

Gulf Council Motions: March 25 - 30, 2007 Destin, Florida

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

Data Collection

Motion: for staff to further evaluate the for-hire reporting systems by the states or other organizations that could be applied to the Gulf for-hire sector and implemented to supply the Council with informational needs; and provide a report to the committee that relates the benefits and shortcomings of the various data sources

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: To draft a letter to National Committee of Recreational Data (John Boreman, NMFS) requesting that the Gulf have industry (private recreational and recreational for-hire) representation on the groups developing the program

Amendment: to invite John Boreman to the June Council meeting to give a presentation

Amendment carried by voice vote

Motion as amended: To draft a letter to National Committee of Recreational Data (John Boreman, NMFS) requesting that the Gulf have industry (private recreational and recreational for-hire) representation on the groups developing the program; and to invite John Boreman to the June Council meeting to give a presentation

Motion as amended carried with no objection

Substitute Motion: to create an ad hoc recreational data advisory panel consisting of 3 voting members per state, one representing the private recreational sector, one charterboat sector, and one headboat sector; and have one non-voting member

from NMFS and one non-voting member from staff

Substitute motion failed by voice vote

Joint Reef Fish- Shrimp (Amendment 27/14) (Amendment 31/15)

Motion: to substitute the language in Tab E, No. 7a for the existing language in Action 1 of the current draft.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: That under Preferred Alternative 3, the preferred option be Option d: 14-inch minimum size limit and:

Suboption i. May 15 – July 31 recreational fishing season (77 days)

Suboption ii. June 1 – August 15 recreational fishing season (76 days)

Substitute Motion: To add a new preferred alternative for a 1 fish bag limit 14-inch minimum size limit, (122 days)

Substitute Motion: to add an alternative of a 1 fish bag limit to the 14- and 16-inch size limits in the document

Substitute motion carried with no objection

Motion: Action 1: for the Preferred Alternative 3, the preferred option be: Option a – 16inch minimum size limit and June 1-September 15 recreational fishing season (107 days)

Motion carried by voice vote

Motion: to add an alternative that begins the season on May 1 until the analyses allow, for both a 14- and 16-inch size limits for the preferred alternative 3 and preferred option a and option d.

Motion carried by voice vote

Motion: For Action 2, Add an Alternative 3: assume a 10-percent reduction in post hurricane fishing effort and landings when evaluating alternative TACs in Action 1

Motion carried

Motion: For Action 5, Preferred Alternative 2, that the preferred suboption be: Option d – all commercial and recreational reef fish fisheries

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: For Action 6: add a new alternative 5: establish a target reduction of red snapper shrimp trawl bycatch mortality on red snapper 74 percent less than the benchmark years of 2001-2003 until 2010 and then adjust it to the appropriate percent as determined by the red snapper stock assessment updates

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: for action 7, add to alternatives 2, 3, and 4 "...taking into consideration mortality reductions associated with improved BRDs and other gear improvements"

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: For Action 8: the preferred alternative be Alternative 2, option b: The SEFSC will conduct an annual assessment of the previous year's shrimp effort for the 10- to 30-fathom area in the Gulf (statistical Subzones 10-21) and determine the area and duration of the closure and report this to the Regional Administrator for administrative action in the subsequent year.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: that Amendment 27/14 be sent to public hearings.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: to give staff editorial license to revise analyses as appropriate in amendment 27/14

Motion carried with no objection

Joint Reef Fish-Mackerel-Red Drum

Motion: to accept the SSC recommendation that the Gulf red drum remain on the SEDAR calendar for 2009.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: to accept the SSC recommendation to develop an ad hoc panel as soon as possible to assess significant data needs, especially relative to Gulf-wide spawning stock and age structure, for a benchmark assessment of red drum. The panel should be tasked with identifying research priorities that could be accomplished in the time prior to the scheduled red drum assessment, given sufficient resources could be allocated to those tasks. This should be accomplished in a research planning meeting involving scientists from federal and state agencies, academic institutions, and stakeholders.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: Charge of the Ad Hoc Review Panel for Red Drum: to review the available data for red drum, review current research and monitoring programs that include red drum, and design short-term research that could be completed prior to 2009 that collectively could be used to conduct a SEDAR assessment of red drum.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: Panel of Ad Hoc Red Drum Review Panel:

SSC/Special Red Drum – 2 members with some modeling experience

FSAP – 2 members

States – 1 member each with knowledge of state data collection programs and the analyses of state red drum escapement

NMFS – 1 member as designated for data collection programs

Amendment: to add 2 stakeholders

Amendment carried by hand vote

Motion as amended: Panel of Ad Hoc Red Drum Review Panel:

SSC/Special Red Drum – 2 members with some modeling experience

FSAP – 2 members

States – 1 member each with knowledge of state data collection programs and the analyses of state red drum escapement

NMFS – 1 member as designated for data collection programs

2 Stakeholders

Motion as amended carried

Mackerel

Motion: to convene a meeting of Rick Leard, Gregg Waugh, Dr. Roy Crabtree, Dr. Steve Branstetter, Dr. Alex Chester, John Carmichael, Clay Porch, 2 Council Chairs, 2 Mackerel Committee Chairs to reach an agreement on specific objectives for SEDAR and determine geographic boundaries and mixing for King Mackerel

Motion carried with no objection

Reef Fish (Amendment 30)

Motion: To clarify that it was the Council's intent to allow NOAA to modify VMS protocol and corresponding regulations as set forth in Appendix E in Amendment 18a on an as needed basis

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: To begin development of a scoping document to address the overcapacity problem in the grouper fishery; including the work of the Grouper IFQ AP, and other alternatives such as license limitation, grouper endorsement, grouper longline endorsement, etc.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: Remove red and gag grouper from Amendment 30 and place them into a plan Amendment of their own.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: to direct staff to add an alternative on a fractional bag limit per person in the recreational amberjack fishery in order to obtain the reduction in the greater amberjack fishery

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: to add an alternative to examine management effort for gray triggerfish in the eastern Gulf vs the western Gulf to prevent overfishing

Motion carried by voice vote

Motion: The amendment for greater amberjack and gray triggerfish be developed as a plan amendment

Motion carried by voice vote

Motion: for gray triggerfish and greater amberjack: include alternatives: the baseline for the reductions be the average of the most recent 5 or 10 years or the entire history of record beginning in 1981 of catch data in the recreational and commercial sectors

Motion carried by voice vote

Motion: to direct staff to add an alternative to address and reduce discard mortality in the commercial greater amberjack fishery

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: Public hearing locations for plan Amendment for gray triggerfish and greater amberjack between and in addition to the June and August Council meetings: Destin, Madeira Beach, Galveston, Biloxi, Orange Beach

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: to include in the Plan Amendment generic SFA parameters for reef fish stocks that do not have current parameters

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: to defer Tab B, No. 9 Selection of the Ad Hoc Recreational AP membership until the next meeting.

Substitute motion: to defer Tab B, No. 9 Selection of the Ad Hoc Recreational AP membership to a teleconference meeting of the Council as a whole to be held the first week of May, with applications due by April 13, 2007

Substitute motion carried

Motion: to adopt the charge of the New Ad Hoc Recreational Red Snapper AP as written in Tab B, No. 8

Motion carried with no objection

Other Motions

Motion: to write a letter to Jeff Rester a Thank-you letter for all his efforts in regards to the Open Loop LNG issues

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: to request NMFS do not implement the bag limits in the vermilion fishery until after the June Council meeting

Motion carried with no objection

