

H.R. 3521, the Gulf Red Snapper Data Improvement Act**Sponsor – Congressman Jolly (R- Florida)**

Note – information in bold indicates a provision that would affect Council operations or affect Gulf fisheries.

Section	Summary	Impacts	Relation to Other Bills
Sec 2 - Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper and Other Reef Fish Species Data Collection Grants.	Would create a new competitive grant program for data collection purposes for Gulf red snapper and other Gulf reef fish.		Similar provisions regarding increase data collection for the Gulf are included in H.R. 981, H.R. 1207, H.R. 1335, H.R. 1826, H.R. 3094 and S. 1403.
Sec 3 – Communication with Stakeholders	Would require the Secretary of Commerce to seek to improve communications by NMFS with stakeholders regarding stock assessment processes and the result of the processes for red snapper and other reef fish species in the Gulf. Would require the Secretary of Commerce, within 180 days, to report to Congress on actions taken to improve communications with stakeholders and the results of these actions. Would require the Secretary to update the report every 180 days.		Similar provisions dealing with increased transparency and public participation are included in H.R. 1335, H.R. 1826, and S. 1403.
Section 4 – Process for Using Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper and Other Reef Fish Species Cooperative Research Data	Would require the Secretary of Commerce, within 180 days, to report to Congress on the process for using data collected through cooperative research activities for the red snapper and other reef fish species in the Gulf. Would require the Secretary to update the report every 180 days.		Similar provisions dealing with cooperative research are included in H.R. 1335, and H.R. 1826.
Section 5 – Authorization of Appropriations	Would authorize \$10 million to the Secretary of Commerce for grants, personnel, operations, and data		

	collection to improve stock assessments of red snapper and other reef fish species.		
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