

Gulf Council Motions  
October 21-22, 2009  
Corpus Christi, Texas

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**Administrative Policy**

Motion: To direct staff to begin revision of the SOPPs and development of an administrative handbook.

Motion carried.

Motion: That in the interim we will pay SSC members half-day rate for participation in authorized teleconferencing meetings until such time as we develop a more permanent set of guidelines, which will be discussed for adoption at the February 2010 Council meeting.

Motion carried.

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AP Selection

To appoint to the Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee:

Bob Zales  
Michael Miglini  
Matt Hill  
Suzanne Delaune  
Bobby Terrebonne  
Tracy Redding  
Troy Frady  
Camp Matens  
Vicki Cornish  
Glen Brooks

Motion carried.

To appoint Vickie Cornish as committee Chair.

Motion carried.

To appoint Troy Frady as committee Vice-Chair.

Motion carried.

Motion: To appoint Bobby Terrebonne to the Red Snapper AP and Patrick Fitzmorris to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics AP.

Motion carried.

Motion: That staff draft and send a letter to Wayne Werner and Russell Underwood informing them that they are no longer serving on

their respective APs due to violations.

Motion carried.

Motion: To add Captain Benjamin Fairey to the Reef Fish AP.

Motion carried.

Motion: To move T.J. Tate from the For-Hire sector to the Commercial sector on the LAPP AP.

Motion carried.

Motion: To appoint Dr. Bortone as chairman of the LAPP AP.

Motion carried.

Motion: To appoint Julie Morris as vice chairman of the LAPP AP.

Motion carried.

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## Data Collection

Motion: To adopt the minimum data elements as outlined on Page 2 of the Summary of the For-Hire Logbook Workshop:

- Vessel identifier
- Captain identifier
- Date of trip
- Departure time and return time
- Hours fished
- Origin of trip (state, county, site)
- Trip level – record the primary area fished,

for example, statistical zone including codes for subzones within each zone for inland waters, state territorial seas, and federal EEZ; and codes for zones outside the EEZ (such as Bahamas, Mexico, or international waters)

- # Passengers
- # Anglers
- # Crew
- Gear type
- Minimum and maximum depth fished for trip
- Target species
- # Fish harvested by species
- # Fish released by species

\* For a sub-set of species, # released

by critical depth interval  
(e.g. <60', 60'-120', >120')

Motion carried.

Motion: To write a letter to Dr. Jim Balsiger urging

the National Marine Fisheries Service to ensure that the timeliness of electronic reporting and validation of recreational data are top priorities in the MRIP process.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion: To write a letter to Dr. Jim Balsiger urging the National Marine Fisheries Service to ensure that (1) improving the timeliness of collecting, processing, and reporting of recreational data; and (2) the development of electronic reporting and validation of the data in the for-hire recreational sector are top priorities in the MRIP process.

Motion carried.

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### **Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel)**

Motion: To pull everything out of the joint scoping document that relates to Amendment 18, and the remaining document will become Amendment 20.

Motion carried.

Motion: To begin moving forward with a commercial LAPP program for the king mackerel fishery.

Motion carried.

Motion: To establish an Ad Hoc Mackerel LAPP AP for the commercial industry.

Motion carried.

Motion: To add blackfin tuna to Section 3.2.4, Option 1 of the scoping document and incorporate this into the options paper for Amendment 20.

Motion carried.

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### **Reef Fish**

Motion: To adjust the wording in Reef Fish Amendment 31, Action 4: Modify Fishing Practices and Gear for Vessels using Bottom Longline Gear to Harvest Reef Fish east of Cape San Blas

Alternative 3 – Limit the number of hooks for vessels that have a longline endorsement to their reef fish permit.  
Option b: 1,000 hooks of which no more than 750 hooks are rigged for fishing or fished.

Motion carried.

Motion: To hold scoping hearings for Reef Fish Amendment 32 in the following areas:

Galveston, TX  
Orange Beach, AL  
Biloxi area, MS  
Panama City, FL  
St. Petersburg area, FL  
Ft. Myers, FL  
Florida Keys  
New Orleans/Kenner, LA

Motion carried.

Motion: To add considering fish traps as allowable gear to the scoping document.

Motion carried.

Motion: To perform the actions outlined in Tab B Handout, not to exceed \$7,000.

Motion failed.

Substitute Motion: To ask the O&E AP to review and comment on the plan and to allow the executive director to approve up to \$3,000 for additional Florida Council members to attend the scoping meetings in Florida on Amendment 32.

Substitute motion failed with 4 to 9 with 3 abstentions.

Motion: To adopt the codified language to Amendment 29 as presented in Tab B, No. 6.

Amendment: To include expanded time to offload and head count provisions to deal with issues arising in the trailerable vessel category.

Amendment carried.

Motion as amended: To adopt the codified language to Amendment 29 as presented in Tab B, No. 6 as amended, to include expanded time to offload and head count provisions to deal with issues arising in the trailerable vessel category.

Motion as amended carried.

Motion: To forward both the notes on the SSC discussion on process as well as the SSC's suggested motion to the SEDAR Steering Committee.

Motion carried.

Motion: To adopt the SEDAR 22 terms of reference for yellowedge grouper and tilefish.

Motion carried.

Motion: To adopt the changes to the terms of reference to greater amberjack as reflected in Tab B, No. 9.

Motion carried.

