional management to sunset after 2 calendar years of the program, and an Option d that would allow delegation to sunset after 3 calendar years of the program. In Action 1, select Alternative 2 Option d (delegation with a sunset after 3 calendar years) as the preferred alternative.

Substitute Motion withdrawn.

Motion: That in Action 1 in Alternative 4, add the same sunset provisions that are in Alternative 2.

Motion carried.

Motion: That under Action 3, apportion the recreational red snapper allocation as shown in Table 2.3.5. Select as preferred: Alternative 2 Option d, and Alternative 3, Options a and b.

**Table 2.3.5.**

<b>Alternative 2 with Alternative 3 Options a &amp; b</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>Texas</b>
<b>Option a</b>	1986-2012	28.9%	32.6%	15.7%	4.3%	18.5%
<b>Option b</b>	1996-2012	30.5%	38.9%	12.1%	2.9%	15.5%
<b>Option c</b>	2006-2012	24.4%	49.8%	12.9%	1.5%	11.4%
<b>Option d (preferred)</b>	50%:50%	26.6%	41.5%	14.2%	2.9%	14.8%

Motion carried with one abstention.

Motion: That in Action 6, Post-Season Accountability Measures (AMs) Adjusting for Regional Overages, remove Options a and b in alternatives 2, 3, and 4 and put them in the “considered, but rejected” section.  
Motion carried.

**Reef Fish Amendment 40 – Recreational Red Snapper Sector-Separation**

Motion: To add a new action to create a sunset provision on sector separation with options a, b, and c for sunset after 2, 3, and 5 years of the program.  
Motion carried 9-8.

Substitute Motion: To add a mandatory 5-year review to Amendment 40.  
Substitute Motion failed 8-9.

Motion: In Action 2, add an alternative 10 to establish a moratorium on the creation of Inter-Sector trading of IFQ shares and an Individual Fishing Quota program in the Charter-for-Hire section.  
Motion Withdrawn.

Motion: That in Amend 40- new action, the preferred sunset option be the 3-year option (b).  
Motion carried 12-5.

Substitute Motion: That the preferred option be the 5-year option.  
Substitute Motion failed 8-9.

Motion: Instruct staff to include the following in the appropriate place in the document -To establish a moratorium on the creation of inter-sector trading of IFQ shares and an Individual Fishing Quota program in the charter for-hire sector.

Substitute Motion: Instruct staff to include the following in the appropriate place in the document: That Amendment 40 does not mandate inter-sector trading or the development of an IFQ program for the charter for-hire sector.  
Substitute Motion carried 9-8.

Motion: To approve Amendment 40 and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation, and deem the codified text as modified in discussion as necessary and appropriate, giving staff editorial license to make the necessary changes in the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.  
Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote.

Mr. Perret	Yes	Ms. Bosarge	Yes	Mr. Greene	Yes
Mr. Williams	Yes	Mr. Walker	Yes	Mr. Riechers	No
Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Dr. Crabtree	Yes	Ms. Bademan	No
Mr. Pearce	Yes	Mr. Diaz	No	Mr. Fischer	No
Dr. Dana	Yes	Mr. Boyd	No	Mr. Anson	Yes
Mr. Matens	No	Dr. Stunz	No		

### **Discussion on the Ad Hoc Red Snapper For-Hire IFQ AP**

Motion: To change the name and charge of the Red Snapper Charter for Hire IFQ AP. The new name would be the Red Snapper Charter for Hire AP and the new charge would be to explore all management options.

Motion carried 11-4.

Substitute Motion: To disband the current Red Snapper IFQ Charter-for Hire AP and solicit for membership of a new Charter for-Hire AP by the next Council meeting. The charge would be to explore all management options.

Substitute Motion failed 8-9.

Motion: The charge to the Red Snapper For-Hire AP is to make recommendations to the Council relative to the design and implementation of flexible measures for the management of red snapper for the for hire sector.

Motion carried.

### **Item on the Action Schedule**

Motion: To remove #23(Inter-Sector Trading) from the work plan (Council Action Guide).

Motion carried.

