

Gulf Council Motions

**October 25-29, 2010
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Administrative Policy

Motion: To approve the changes as written on page 5 of Tab E-3, paragraph 5, Salary/Wage Administration.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the changes as written on page 6, paragraph 5.d., Cash or Honorary Awards.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the changes as written on page 6, paragraph 5.e., Performance Evaluations.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the changes as written on page 21, paragraph IV.E.5., Donated Leave.

Motion carried.

Motion: To accept the language in Section XI.A.3., Travel, subsections a through q (pages 45-52).

Motion carried.

Motion: To accept the changes to the language in Section XI.B., Cooperative Agreements, through Section XIX. Reasonable Accommodations for Disabilities.

Motion carried.

Motion: To accept the language in Appendix A from Section A. Erroneous News Releases through Section F. Policy on Public Testimony (pages 55-57).

Motion carried.

Motion: To remove Section L. Policy on External Comment/Analysis of NMFS Stock Assessments Prepared for the Council from Appendix A (page 71).

Motion carried.

Motion: To accept the language in Section M. Policy on Scoping Process (pages 71-72).

Motion carried.

Motion: That requests from Council members to staff for information which, in the judgment of the Executive Director require substantial effort, must be submitted through the Chair of the appropriate committee.

Motion carried.

Habitat Protection

Motion: To submit the 5-Year EFH Habitat Review Report to NMFS noting that it may be updated after review by the Council's three Habitat Protection Advisory Panels.

Motion carried.

Law Enforcement

Motion: To schedule at the February or April 2011 Council meeting a roundtable workshop to include Council members and members of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel.

Motion carried.

Motion: To modify the language in the 2011-2012 Operations Plan under Section 4.1 to read:

“Identify positive and negative impacts of current and proposed regulations and management strategies to living marine resources.”

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the 2011-2012 Operations Plan as modified.

Motion carried.

Motion: To request that staff write a letter on the Council's behalf to NOAA Administrator Dr. Lubchenco in support of the JEA cooperative program between NOAA and the state fisheries' law enforcement agencies.

Motion carried.

Mackerel

Motion: To instruct staff to provide a slate of alternatives to remove latent permits from the mackerel gill net industry.

Motion carried.

Motion: To hold public hearings on Mackerel Amendment 18 in the following locations:

Key West, FL
Marathon, FL
Madeira Beach, FL
Panama City, FL
Orange Beach, AL
Biloxi, MS area
Grand Isle, LA
South Houston, TX
Port Aransas, TX

Motion carried.

Motion: To hold the joint Gulf and South Atlantic CMP Committee meeting at the June 6-9, 2011, Gulf Council meeting.

Motion carried.

Reef Fish

Motion: That the Regulatory Amendment to set 2011 total allowable catch for red snapper with Alternative 2 as the Preferred Alternative and the implementing regulations which are deemed appropriate and necessary by the Council be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Greene	Yes	McKnight	Yes	Fischer	Yes
Riechers	Yes	Shipp	Yes	Hendrix	Yes
Anson	Yes	Williams	Yes	Gill	Yes
Abele	Yes	Pearce	Yes	Perret	Yes
Crabtree	Yes	Sapp	Yes	McIlwain	Absent
		Boyd	Yes	Teehan	Yes

Motion: To approve the Draft Terms of Reference of the Re-run of Gulf of Mexico Gag Assessment Update.

Motion carried.

Motion: That staff continue to develop a white paper regarding the pros and cons of IFQ share transfers between sectors.

Motion carried.

Motion: To direct staff to combine into the management scenario alternatives in Amendment 32 options for increasing the recreational bag limit for red grouper.

Motion carried.

Motion: That the Regulatory Framework Action for Greater Amberjack – Recreational Fishing Season Closure with Alternative 4 as the Preferred Alternative and the implementing regulations which are deemed appropriate and necessary by the Council be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation (recreational seasonal closure June 1 through July 31).

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Crabtree	Yes	Mcllwain	Absent	Perret	No
Gill	Yes	Riechers	Yes	Sapp	Yes
Shipp	Yes	McKnight	Yes	Fischer	No
Boyd	Yes	Pearce	Yes	Anson	Yes
Williams	No	Hendrix	No	Greene	Yes
		Teehan	Yes	Abele	Yes

Substitute motion: That the Regulatory Framework Action for Greater Amberjack – Recreational Fishing Season Closure with Alternative 2 as the Preferred Alternative and the implementing regulations which are deemed appropriate and necessary by the Council be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation (recreational seasonal closure March 1 through May 31).

Substitute motion failed.

Motion: To develop a Regulatory Amendment to include a provision of changing the recreational season end from September 30 to December 31 and to have an alternative to explore a fall season of weekends.

Motion carried.

Motion: To establish an ad hoc advisory panel to participate in the 5-year Red Snapper IFQ Program Review.

Motion carried.

