

## Gulf Council Motions October 27 - 30, 2008

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### **Ad Hoc Allocation**

**Motion:** To adopt the principles and guidelines for allocation included in the Ad Hoc Allocation Committee Report.

**Motion carried** with one opposition.

**Motion:** To adopt the Principles and Guidelines for Allocation as a Council policy document.

**Motion carried** with one opposition.

**Motion:** To have the Ad Hoc Allocation Committee continue to look at reallocation issues, specifically, those species in Reef Fish Amendments 30A and 30B using the Principles and Guidelines adopted.

**Motion withdrawn.**

### **Budget/Personnel**

**Motion:** To approve the CY 2009 budget totaling \$2,941,900, as indicated in Tab M, No. 3, with the addition of the activities necessary for gag grouper.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

### **Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum**

IPT Revisions, Tab J, No. 4

**Motion:** To adopt the revisions from Page 1 to the top of Page 3 in Action 1, "Aquaculture Permit Requirements, Eligibility, and Transferability," as written to clarify the Council's intent.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To approve the "Notice of Intent to Issue a Gulf Aquaculture Permit" language on Page 3 in Action 1, preferred alternative 2.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To incorporate the recommended revisions in Action 2 from Page 4 through Page 9.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To incorporate the recommended revisions in Action 3 on Page 9, with the deletion of "the dealership is".

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To incorporate the recommended revisions in Action 5 on Pages 9 and 10.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To incorporate the recommended revisions in Action 6, Preferred Alternative 3, on Pages 10 and 11.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** To incorporate the recommended revisions in Action 7, "Restricted Access Zones for Marine Aquaculture Facilities," on Page 11, and change 4 inches to 6 inches.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To incorporate the recommended revisions in Action 8, "Recordkeeping and Reporting" on Pages 11 through 15.

**Amendment:** To change major escapement as defined to 10% in Alternative 2, subsection (c)(1)

**Amendment carried.**

**Amended Motion:** To incorporate the recommended revisions in Action 8, "Recordkeeping and Reporting" on Pages 11 through 15 and to change major escapement as defined to 10% in Alternative 2, subsection (c)(1).

**Amended motion carried.**

**Motion:** To incorporate the recommended revisions in Action 9, "Biological Reference Points and Status Determination Criteria," and include "no individual can be permitted to produce more than 20% of optimum yield."

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To incorporate the recommended revisions in Action 10, "Framework Procedures," on Pages 16 through 18.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** That the Aquaculture FMP reflect changes and improvements in the plan, the rough draft and regulations be refined, and that the plan undergo final review by General Counsel prior to considering final action in January 2009.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To include protocols for baseline assessment of the marine ecosystem at the aquaculture site in the plan.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** To change 120 days to 180 days for review in Action 2, Preferred Alternative 3, suboption (a)(1).

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To add a cumulative 10% escapement over a 30 day period.

**Motion carried.**

## **Law Enforcement**

**Motion:** To approve the Gulf of Mexico Cooperative Law Enforcement Strategic Plan for 2009-2012.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To approve the Gulf of Mexico Cooperative Law Enforcement Operations Plan for 2009-2010.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

## **Outreach & Education**

**Motion:** To convene the Outreach & Education Advisory Panel.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

### **Operator Permits**

**Motion:** Alternative 1.1.4, status quo, to not require federal commercial and charter/head vessel/boat operator permits in the Gulf of Mexico.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

### **Reef Fish**

**Motion:** To prepare a scoping document to address turtle and longline interactions, and consideration should include time/area closure, gear modifications, alternative baits, observer program, and effort limitation.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To hold scoping hearings in Panama City, Madeira Beach, Alabama(?), and Mississippi(?)

**Amendment:** To also direct staff to begin preparation of a DEIS to support potential action to reduce jeopardy to sea turtles by January 2009.

**Amendment withdrawn.**

**Substitute Motion:** To hold scoping hearings in Panama City and Madeira Beach.

**Substitute motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To establish a Vessel Monitoring System Advisory Panel.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To write a letter to HMS requesting that a seasonal closure of the Edges in Reef Fish 30B also apply to HMS species.

**Amendment:** To also ask HMS to remove the sunset provision for the Steamboat Lumps and Madison Swanson marine reserves

**Amendment carried** with no opposition.

**Motion as amended:** To write a letter to HMS requesting that a seasonal closure of the Edges in Reef Fish 30B also apply to HMS species. To

also ask HMS to remove the sunset provision for the Steamboat Lumps and Madison Swanson marine reserves.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To request that staff develop a white paper regarding the pros and cons of a plan amendment to improve data collection, enforcement, and accountability for red snapper harvested and discarded in the For Hire (charterboat and headboat) red snapper fishery. The white paper would include the following elements:

- VMS on For Hire vessels
- Electronic logbooks to report red snapper effort and catch/discards for each trip
- For Hire sector separation for red snapper annual catch limits
- For Hire sector red snapper accountability measures
- Regional management in the For Hire sector

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To modify the red snapper IFQ system to establish vessel accounts and require the vessel landing red snapper to have sufficient IFQ allocation in its account to cover the red snapper being landed.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** To delete the requirement for vessel endorsement.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To request that staff send a letter, on behalf of the Council, to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission requesting that they add consideration of new red snapper regulations to their December agenda.

**Amendment:** That a letter also go to Mississippi and Louisiana thanking them for complying with Federal red snapper regulations and asking for future compliance.

**Amendment carried** with no opposition.

**Amended Motion:** To request that staff send a letter, on behalf of the Council, to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission requesting that they add consideration of new red snapper regulations to their December agenda. That a letter also go to Mississippi and Louisiana thanking them for complying with Federal red snapper regulations and asking for future compliance.

**Amended motion carried** with one abstention.

**Motion:** To charge the Reef Fish Committee to use our current Allocation Guidance Principles to explore the (re)allocation issues of those species that were assigned interim allocations in Reef Fish Amendments 30A and 30B.

**Motion carried** by roll call vote 12 to 3, with one abstention and one absent:

Villere – yes	Riechers – yes
Shipp – absent – abstain	Crabtree
Foote – yes	Walker – yes
Sapp – yes	Williams – no
Gill – yes	Pearce – no
Ray – yes	Perret – yes
Hendrix – yes	Minton – yes
Morris – yes	Teehan – yes
	McIlwain – no

**Motion:** That the Council recommend approval and carrying out the EFP that is under consideration.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** To have staff send a letter to Alabama, Texas, and Florida requesting consistent red snapper regulations.

**Amendment:** To remove Florida from the letter

**Amendment failed** 5 to 10 with one abstention.

**Original motion carried** with two abstentions.

### **Other Motions**

**Motion:** To accept the chairman's recommendations for committees for 2009.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** That the Generic ACL Amendment will be handled by the Council's Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To approve the SSC 5-Year Research Plan.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** To approve sending Dr. McIlwain to the World Aquaculture meeting in Seattle, Washington, in February 2009.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.

**Motion:** To approve sending Dr. McIlwain to the MAFAC meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Motion carried** with no opposition.









