

**Gulf Council Motions Report
August 26-29, 2013
San Antonio, Texas**

AP Selection

Motion: To appoint the following applicants to the Ad Hoc Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota Advisory Panel:

Larry Abele	Troy Williamson
Bob Gill	Bill Tucker
Elbert Whorton	Bob Spaeth
Jim Zurbrick	Chris Horton
Seth Macinko	Billy Archer
Tommy Williams	David Walker
Jason DeLaCruz	Mike Whitfield
Buddy Bradham	David Krebs
Tom Adams	Jerry Rouyea
Scott Hickman	John Graham

Motion carried.

Data Collection

Motion: To recommend to Council that the Modifications to the Federally-Permitted Seafood Dealer Reporting Requirements and the codified text be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and that the regulations be deemed as necessary and appropriate.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Mr. Riley	Yes	Mr. Pearce	Yes
Dr. Shipp	Yes	Mr. Boyd	Yes	Mr. Diaz	Yes
Mr. Fischer	Yes	Mr. Riechers	Yes	Mr. Anson	Yes
Dr. Dana	Yes	Dr. Crabtree	Yes	Ms. Bademan	Yes
Mr. Matens	Yes	Mr. Greene	Yes	Mr. Perret	Yes
Mr. Williams	Yes	Ms. Bosarge	Yes		

Joint Coral/Habitat Protection

Motion: To convene the Special Coral SSC and the Coral AP to review the findings and recommendations of the Coral Workshop Report.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Mackerel

Spanish Mackerel Stock Assessment

Motion: To request that staff begin development of an appropriate document to create alternatives regarding changes in the ACL/ACT ranges for Gulf of Mexico Spanish mackerel.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Amendment 19

Motion: In Action 1, that the preferred Alternative be Alternative 1.

Alternative 1: No Action – No federal permit requirement to sell king and Spanish mackerel. Sale of king and Spanish mackerel harvested under the bag limit is allowed for persons that possess the necessary state permits. However, if a commercial closure has been implemented, the sale or purchase of king or Spanish mackerel of the closed species, migratory group, subzone, or gear type, is prohibited, including any king or Spanish mackerel taken under the bag limits.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion: In Action 1, that Alternative 2, Option b, and Alternative 4, Options a. and b. be preferred alternatives.

Alternative 2: Prohibit sale of king mackerel caught under the bag limit, with the exception of for-hire trips in which the vessel also holds a federal king mackerel commercial permit. Prohibit sale of Spanish mackerel caught under the bag limit, with the exception of for-hire trips in which the vessel also holds a federal Spanish mackerel commercial permit. All sales of king and Spanish mackerel during a commercial closure are prohibited.

Option b. The Gulf Council's jurisdiction.

Alternative 4: Prohibit sale of king and Spanish mackerel caught under the bag limit with the exception of state-permitted tournaments. For a person to sell king or Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ of the Gulf of Mexico or Atlantic, those fish must have been harvested on a commercial trip aboard a vessel with a commercial vessel permit/endorsement. A king mackerel permit is required to sell king mackerel and a Spanish mackerel permit is required to sell Spanish mackerel. King or Spanish mackerel caught during a tournament may be donated to a dealer in exchange for a charitable donation if the tournament organizers have a permit from a state to conduct that tournament, and transfer and reporting requirements are followed.

Option a. The South Atlantic Council's jurisdiction.

Option b. The Gulf Council's jurisdiction.

Motion carried 10 to 5.

Amendment 20

Motion: In Alternative 2, to change the trip limit from 2,500 pounds with no reduction to 2,000 pounds with no reduction.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 1, that the Gulf preferred alternative now be Alternative 2, Option c.

Alternative 2: Set the commercial hook-and-line trip limit at 2,000 lbs with no reduction.

Option c: For the Eastern Zone Southern Subzone

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To accept the IPT suggested language as represented in the handout document.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 3, that Alternative 3 be moved to the considered but rejected section.

Alternative 3: Establish a provision allowing transit through Collier County when the Eastern Zone, Southern Subzone is closed for vessels possessing Atlantic migratory group king mackerel that were legally harvested in the EEZ off Monroe County only from April 1 – June 30.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Reef Fish

SPR Target Options

Motion: To request that staff begin the process of a plan amendment to consider establishing alternative SPR proxies for red snapper.

Motion carried with no opposition.

IFQ Administrative Rule Changes

Motion: To deem the codified text for the IFQ Administrative Rule Changes as necessary and appropriate.

Amendment: To add to the text in the IFQ Administrative Changes proposed rule:

“To specify that a dealer must complete a landing transaction for IFQ species on the day of offloads and offloads must occur within 72 hours of landing, excluding Sundays and holidays.”

Amendment withdrawn.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote with one absent.

Dr. Shipp	Yes	Ms. Bosarge	Yes	Mr. Riley	Yes
Dr. Crabtree	Yes	Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Mr. Pearce	Absent
Mr. Riechers	Yes	Mr. Greene	Yes	Dr. Dana	Yes
Mr. Matens	Yes	Mr. Perret	Yes	Mr. Diaz	Yes
Mr. Williams	Yes	Ms. Bademan	Yes	Mr. Boyd	Yes
Mr. Anson	Yes	Mr. Fischer	Yes		

Amendment 39

Motion: To delay further action on Amendment 39 until the October 2013 Council meeting.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion: In Action 6, preferred Alternative 3, to choose Option b as another preferred alternative.

