

Gulf Council Motions January 26 - 29, 2009 Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

Ad Hoc Allocation_

Motion: To submit the Allocation Analysis study by Brad Gentner to the SEP for their review and recommendations

Substitute Motion as modified: To convene the SEP prior to the April 2009 Council meeting to provide socio-economic advice regarding the Allocation Analysis study by Gentner; furthermore, to invite Mr. Gentner to the SEP meeting and to the April meeting to present the findings of his report. To also send the Fisheries Economic Paper of the United States 2006 to the SEP for their review and recommendations and to have someone who created this document to attend the meeting.

Amendment: Invite Mr. Gentner to the SEP meeting and invite the SEP to present their analysis of the report at the April Council meeting.

Amendment carried with no objection

Substitute Motion as amended: To convene the SEP prior to the April 2009 Council meeting to provide socio-economic advice regarding the Allocation Analysis study by Gentner; furthermore, to invite Mr. Gentner to the SEP meeting. To also send the Fisheries Economic Paper of the United States 2006 to the SEP for their review and recommendations and to have someone from the NMFS attend the meeting. Have the SEP present their findings of both reports to the Council at the April meeting.

Substitute motion as amended carried with no objection

Motion: Revised charge- To assist and support the management committees' deliberations on (re)allocation by evaluating information on allocation-related topics and various allocation methods.

Motion carried

Habitat Protection_

Motion: The Council should request that the Corps consider using the Bonnet Carré spillway annually to divert up to 10,000 cfs during high river stages for fishery and habitat benefits.

Motion carried with no objection

Joint Reef Fish-Mackerel-Red Drum (Aquaculture)

Motion: Under Action 6, Preferred alternative 3, to accept the section (d) baseline environmental assessment and guidelines as written in the Aquaculture FMP on page 66.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: To accept the modifications to Action 9 Preferred Alternative 2 on optimum yield page 87.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: to strike the "and/or" and leave "and" in the first sentence on page 13 of the proposed rule.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: To accept the revised Aquaculture FMP and move it to the full Council for consideration.

Substitute Motion: The Council submit the revised Aquaculture FMP to the Secretary of Commerce for secretarial review, approval, and implementation along with implementing regulations which the Council deems to be necessary and appropriate.

Substitute Motion carried 11 to 5 by roll call vote.

Crabtree	Yes
Gill	Yes
Shipp	Yes
Morris	No
Williams	No
Ray	Yes
Riechers	Yes
Villere	No
Pearce	Yes
Hendrix	Yes
Teehan	Yes
Diaz	Yes

Sapp	Yes
Foote	No
Anson	Yes
Walker	No
McIlwain	Abstain

Joint SSC Selection-Administrative Policy_

Motion: A subgroup of the Administrative Policy committee be formed to review and develop draft changes regarding the SSC's charge in the SOPPs in order to be consistent with the MSRA and Ms. Morris would solicit volunteers. (Note: volunteers include Ms. Morris, Mr. Riechers, and Ms. Williams)

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: Staff develop a package including all background materials, but not limited to items in Tab E, and utilize the SAFMC framework along the lines of a job description to inform and recruit future SSC members.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: To forward to the SEDAR steering committee for their consideration the SSC's recommendation that at least two Gulf Council SSC members be appointed as members of the GOM Review Panel Workshops for all fish stocks being assessed through the SEDAR process.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: To request that the SEFSC provide a set of analyses to allow us to look at tradeoffs between risk of overfishing and specification of ABCs.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: That the council policies be placed in an appendix to the SOPPs.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: To disband the Operator Permits Committee.

Motion carried with no objection

Mackerel_

Motion: That the Council approve convening a

joint meeting of the mackerel management committees of the SAFMC and the GMFMC.

Motion carried with no objection.

Reef Fish

Motion: That the qualification criteria for longline endorsements in Action 3 be based on longline landings only.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: That for Action 3, Alternative 2 (ten thousand pound qualification criteria) be stricken from the amendment.

Alternative 2: Establish a longline endorsement to the reef fish permit; a minimum annual average reef fish landings of ten thousand pounds per permit will be required to qualify for a longline endorsement. Annual average landings will be calculated based on logbook landings
Option a: during the 1999-2004 period
Option b: during the 1995-2007 period

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: That the options paper clarify that qualifying landings are those from longline gear, and add alternatives for qualifying criteria of 60,000, 70,000, and 80,000 pounds.

Motion carried with staff editorial license for other options (20,000 and 40,000).

Motion: In Action 3, Alternative 3, add an option c) for control dates 1999 – 2007.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: In Section 2.2, Item 1 be developed into an Action item to change fishing behavior and gear practices by addressing number of hooks, mainline and gangion lengths, and soak times.

Motion carried by a vote of 10 to 5

Motion: To request an emergency rule that would prohibit longline gear in waters less than 50 fathoms for the entire eastern Gulf for a 5 month period starting immediately upon implementation.

Substitute motion: To request an emergency rule that would prohibit bottom longline gear and

buoy gear in waters less than 50 fathoms for the entire eastern Gulf starting immediately upon implementation.

