# Council Motions: June 5 - 7, 2006 - Tampa, FL

This document contains the full chronology of motions made at the full Council session of the Gulf Council, including failed, substituted, and amended motions.

# Administrative Policy

**Motion:** to add the following sentence: "The Standing SSC and one or more Special SSCs may meet as a single body (SSC) to deliberate and advise on appropriate fishery management units."

Motion carried with no objection.

**Motion:** To remove the following sentence: "The Standing SSC will be excluded from reviewing the benchmark SEDAR assessments reviewed by the CIE unless requested to do so by either: (1) the Council or (2) the Council Chair and appropriate Committee Chair."

Motion carried by voice vote

**Motion:** to request that staff recommend a strategy for developing a NGO pool for SEDAR purposes

Motion carried by voice vote

Motion: Under "other duties" modify the last sentence in the second paragraph: "The SSC should attend and meet with the Council at least twice each year"

Motion carried with no opposition

**Motion:** Under "Other Scientific Groups or Panels" That the Shrimp SAP should be the Crustacean SAP; and lobster and stone crab should be added to stocks monitored. **Motion carried** with no objection

**Motion:** That the proposed operating agreement be set aside until a future time to be determined.

Motion carried with no objection.

# Joint Reef Fish/Shrimp

Motion: to establish an Ad Hoc Shrimp

Effort Management Advisory Panel, solicit applicants until July 31st, then appoint the AP at the August Council meeting.

# Motion carried with no objection.

Motion: 7.0 mp TAC - Recreational

- 3 fish bag limit, 16" minimum size limit = 153 days, May 15 Oct 15
- 3 fish bag limit, 15" minimum size limit = 137 days, June 1 Oct 15
- 2 fish bag limit, 15" minimum size limit = 153 days, May 15 Oct 15
- 2 fish bag limit, 14" minimum size limit = 138 days, May 15 Sept 30
- 2 fish bag limit, 13" minimum size limit = 123 days, May 15 Sept 15
- 1 fish bag limit, 13" minimum size limit = 169 days, May 15 Oct 31

## Amendment: to remove:

- 3 fish bag limit, 15" minimum size limit = 137 days, June 1 Oct 15
- 2 fish bag limit, 13" minimum size limit = 123 days, May 15 Sept 15
- 1 fish bag limit, 13" minimum size limit = 169 days, May 15 Oct 31
- 2 fish bag limit, 14" minimum size limit = 138 days, May 15 Sept 30

# Substitute motion:

- 7.0 mp TAC Recreational
- 3 fish bag limit, 16" minimum size limit = 153 days, May 15 Oct 15
- 3 fish bag limit, 15'' minimum size limit = 137 days, June 1 Oct 15
- 2 fish bag limit, 15" minimum size limit = 153 days, May 15 Oct 15
- 2 fish bag limit, 13" minimum size limit = 123 days, May 15 Sept 15

# Substitute motion carried with no objection

**Motion:** to accept a 25% reduction in recreational effort as a baseline to reanalyze the options under a 7.0 mp TAC and a 5.0 mp TAC.

Motion carried by voice vote.

**Motion:** to do analyses under the 7.0 MP TAC 4 fish bag limit, 16" minimum size limit, May 15 – September 30 = 138 days.

**Motion carried** by a vote of 10 to 5.

Motion: 5.0 mp TAC - Recreational

2 fish bag limit, 16" minimum size limit = 107 days, June 1 - Sept 15

2 fish bag limit, 15" minimum size limit = 77 days, May 15 – July 31

2 fish bag limit, 14" minimum size limit = 77 days, May 15 - July 31

2 fish bag limit, 14" minimum size limit = 76 days, June 1 – Aug. 15

1 fish bag limit, 13" minimum size limit = 92 days, June 1 – Aug. 31

Substitute Motion: 5.0 mp TAC - Recreational

2 fish bag limit, 16" minimum size limit = 107 days, June 1 - Sept 15

2 fish bag limit, 15" minimum size limit = 77 days, May 15 - July 31

2 fish bag limit, 14" minimum size limit = 77 days, May 15 - July 31

Substitute motion carried by voice vote.

**Motion:** to add to options under 7.0 mp TAC

May 15 - August 31, 4 fish bag limit, 16" minimum size limit, 8 weekends after core = 124 days

May 15 - August 31, 2 fish bag limit, 14" minimum size limit, 8 weekends after core = 124 days

**Amendment:** Change 14" to 15" and recalculate the number of weekends and days.

Amendment carried with one opposed.

**Amendment:** and under these two weekend

## only options have three sub options

- (1) entire Gulf,
- (2) Texas only, and
- (3) west of the MS River.