Preferred Alternative 3: If a region exceeds the apportioned regional quota, then NMFS will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register to reduce the regional quota in the following year by the amount of the regional quota overage in the prior fishing year.*

Option b: Apply the quota adjustment beginning in 2016.

*If the total landings from all regions do not exceed the Gulf-wide recreational quota in that year, the region’s quota would not need to be reduced to account for the region’s overage.

Amendment: That Option b. be amended to read:

Apply the quota adjustment beginning two years after the implementation of the plan.

Amendment carried.

Motion as amended: In Action 6, preferred Alternative 3, to choose Option b as another preferred alternative.

Preferred Alternative 3: If a region exceeds the apportioned regional quota, then NMFS will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register to reduce the regional quota in the following year by the amount of the regional quota overage in the prior fishing year.*

Option b: Apply the quota adjustment beginning two years after the implementation of the plan.

*If the total landings from all regions do not exceed the Gulf-wide recreational quota in that year, the region's quota would not need to be reduced to account for the region's overage.

Amended motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 6, to change all Option a. to read "One year after implementation," and all Option b. to read, "Two years after implementation."

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Alternative 6, to remove the language, "that applies only to vessels registered within their region." The new Alternative 6 would read:

Preferred Alternative 6: Allow individual regions to establish closed areas within the EEZ adjacent to their region.

Motion carried with one opposition.

Motion: Under regional management, any headboat operating under the headboat EFP, that the pounds that are allocated to those headboats would be taken off of the total pounds allocated to the region for which the headboat calls home port.

Motion failed 13 to 1.

Motion: To direct staff to look at options for future EFPs with regard to regional management outside of science and research.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To direct staff to develop an appropriate document to rescind Section 2.13 of Reef Fish Amendment 30B as it pertains to for-hire vessels.

Motion carried 8 to 6.

Motion: To add alternatives that address sunseting delegation to the regions unless renewed by Council action.

Motion carried with no opposition.

IFQ Inter-Sector Trading Scoping Document

Motion: To send Tab B, No. 7, IFQ Inter-sector Trading, to scoping workshops.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To hold scoping workshops for IFQ Inter-sector Trading in the following cities:

- Biloxi/Gulfport, MS area
- Baton Rouge, LA
- Houston, TX area
- Mobile, AL
- Panama City, FL
- Tampa, FL area

Amendment 28 – Red Snapper Allocation

Motion: That any red snapper allocation in excess of 9.12 million pounds be designated as 75% to the recreational sector and 25% to the commercial sector. That the aforementioned 25% commercial allotment be utilized to provide allocation in the south Florida Gulf area to address the bycatch issue. Said allotment to be directed by the Council with scientific advice from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall utilize this allocation to a maximum of 25% of the overall allotment. Any unused allocation shall be used for new entrants on a bid basis. This process shall be in place until December 31, 2015.

Motion failed by roll call vote.

Mr. Williams	No	Dr. Dana	No	Mr. Pearce	No
Ms. Bademan	No	Mr. Sanchez	Absent	Mr. Boyd	Abstain
Mr. Diaz	No	Mr. Perret	No	Ms. Bosarge	No
Mr. Riechers	No	Mr. Greene	No	Dr. Shipp	No
Mr. Anson	No	Mr. Fischer	Yes	Mr. Riley	No
Mr. Matens	Yes	Dr. Crabtree	Abstain		

Substitute motion: If the red snapper quota is less than or equal to 9.12 million pounds (mp), to maintain the commercial and recreational red snapper allocations at 51% and 49% of the red snapper quota, respectively. If the red snapper quota is greater than 9.12 mp, allocate 50% of quota increases to the for-hire sector and 50% to new entrants in the commercial sector.

Substitute motion failed 1 to 13.

Second substitute motion: That the six alternatives in the Amendment 28 – Red Snapper Allocation options paper be the six alternatives that Council staff develop in concert with the SEFSC and present at the October 2013 Council meeting with a fully developed set of alternatives.

Second substitute motion failed 6 to 7.

Other Reef Fish Motions

Motion: To approve the EFP request from the Gulf & South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation, Inc.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To request that staff create a panel of large commercial shareholders to discuss reallocation options at the October 2013 Council meeting.

Motion failed.

Motion: To request that the Sector Separation document be put on the agenda for the October 2013 Council meeting.

Motion carried.

Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem

Motion: To reconvene the SAFMC and GMFMC joint committee for south Florida management issues and discuss the results of the workshops.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Other Council Motions

SEDAR Stock Assessments

Motion: To move “data poor stocks” to the bottom of the stock assessment list.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To move gag to the first position and greater amberjack to the second position of the stock assessment list for 2016.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: For the 2016 stock assessment schedule, that slot 3 would be the red drum benchmark assessment, slot 4 would be the yellowedge grouper standard assessment, and slot 5 would be the gray snapper benchmark assessment.

Motion carried with one opposition.