Motion: To adopt the LAPP AP charge as written in Tab B, No. 11:

To assist the Council in designing and evaluating management measures that would consider all issues related to the adoption of a reef fish limited access program for the commercial and recreational sectors. In designing the program, consideration would be placed on the trading of catch shares between sectors.

Motion carried.

Motion: That the LAPP AP have three sub-groups, commercial, for-hire, and private angler.

Motion carried.

Substitute motion: That the LAPP AP have two sectors, commercial and recreational.

Substitute motion failed.

Motion: That the LAPP AP chairperson and vice-chairperson be selected by the Council from persons not sitting on the AP.

Motion carried.

Motion: That the LAPP AP sub-groups be composed of the following individuals:

Commercial  
Elizabeth Fetherston (FL)  
Martin Fisher (FL)  
David Krebs (FL)  
Hal Osburn (FL)  
Bill Tucker (FL)  
T.J. Tate (FL)

For-Hire  
Troy Frady (AL)  
Gary Jarvis (FL)  
Dave McKinney (TX)  
Mike Nugent (TX)

Private Angler  
Bill Bird (FL)  
Chris Harbuck (LA)  
Edwin Lamberth (AL)  
Donald Leal (MT)  
Richard Wallace (AL)  
Troy Williamson (TX)

Motion carried.

Motion: That the sub-groups shall draft and adopt a plan for their respective reef fish species and bring to the LAPP AP as a whole for their comment. The LAPP AP may comment on, but cannot oppose, such plans as proposed by the sub-groups.

All plans will be forwarded to the Council for its consideration with comments appended, if any.

Motion failed.

Motion: To forward the SSC recommendations to reassess the OFL and ABC projections once the final 2009 landings are available.

Motion carried.

Motion: To initiate action to establish a for-hire sector complete with ACLs and AMs for all species that have commercial and recreational allocation.

Substitute motion: To add options to the Generic ACL/AM options paper to establish a for-hire sector complete with ACLs and AMs for all species that have commercial and recreational allocation.

Substitute motion carried.

Motion: To require the for-hire sector to utilize an electronic logbook system as designed by the Data Collection Committee.

Motion ruled out of order.

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## Shrimp

Motion: That the SSC and the Special Shrimp SSC be convened to review and comment on these new assessment methodologies.

Motion carried.

Motion: To send a letter to NMFS stating that the Council has met and exceeded the bycatch reduction goal for blacknose shark.

Substitute motion: To send a letter to NMFS stating that preliminary analysis indicates that the bycatch reduction goal for blacknose shark has been met, but will have the SSC review the recent estimates of the bycatch reduction analysis and subsequently report their findings to the Council.

Motion to table until after public testimony.

Motion to table carried.

Substitute motion: To send a letter to NMFS stating that preliminary analysis indicates that the bycatch reduction goal for blacknose shark has been met, but, upon the next SEDAR, these preliminary estimates will be further reviewed.

Motion carried.

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### **SEDAR Selection**

Motion: To send Luiz Barbieri and Harry Blanchet to the SEDAR 19 Black Grouper Review Workshop.

Motion carried.

Motion: To send from the SSC Richard Fulford, Harry Blanchet, Elbert Whorton, and John Mareska to the SEDAR 22 (Yellowedge Grouper and Tilefish) Data Workshop.

Motion carried.

Motion: To send from the AP Martin Fisher, Bob Spaeth, Brad Kenyon, and Mike Rowell to the SEDAR 22 (Yellowedge Grouper and Tilefish) Data Workshop.

Motion carried.

Motion: To select Libby Fetherston as the NGO representative to the SEDAR 22 Data Workshop.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve procedural workshop nominees Joe Powers, Sean Powers, Luiz Barbieri, Harry Blanchet, and Jim Cowan.

Motion carried.

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### **Spiny Lobster/Stone Crab**

Motion: To delete action item number 3 to repeal the Spiny Lobster FMP.

Motion carried.

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### **Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem**

Motion: To bracket the acceptable levels of risk that ABC exceeds true OFL at 15%-45%.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the revised Five-Year Research Plan with the addition of any suggestions provided to Dr. Bortone from Council members.

Motion carried.

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## **Other Motions**

Motion: To accept the Proposed Committee Roster for 2010.

Amendment: To change the Budget/Personnel chairman to Tom McIlwain and the vice chairman to Martin Fischer.

Amendment carried.

Amendment: To remove Bill Teehan from Budget/Personnel and put on AP Selection and remove Bob Gill from AP Selection and put on Budget/Personnel.

Amendment carried.

Amendment: To remove Kay Williams from AP selection and put on Administrative Policy and to remove John Greene from Administrative Policy and put on AP Selection.

Amendment carried.

Amendment: To make Corky Perret chairman of Shrimp Committee and Kay Williams vice chairman.

Amendment carried.

Amendment: To remove Tom McIlwain from Ad Hoc Allocation and put on Red Drum, and to remove Kay Williams from Red Drum and put on Ad Hoc Allocation.

Amendment carried.

Motion: To accept the Proposed Committee Roster for 2010 as amended.

Motion as amended carried.

Motion: To allocate to the state liaisons additional funding.

Motion carried.

Motion: To award staff a 5% bonus prorated for time served in 2009.

Motion tabled.



Motion: That staff be allowed to prepare a scope of work with Council approval to be given to the SSC.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the 5-year research plan.

Motion carried.

Motion: To host a meeting of scientists in correlation with the National Symposium not to exceed an estimated \$10,000.

Motion carried.