# Amendment carried with no opposition.

**Motion as amended:** to add to options under 7.0 mp TAC

May 15 – August 31, 4 fish bag limit, 16" minimum size limit, 8 weekends after core = 124 days

May 15 – August 31, 2 fish bag limit, 15" minimum size limit, x weekends after core = xx days and under these two weekend only options have three sub options:

- (1) entire Gulf,
- (2) Texas only, and
- (3) west of the MS River

# Motion as amended carried by voice vote

**Motion:** to direct staff to include the following analyses:

- (1) discussion of each of the TAC alternatives in relation to ABC;
- (2) a discussion of how rapidly the stock would recover and in which year overfishing would end for each of the TAC alternatives; and
- (3) the estimated discard mortality associated with the recreational bag limits and seasons for each alternative

## Amendment:

- (4) reanalyses of the rebuilding program based upon shrimp effort reduction commencing in 2005 and
- (5) to rebuild the analyses on the TAC axis of rebuilding isopleths based upon underages of 500,000 pounds each of the last 3 years.

### Amendment carried with no objection.

**Motion as amended:** to direct staff to include the following analyses:

- (1) discussion of each of the TAC alternatives in relation to ABC:
- (2) a discussion of how rapidly the stock would

recover and in which year overfishing would end for each of the TAC alternatives:

- (3) the estimated discard mortality associated with the recreational bag limits and seasons for each alternative;
- (4) reanalyses of the rebuilding program based upon shrimp effort reduction commencing in 2005 and (5) to rebuild the analyses on the TAC axis of rebuilding isopleths based upon underages of 500,000 pounds each of the last 3 years.

Motion as amended carried with no objection.

**Motion:** To add an alternative to require the use of non stainless steel circle hooks, venting devices, and dehooking devices.

**Substitute motion:** To add an alternative to require the use of non stainless steel circle hooks with natural baits, venting devices, and dehooking devices.

**Substitute motion carried** by voice vote.

**Motion:** That staff include alternatives to prohibit possession of a bag limit of red snapper by the captain and crew of for-hire vessels.

Motion carried with one objection

**Motion:** to move the BRD criteria out of Shrimp Amendment 14/Reef Fish Amendment 27 and handle it through a framework action.

Motion carried with no objection.

**Motion:** to ask staff to develop alternatives to look at different hook sizes to reduce bycatch mortality.

Motion carried by voice vote.

**Motion:** to include under Action 1, Alternative 2 (of the options paper for Shrimp Amendment 15), the following five areas:

3 east of Texas 1 south of Mobile 1 west of the MS Delta

That seasonal closures be considered for the months of peak occurrences of juvenile red snapper. Motion carried with no objection.

Reef Fish

**Motion:** Refer the SEDAR results for amberjack, gray triggerfish and vermilion to the SSC for review before the August Council meeting.

**Amendment:** to include the gag SEDAR results assuming it is ready by the time of the SSC meeting

# Amendment carried with no objection

Motion as amended: Refer the SEDAR results for amberjack, gray triggerfish and vermilion to the SSC for review before the August Council meeting; and to include the gag SEDAR results assuming it is ready by the time of the SSC meeting

#### Motion as amended carried

**Motion:** To approve funding for the Red Snapper IFQ outreach workshops (estimated \$4,800) and for the LEAP summer workshop (estimated \$2,200)

Motion carried with no objection

# SEDAR Selection

Motion: SEDAR 12 Data Workshop Participants

Barbara Dorf
Sandra Diamond
William Patterson
Ralph Allen
Gus Loyal
Dennis O'Hern
Bob Spaeth
Bob Zales
Steve Brown
Richard Cody
Libby Featherston
Joe O'Hop
Beverly Sauls
Roy Williams for Council

### Motion carried

Motion: SEDAR 12 Assessment Workshop Participants

Luiz Barbieri Nelson Ehrhardt Behzad Mahmoudi Debra Murie Carl Walters Ralph Allen Bob Zales Russ Nelson 1 Commercial AP Representative Roy Williams for Council

#### Motion carried

**Motion:** SEDAR 12 Review Workshop Participants To be selected at a future Council meeting

### Motion carried

# Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystems

**Motion:** To support the H.R. 5018 language for developing ecosystem-based plans [303(G)]

Motion carried with no objection

**Motion:** To support the H.R. 5018 language for observer funding [303(e)]

Motion carried with one opposed

**Motion:** To support the Council Chairs position that the pay-back provisions suggested in both House and Senate bills (i.e., adjustments to deduct the overages in the immediate subsequent year) are not necessary because they are adjusted for in the stock assessments.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: To support the Council Chairs' recommendation for the Pombo bill (H.R. 5018) language to provide a mechanism for specifying TAC (page 6 of handout table) and the Pombo bill (H.R. 5018) language for setting annual catch limits (page 13 of handout table).

