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## Addendum to the 2009-10 Commercial Fishing Regulations Gulf of Mexico Federal Waters

Please note the following changes to the 2009-10 Commercial Fishing Regulations:

**Page 5** – The commercial tilefish fishery is now managed under an individual fishing quota (IFQ) program. Anyone commercially fishing for tilefish must possess IFQ allocation and follow established protocols.

**Page 6** – Grouper (deep-water and shallow-water). The commercial grouper fishery is now managed under an individual fishing quota (IFQ) program. Anyone commercially fishing for grouper must possess IFQ allocation and follow established protocols.

**Pending:** New reef fish bottom longline rules:

1. Prohibit the use of bottom longline gear in the reef fish fishery east of Cape San Blas, Florida, shoreward of a line approximating the 35-fathom depth contour from June through August
2. Reduce the number of bottom longline vessels operating in the fishery through a longline endorsement provided only to federally-permitted vessels with demonstrated average annual landings of 40,000 pounds of fish taken by fish traps or longlines during 1999-2007; and
3. Restrict the number of hooks that may be possessed onboard each reef fish bottom longline vessel to 1,000 hooks total, only 750 of which may be fished or rigged for fishing at any time.