Motion: To direct staff to develop a plan amendment to address the crew size requirements.

Motion carried.

Spiny Lobster

Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 10

Motion: That the preferred alternative in Action 1 be Alternative 2:

Alternative 2: To set annual catch limits and accountability measures using historical landings for Spanish slipper lobster, *Scyllarides aequinoctialis*, after adding them to the Fishery Management Unit and for ridged slipper lobster, *Scyllarides nodifer*, currently in the Fishery Management Unit.

Substitute motion: That the preferred alternative for Action 1 be Alternative 4, Option c and d.

Alternative 4: Remove species from the Joint Spiny Lobster FMP.

Option c: Spanish slipper lobster, *Scyllarides aequinoctialis*

Option d: ridged slipper lobster, *Scyllarides nodifer*

Substitute motion carried.

Motion: That the options in Alternative 2 and Alternative 3 in Action 4.2 be added to Action 4.3 Alternative 2 and Alternative 3.

Motion carried.

Motion: In Action 6.2, that Alternative 2 be a preferred alternative:

Alternative 2: To update the current protocol for enhanced cooperative management.

Motion carried.

Motion: That the preferred alternative for Action 11 be Alternative 6:

Alternative 6: To delegate regulations to Florida FWC regarding removal of trap lines, buoys, or otherwise making unfishable any spiny lobster gear.

Motion carried.

Motion: To hold a joint meeting of the Gulf and South Atlantic spiny lobster committees during the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's meeting in Key West June 6-9, 2011.

Motion carried.

SEDAR Selection

Motion: To appoint Shannon Cass-Calay James Cowan, Doug Gregory, and Elbert Whorton to attend the SEDAR 22 Yellowedge Grouper & Tilefish Review Workshop.

Motion carried.

Motion: To appoint Martin Fischer to attend the SEDAR 22 Yellowedge Grouper & Tilefish Review Workshop.

Motion carried.

Motion: To appoint John Greene as the Council representative to attend the SEDAR 22 Yellowedge Grouper & Tilefish Review Workshop.

Motion carried.

Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem

Generic ACL/AM Amendment

Motion: In Action 1.1, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 2:

Alternative 2: Remove octocorals from the Coral and Coral Reefs Fishery Management Plan.

Motion carried.

Motion: In Action 1.2, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3:

Alternative 3: Repeal the Stone Crab Fishery Management Plan.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

McKnight	Yes	Abele	Yes	Williams	Yes
Shipp	Yes	Hendrix	Yes	Pearce	Absent
Fischer	Absent	Boyd	Yes	Perret	Yes
Sapp	Yes	Riechers	Yes	Anson	Yes
Gill	Yes	Crabtree	Yes	Teehan	Yes
		Greene	Yes	Mcllwain	Absent

Motion: In Action 1.3, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3:

Alternative 3: Remove Nassau grouper from the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan and request that the Secretary of Commerce designate the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council as the responsible Council.

Motion carried.

Motion: In Action 3, Alternative 2, in Tier 3a and 3b of the control rule, the words “and in the judgment of the SSC” be changed to read, “and in the judgment of the Council with the advice of the SSC.”

Motion carried.

Motion: In Action 7.1, to move Alternative 3 to the considered but rejected section.

Substitute Motion: To move Action 7.1 to the considered but rejected section.

Substitute motion carried.

Motion: In Action 7.2, to move Alternative 3 to the considered but rejected section.

Motion carried.

Motion: In Action 7.3.2, that Alternative 2 be the preferred alternative:

Alternative 2: Using the Gulf Council’s allocated acceptable biological catch (ABC) and divide the annual catch limit (ACL) between the commercial and recreational sector based on average landings from 1986-2008: Recreational = 18% of ACL and Commercial = 82% of ACL.

Substitute motion: In Action 7.3.2, that no preferred alternatives be selected at this time.

Substitute motion carried.

Motion: To add an Alternative 4 to eliminate the earned income requirement.

Motion carried.

Motion: To send a letter similar to the letter sent to Senator Sessions on June 25, 2010, on the Gulf oil impact to the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force.

Motion carried.

Other Motions

Motion: To adopt the 2011 Committee Roster as modified adding Harlon Pearce to the Law Enforcement Committee.

Motion carried.

Motion: To direct staff to prepare an alternative to revise the earned income requirement to address the existing weaknesses associated with the requirement. The intent would be to more effectively ensure that participants in the commercial sector of the reef fishery rely substantially on fishing for their livelihood.

Motion carried.

Motion: That a generic plan amendment be developed for the earned income requirement of Tab G, No. 5 as modified by Council.

Motion carried.

Motion: To give each staff member a \$500 end of year bonus.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion: To invite Mr. Barton Thompson of the Woods Institute for the Environment to attend the February 2011 Council meeting and give a presentation on allocation issues and for the Council to pay travel related expenses.

Motion carried.