Motion carried with no objection

**Motion:** To support the Council Chairs' recommendation opposing the establishment of guidelines for determining the best available scientific information, and supporting the Senate bill (S. 2012) language to not require the establishment of such guidelines (page 6 of handout table).

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: To support the Council Chairs' recommendation supporting the Senate bill (S. 2012) language for establishing a peer review process for scientific information, that would be deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Data Quality Act (page 7 of handout table).

file:///J|/Gulfweb/Beta/GMFMCWeb/motions/motions%202006-06.htm (7 of 10) [2/25/2010 11:47:20 AM]

# Motion carried with no objection

Motion: to support the Council Chairs' recommendation supporting the Pombo bill (S. 5018) language for ensuring that the peer review process will not delay the process of providing current information and will be as transparent as possible so that the regulated community can provide input during the review process (page 8 of handout table).

# Motion carried with no objection

**Motion:** To support the Council Chairs' recommendation supporting the Senate Bill (S. 2012) language stating SSC members may receive payment if they are not federal or state marine agency employees (Page 8 of Handout Table)

Amendment: to remove "marine"

Amendment carried with no objection

Motion as amended: To support the Council Chairs' recommendation supporting the Senate Bill (S. 2012) language stating SSC members may receive payment if they are not federal or state agency employees (Page 8 of Handout Table)

# Motion as amended failed by voice vote

**Substitute Motion:** to recommend supporting the Senate Bill (S. 2012) language stating AP and SSC members may receive payment if they are not federal or state marine agency employees (Senate bill page 144, line 7-11)

### Substitute Motion failed by voice vote

**Motion:** To support the Council Chairs' recommendation supporting the Senate bill (S. 2012) language for modifying notice requirements for Council meetings (page 8 of handout table).

Motion carried with no opposition

**Motion:** To support the Council Chairs' recommendation supporting the Senate bill (S. 2012) language to authorize Council coordination committees (page 8 of handout table).

Motion carried with no opposition

**Motion:** To support the Council Chairs' recommendation supporting the Senate bill (S. 2012) language to modify financial disclosure rules, and to require beginning in 2008, that the Secretary submit a report to Senate and House on disclosure of financial interests and recusal. (page 9 of handout table).

Motion carried with no opposition

**Motion:** To support the Council Chairs' recommendation supporting the Senate bill (S. 2012) language that the Secretary, Councils and Sea Grant develop a training course for new Council members (page 9 of handout table).

Motion carried with no opposition

**Motion:** To recommend status quo, i.e., no specified allocation, for Gulf Council representation for commercial, recreational, and other categories (page 10 of handout table).

Motion carried with no opposition

**Motion:** To recommend status quo, i.e., no direct solicitation by the Secretary for names of nominees to the Gulf Council. (page 10 and 11 of handout table).

Motion carried with no opposition

**Motion:** To support the Melancon Amendment as written, including the language on the last page to include "regulatory closure to protect human health or the marine environment".

Motion carried with no opposition

**Amendment:** to include public artificial reefs as one of the items to rebuild

Amendment failed by voice vote

**Motion:** To support the limited access program provisions of Senate bill S. 2012: page 156 – lines 5-25; pages 157-158, page 159 – lines 1-13.

Motion carried with no objection

**Motion:** To oppose the language regarding "substantially fished" in regards to initiation of LAP programs (S. 2012, page 167 - line 23. Also page 166 - lines 23-24)

Motion carried with one objection

**Motion:** To support the proposed language to implement a federal marine recreational registry for those states that do not have a state saltwater recreational fishing license requirement.

Motion carried with no objection

**Motion:** To authorize an additional \$30,000 for the ecosystem modeling workshop to be conducted this fall.

**Motion:** to table the motion until the budgets are presented to the Council for both the original \$50K and the requested \$30K

### Motion to table carried

**Motion:** to oppose the language of S. 2012 on Page 168 starting on line 14, specifying that IFQ programs in the Gulf must be approved by a referendum of permit holders, and with respect to IFQs that the Gulf Council ask to be treated like the rest of the fishery management councils.

Motion carried by voice vote.

# Other Motions

**Motion:** to host the Council Chairmen's meeting in the Spring of 2007 in New Orleans.

Motion carried with no objection.

**Motion:** to participate in the letter regarding Council medical insurance.

Motion carried with no objection.