### **IFQ Amendment 36**

Motion: To hold scoping meetings for Amendment 36 in the following locations:

- Pascagoula, MS
- Mobile, AL
- Kenner, LA
- Panama City, FL
- St. Petersburg, FL
- Port Aransas, TX
- Galveston, TX

Substitute Motion:

To hold scoping meetings for Amendment 36 in the following locations:

- Pascagoula, MS
- Mobile, AL
- Kenner, LA
- Panama City, FL
- St. Petersburg, FL
- Galveston, TX
- Aransas Pass, TX

Substitute Motion carried.

Motion: Request that NMFS publish a control date (January 1, 2015) like the one done for red snapper before shares opened for public sale, notifying the public that participation requirements for the grouper-tilefish IFQ program may be changed in the future.

Motion carried.

### **Gag OFL and ABC**

Motion: To have the SSC review the 2015-2016 ABC for gag using the latest red tide information at their January 2015 meeting.

Motion carried.

**Final Action – Red Grouper Bag Limit and Accountability Measures Framework Action**

Motion: That in Section 2.1 Action 1, to select Alternative 3 as the preferred alternative:  
Reduce the red grouper bag limit to 2 fish per person per day.  
Motion carried.

Motion: To select Alternative 4 as the preferred alternative: Eliminate the bag limit reduction accountability measure in 50 CFR 622.41(e)(2)(ii).  
Motion carried.

Motion: To make Alternative 1, in Action 3, no action, the preferred alternative.  
Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the Red Grouper Framework Action and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation, and deem the codified text as modified in discussion as necessary and appropriate, giving staff editorial license to make the necessary changes in the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Riechers	Yes	Mr. Fischer	Yes	Mr. Williams	Yes
Dr. Stunz	Yes	Mr. Matens	Yes	Mr. Diaz	Yes
Mr. Greene	Yes	Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Dr. Dana	Yes
Mr. Perret	Yes	Ms. Bademan	Yes	Mr. Boyd	Yes
Mr. Pearce	Yes	Dr. Crabtree	Yes	Mr. Anson	Yes
Ms. Bosarge	Yes	Mr. Walker	Yes		

**Options Paper – Greater Amberjack ACL/ACT**

Motion: To direct staff to request updated projections from the SEFSC for the options in Action 1, Modifications to the Greater Amberjack Annual Catch Limits and Annual Catch Targets.  
Motion carried.

Motion: To have SEFSC staff look at a stepped option for a minimum size limit (32”-34” FL) for greater amberjack as an alternative in the options paper.  
Motion failed.

**Amendment 28**

Motion: To direct Council staff to take the appropriate steps to update Amendment 28 based on recent actions by the Council.  
Motion Carried 14-1.

**Shrimp**

**Shrimp Amendment 15**

Motion: To add an additional alternative (4) that sets the overfishing threshold using Fmsy to Shrimp Amendment 15 in Action 1.1 (F= Pink - 1.35, White- 3.48, Brown- 9.12)  
Motion carried.

**Shrimp Amendment 16**

Motion: That Shrimp Amendment 16 be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation and that the regulations be deemed as necessary and appropriate, and that staff be given editorial license to make the necessary changes in the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Ms. Bademan	Yes	Mr. Fischer	Yes	Mr. Williams	Yes
Mr. Boyd	Yes	Mr. Riechers	Yes	Dr. Crabtree	Yes
Dr. Stunz	Yes	Ms. Bosarge	Yes	Mr. Sanchez	Yes
Dr. Dana	Yes	Mr. Matens	Yes	Mr. Walker	Yes
Mr. Diaz	Yes	Mr. Perret	Yes	Mr. Anson	Yes
Mr. Pearce	Yes	Mr. Greene	Yes		

**Shrimp Amendment 17**

Motion: To have staff convene a meeting of a Shrimp Working Group made up of a subset of SSC and Special Shrimp SSC members, Shrimp AP, the Shrimp IPT Group, and Dr. Benny Gallaway.

Substitute Motion: To have staff convene a meeting of a Shrimp Working Group as recommended by the SSC. Substitute Motion carried.

Motion: To have staff convene a meeting of the Shrimp AP and Dr. Benny Gallaway. The main purpose would be to provide options relative to the shrimp moratorium program.

Motion carried.

**Other Council Motions**

Motion: To adopt the Council Committee appointments for 2015 as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion: To direct Council staff to develop a Framework Action to reduce the bag limit for the for-hire red snapper fishery.

Motion carried.