

## Gulf Council Motions

### August 13, 2009

### Orange Beach, Alabama

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#### Budget/Personnel

Motion: To approve the 2010 through 2014 budget.

Motion carried.

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#### Data Collection

Motion: To establish mandatory electronic reporting systems criteria for all managed Gulf fisheries by February 2010.

Motion carried.

Motion: To request that the Data Collection Committee pursue general criteria for mandatory electronic record keeping and reporting requirements for all sectors and all fisheries within 6 months.

Motion carried.

Motion: To establish an Ad Hoc Data Collection Panel to define sector specific electronic data reporting systems requirements. Target completion date is the June 2010 Council meeting. This panel will be comprised of knowledgeable sector representatives including participants in the MRIP development to ensure compatibility.

Motion carried.

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#### Migratory Species

Motion: To write a letter to Bonnie Ponwith and Alan Risenhoover and ask for clarification of the data used in the HMS blacknose take in the shrimp fishery in the Gulf and the SEAMAP data as well as the information relative to changes in the shrimp fishery and the recreational fishery for sharks (include Atran's memo of August 28, 2008).

Motion carried.

Motion: That the Council recommend for HMS Amendment 3 that they change the preferred option to one that would allow the historical recreational harvest of 12% of blacknose sharks.

Motion carried.

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## Reef Fish

Motion: Action 4, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3, Option b:

Alternative 3 – Limit number of hooks per vessel  
Option b: 1,000 hooks on board of which no more than 750 hooks are rigged for or fished

Substitute motion: Action 4, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3, Option d:

Alternative 3 – Limit number of hooks per vessel  
Option d: 1,200 hooks on board of which no more than 1,000 hooks are rigged for or fished

Second substitute motion: Action 4, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3, Option e:

Alternative 3 – Limit number of hooks per vessel  
Option e: 1,100 hooks on board of which no more than 900 hooks are rigged for or fished

Second substitute motion carried 10 to 7.

Motion: Action 3, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 5b(ii)

Alternative 5 – Establish a longline endorsement to the reef fish permit; a minimum annual average reef fish landings using fish traps\* or longline gear of 50,000 pounds (gutted weight) per permit will be required to qualify for a longline endorsement. Annual average landings will be calculated based on logbook landings

Option b: during the 1999-2007 period

Sub-option (ii): unrestricted between commercial reef fish permit holders.

Motion failed 13-2.

Motion: Action 3, to add a new Alternative 6:

Establish a longline endorsement to the reef fish permit; a minimum annual average reef fish landings using fish traps\* or longline gear of 45,000 pounds (gutted weight) per permit will be required to qualify for a longline endorsement. Annual average landings will be calculated based on logbook landings

Option b: during the 1999-2007 period

Sub-option (ii): unrestricted between commercial reef fish permit holders.

Motion failed 13 to 2.

Motion: To reconsider second substitute motion: Action 4, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3, Option e:

Alternative 3 – Limit number of hooks per vessel

Option e: 1,100 hooks on board of which no more than 900 hooks are rigged for or fished

Motion to reconsider carried by a vote of 9 to 8.

Second substitute motion: Action 4, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3, Option e:

Alternative 3 – Limit number of hooks per vessel

Option e: 1,100 hooks on board of which no more than 900 hooks are rigged for or fished

Second Substitute motion failed by a vote of 5 to 9.

Substitute motion: Action 4, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3, Option d:

Alternative 3 – Limit number of hooks per vessel

Option d: 1,200 hooks on board of which no more than 1,000 hooks are rigged for or fished

Substitute motion failed by a vote of 4 to 12.

Motion: Action 4, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3, Option b:

Alternative 3 – Limit number of hooks per vessel

Option b: 1,000 hooks on board of which no more than 750 hooks are rigged for or fished

Motion carried by a vote of 12 to 4.

Motion: To submit Amendment 31 to the Secretary of Commerce following final editing, along with the accompanying regulations deemed necessary and appropriate to implement Amendment 31

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote

Motion: That Council staff start to develop alternative options for the Red Snapper recreational season for the October 2009 Council meeting.

Motion carried.

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#### Spiny Lobster/Stone Crab

Motion: To approve the Spiny Lobster Draft Scoping Document for Amendment 10 to go to scoping hearings.

Motion carried.

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#### Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem

Motion: To send the Generic ACL/AM Amendment out for scoping after committee requested changes are made.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the South Atlantic Council's Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1.

Motion carried.

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#### Other Motions

Motion: To nominate Dr. Bob Shipp as Chairman.

Motion carried by acclamation.

Motion: To nominate Bob Gill as Vice Chairman.

Motion carried by acclamation.















