

**Gulf Council Motions**  
**April 12-15, 2010**  
**Galveston, Texas**

**Administrative Policy**

Motion: To continue working on the SOPPs as presented in Tab E, No. 3 in regard to the upcoming SOPPs revisions coming from NMFS and continue to develop a companion handbook that works in concert with the revised SOPPs.

Motion carried.

Motion: In the Travel Guidelines, in Section D, "Actual Expenses", after "or less" to add "except for Council meetings" so that the sentence will read:

"Lodging will not be authorized if commuting is 50 miles or less except for Council meetings."

Substitute Motion: In the Travel Guidelines, in Section D, "Actual Expenses", after "or less" to add "except for Council meetings" so that the sentence will read:

"Lodging will not be authorized if commuting is 50 miles or less except for official approved Council functions."

Motion: To table the discussion pending staff providing further information regarding the 50 mile rule.

Motion to table carried.

Motion: To add a sentence to read, "A Council member will only be reimbursed for hotel up to the rate negotiated for the master account per room."

Motion carried.

Motion: To accept the revisions in the Travel Guidelines as presented in Tab E, No. 6, along with committee revisions.

Motion carried.

**AP Selection**

Motion: To remove David Krebs from the advisory panels.

Substitute Motion: To table the removal of David Krebs from the advisory panels pending receipt of further information from appropriate NOAA law enforcement.

Substitute motion carried.

Motion: To appoint Bill Kelly to the Spiny Lobster Advisory Panel.

Motion carried.

Motion: To remove the motion to table from the floor.

Motion carried.

Motion: To remove David Krebs from the Ad Hoc Reef Fish LAPP AP and the Ad Hoc Mackerel LAPP AP.

Motion carried.

### **Budget/Personnel**

Motion: To adopt the 2010 budget revisions as proposed in Tab K, No. 4.

Motion carried.

Motion: That the Council start receiving quarterly budget reports with detailed reporting by budget category.

Motion carried.

Motion: That staff request and compile a personnel and budget accounting from the other councils regarding number of staff by classification and salary, percent spent by budget category on staff, equipment, travel, contracts, and professional services, and a description of benefits received.

Motion failed.

### **Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel)**

Motion: To add two representatives and one alternate from names provided by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council to the Ad Hoc King Mackerel LAPP AP.

Motion carried with no objection.

Motion: To approve holding a joint meeting of the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Management Committees in conjunction with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's June 2010 meeting in Orlando, FL.

Motion carried with no objections.

## **Data Collection**

Motion: To request that NMFS, in consultation with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, define data standards and operating requirements for an integrated, mandatory electronic reporting system for the federally permitted Gulf of Mexico for-hire sector by June 2010.

Motion carried.

Motion: To request that NMFS implement a trial electronic reporting system for the federally permitted Gulf of Mexico for-hire sector, using existing authority under 50 CFR 622, by August 2010.

Motion carried.

Motion: To request that NMFS work with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission to begin an education system for a mandatory electronic reporting system for the federally permitted Gulf of Mexico for-hire sector by June 2010.

Motion carried.

Motion: To request that NMFS develop a system for at-sea and shore-side validation of fishing effort, landings, and discards by January 2011.

Motion carried.

Motion: To request that NMFS implement, using existing authority under 50 CFR 622, a mandatory, enforceable, and validatable electronic reporting system for the federally permitted Gulf of Mexico for-hire sector by January 2012.

Substitute Motion: To request that NMFS implement, using existing authority under 50 CFR 622, a mandatory, enforceable, and validatable electronic reporting system for the federally permitted Gulf of Mexico for-hire sector by January 2011.

Substitute motion carried.

Motion: To request that NMFS implement a mandatory electronic reporting system for federally permitted dealers by January 2011.

Motion carried.

Motion: To send a request to the SEFSC to make fisheries independent data collection for the red snapper and other reef fish species in the Gulf of Mexico the highest priority.

Motion carried.

## **Reef Fish**

### **Amendment 32**

Motion: To remove from the options paper for Reef Fish Amendment 32, Action 2 alternatives 3 and 4.

Motion carried.