Amendment: To remove text-"and buoy gear"

Amendment carried

Substitute motion as Amended: To request an emergency rule that would prohibit bottom longline gear in waters less than 50 fathoms for the entire eastern Gulf starting immediately upon implementation.

Substitute Motion as Amended carried 10 to 7 by roll call vote

Walker	Yes
Riechers	No
Anson	Yes
Ray	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Villere	Yes
Shipp	Yes
Williams	No
Pearce	No
Sapp	Yes
Morris	No
Foote	Yes
Hendrix	Yes
Gill	No
Diaz	No
Teehan	Yes
Mcllwain	No

Motion: During the 2009 fishing year, while the emergency longline closure is in effect and after the 2009 deep water grouper quota is caught, Reef Fish bottom longline gear is prohibited.

Motion withdrawn

Motion: During the 2009 fishing year, while the emergency longline closure is in effect and after the 2009 deep water grouper quota is caught, Reef Fish bottom longline gear is prohibited in the eastern GOM (east of Cape San Blas).

Motion carried 15 to 2 by roll call vote

Ray	Yes
Teehan	Yes
Diaz	Yes
Riechers	Yes
Anson	Yes
Gill	Yes
Sapp	Yes
Villere	Yes
Hendrix	Yes
Walker	Yes
Foote	Yes
Crabtree	No
Pearce	Yes
Morris	Yes
Williams	No
Shipp	Yes
McIlwain	Yes

Motion: Add an action that would modify the framework to allow specification of ACLs and ACTs in Amendment 31.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: The Council forward Reef Fish Amendment 29 to the Secretary of Commerce for approval and implementation.

Motion carried 13 to 4 by roll call vote

Williams	Yes
Teehan	Yes
Gill	Yes
Ray	Yes
Riechers	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Sapp	No
Anson	Yes
Diaz	Yes
Hendrix	Yes
Villere	No
Pearce	Yes
Morris	Yes

Shipp	Yes
Walker	No
Foote	No
McIlwain	Yes

Motion: That the council deems the proposed rule for Reef Fish Amendment 29 to be necessary and appropriate and to forward that to the Secretary of Commerce.

Motion carried with 1 opposed

Motion: That the Council to ask the SEFSC and MRIP to establish protocols for validation of self reported recreational reef fish data and establish pilot projects to evaluate and ground truth these protocols.

Amendment: That the SEFSC and MRIP also look at the GOMARS and SOS Plans as they relate to validation of self reported data.

Amendment carried

Motion as amended: That the Council to ask the SEFSC and MRIP to establish protocols for validation of self reported recreational reef fish data and establish pilot projects to evaluate and ground truth these protocols. That the SEFSC and MRIP also look at the GOMARS and SOS Plans as they relate to validation of self reported data.

Motion as amended carried

Motion: To direct staff to put together a draft options paper to include the for-hire sector to be able to choose their days, seasons, bag limits, size limits, incorporate the SOS and/or GOMARS plan ideas such as sector separation and endorsements, and other ideas that the public and the for-hire industry has requested.

Motion carried

Motion: Direct staff to continue preparation of Tab B, No. 6 by discussing the different alternative methods in the Allocation Policy, Section III as they relate to the species covered in RF Amendments 30A and 30B and to include any data that are available.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: That the Council invite a representative from Environmental Defense, and Dr. Scott Baker from North Carolina Sea grant to give presentations

to the Data Collection Committee at the next Council meeting on their respective electronic data collection systems, and that a representative from the NOAA fisheries Office of Science and Technology Fisheries Statistics Division also be invited to attend and evaluate the presentations.

Motion carried with no objection

SEDAR Selection_

Motion: Appoint to the SEDAR 19 Update Workshop for Gag/Red Grouper:
Luiz Barbieri
John Mareska
Bill Lindberg
Russell Nelson

Motion carried

Motion: Appoint to the Black Grouper SEDAR 19 Data Workshop:
Doug Gregory
Walter Keithly
Bill Lindberg
Will Patterson
Harry Blanchet
Bob Spaeth
Bob Zales
Bill Tucker

Motion carried

Shrimp_

Motion: That the Council support the continuation of the Cooperative Texas Closure for 2009 throughout the EEZ to the 200-mile limit.

Motion carried with no objection

Others_

Motion: To approve the SAFMC Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1.

Motion carried with no objection

Motion: That the GMFMC establish a control date, notifying the public that the Council is considering further limiting access within the commercial sector of the Gulf reef fish fishery. Specifically, the Council may consider creating additional restrictions including

limiting participation by gear type or by specific species to only those vessels that have catch histories in excess of some minimum landings threshold. Should the GMFMC take such future action to further restrict participation in the Gulf reef fish fishery, it intends to use 12/31/08 as a possible control date regarding the eligibility of catch histories.

Motion carried with one opposed

Motion: Establish a control date for the recreational for-hire sector, effective January 29, 2009.

Motion ruled out of order

Motion: Send Charlene Ponce to the Public Information Officers meeting in May but postpone commitment of funding for printing informational materials at this time.

Motion carried