Motion: To add an additional alternative to Action 4 that would allow both red and gag multi-use shares to be used for harvesting other shallow water grouper.

Motion carried.

Motion: To add a new alternative to Action 4 to set gag multi-use allocation to a percentage to be determined and usable for any other shallow water species.

Motion carried.

Motion: To add a new alternative 5 to Action 6.2 that explores an upper limit maximum size slot.

Motion carried.

Motion: In Section 6.2 of the options paper, that Alternative 2 (recreational bycatch quotas) be removed.

Motion carried.

Motion: To remove Alternative 3 (recreational grouper vessel permit) from Action 7.

Motion carried.

Motion: In Action 8, add sub-options to Alternatives 2 and 3 that list different seasons of closure, including a year-round closure.

Motion carried.

Motion: In Action 8, add an Alternative 4 that would contain sub-options for longer seasonal closures of Madison-Swanson, the Edges, and Steamboat Lumps, including year-round closures.

Motion carried.

Motion: To request that a draft Regulatory Amendment be prepared to adjust red grouper total allowable catch for 2011 for consideration at the June 2010 Council meeting.

Motion carried.

### **Regulatory Amendment – Greater Amberjack**

Motion: To add to the Regulatory Framework Action for Greater Amberjack an Alternative 4 to establish a recreational seasonal closure of May 1 through July 31.

Substitute Motion: To add to the Regulatory Framework Action for Greater Amberjack an Alternative 4 to establish a recreational seasonal closure of May 1 through June 30.

Substitute motion carried.

Motion: To add an Alternative 5 to Action 1, which would be Option 3 at Tab B, No. 6a, which is a March through May recreational closure parallel to the commercial closure.

Motion carried.

Motion: To recommend that NMFS deny the Haugen EFP application.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the new definition for buoy gear as presented in Tab B, No. 9.

Substitute motion: To approve the new definition of buoy gear as provided with the change of “2 times the depth of the water being fished.”

“Buoy gear means fishing gear intended to fish vertically in the water column that consists of a single drop line suspended from a float, with a terminal weight that is no more than 10 pounds. The drop line can be rope (hemp, nylon, polypropylene, spectra or other synthetic material) or monofilament. The gear is free-floating and not connected to other gear or the vessel. The drop line must be no greater than 2 times the depth of the water being fished. No more than 10 hooks can be connected to the drop line between the buoy and the weighted terminal end. All hooks must be attached to the drop line no more than 30 feet from the weighted terminal end. These hooks may be attached directly to the drop line, attached as snoods (defined as an offshoot line that is directly spliced, tied or otherwise connected to the drop line), where each snood has a single terminal hook, or as gangions (defined as an offshoot line connected to the drop line with some type of detachable clip), where each gangion has a single terminal hook.”

Substitute motion carried.

Motion: That buoys used in buoy fishing gear shall be marked with the vessel registration number.

Motion carried.

## **Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem**

Motion: To add a new Alternative 4 to the Generic ACL/AM Amendment in Action 1.3 and Action 1.4 to allow the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council to manage Nassau grouper and yellowtail snapper throughout their range.

Motion carried.

Motion: To add mutton snapper to Action 1 with the same suite of alternatives as for Nassau grouper.

Motion carried.

Motion: To remove Action 2 from the Generic ACL/AM Amendment.

Motion carried.

Motion: In Action 6, Alternative 2, that the last sentence be revised after the word “sectors” to read, “based on established Council allocation principles and guidelines”.

Substitute Motion: In Action 6, Alternative 2, that the last sentence be revised after the word “sectors” to read, “based on a combination of the following options: historical landings data, net benefits to the nation, economic impact.”

Substitute motion carried.

Motion: To request staff to include in the appropriate section in the document a discussion of the two methods for determining overfishing status and the benefits and drawbacks of each method.

Motion carried.

## **Other Motions**

Motion: At the Baton Rouge meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council in October 2010, that the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel meet with the Gulf Council’s Law Enforcement Committee.

Motion carried.

Motion: To advertise to fill the commercial vacancy on the Ad Hoc Reef Fish LAPP AP and Ad Hoc Mackerel LAPP AP.

Motion carried.