

Gulf Council Motions Report
August 25-28, 2014
Biloxi, Mississippi

Administrative Policy

Motion: To disband the Advisory Panel and Scientific and Statistical Committee Selection Committees, and that the responsibilities will be taken up by the full Council.

Substitute motion: To discontinue the AP and SSC selection committees, recognizing that their responsibilities will be taken up with the full Council.

Substitute Motion carried with 1 opposition.

Budget/Personnel

Motion: To accept the multi-year (2015-2019) budget as represented in Tab H, No. 3 and submit to NMFS.

Motion carried.

Red Drum

Motion: To recommend that the SEDAR Steering Committee change the slot in 2016 currently scheduled for red drum to a data poor assessment, which will include red drum and other high priority species as designated by the Council.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Reef Fish

Red Snapper Accountability Measures Framework Action

Motion: In Action 2, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3, Option (c).

Alternative 3: While red snapper is under a rebuilding plan, if the recreational red snapper quota is exceeded, deduct the full amount of the overage from the recreational quota in the following season unless the best scientific information available (e.g., updated yield projections) determines that a greater, lesser, or no overage adjustment is necessary. The recreational ACT will initially be adjusted to reflect the previously established percent buffer. To reduce the likelihood of recurring overages, the ACT will then be further decreased in the following season by:

Option c: 30% of the quota overage in pounds.

Motion Withdrawn

Motion: To add an alternative under Action 2 that would include a 50% payback and a 30% payback.

Motion failed 7 to 8.

Motion: That the Red Snapper Accountability Measures Framework Action be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and deem the codified text as modified in discussion as necessary and appropriate.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Motion: To request that staff develop an amendment or framework action to update our MSST for stocks with low natural mortality rates and that they bring to us a set of alternatives patterned after the Snapper/Grouper Amendment 21.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Amendment 40 – Recreational Red Snapper Sector Separation

Motion: To move Actions 2.2 and 2.3 to considered but rejected section.

Action 2.2 – Headboat allocation adjustment to the baseline allocation under a voluntary federal for-hire component.

Action 2.3 – Charter vessel allocation adjustment to the baseline allocation under a voluntary for-hire component.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To adjust the allocations in Action 2.1 based on catches prior to 30B calculated on a per vessel basis, and then adjust overall allocation based on the current number of vessels currently in the fishery.

Motion failed 8 to 9

Motion: In Action 2.1, to add a new Alternative 10 that would be based on catches prior to 30B, calculated on a per vessel basis, and then adjust overall allocation based on the number of vessels currently in the fishery for the time series 2006-2013.

Motion withdrawn

Motion: In Action 2.1, the new preferred alternative be Alternative 6.

Alternative 6: Allocate the recreational red snapper quota and ACT based on average landings between 2006 and 2013 (2010 excluded). Resulting federal for-hire and private angling allocations would be 37.8% and 62.2%, respectively.

Motion failed by a tie vote, 8 to 8

Substitute Motion: That all preferred alternatives in Amendment 40 be ratified.

Substitute Motion failed by a tie vote, 8 to 8

Motion: In Action 2.1, that the new preferred alternative be Alternative 7.

Alternative 7: Allocate the recreational red snapper quota and ACT based on 50% of the average percentages landed by each component between 1986 and 2013 (2010 excluded) and 50% of the average percentages landed by each component between 2006 and 2013 (2010 excluded). Resulting federal for-hire and private angling allocations would be 44.0% and 56.0%, respectively.

Motion carried with no opposition

Motion: To add an action to Amendment 40 for a sunset provision, similar to Amendment 39.

Motion failed 7 to 9

Red Grouper Bag Limit and Accountability Measures Framework Action

Motion: To add a new alternative to Action 2 to remove the red grouper recreational bag limit reduction from federal regulations.

Motion carried with no opposition

Substitute motion: To move Action 2 to the considered but rejected section.

Substitute Motion withdrawn

South Florida Regional Management Issues

Motion: To disband the Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Steering Committee.

Motion carried with no opposition

Motion: To send a letter in support of the FWC moving forward to conduct a stock assessment on Goliath grouper.

Motion carried with no opposition

IFQ Updates

Motion: To develop a scoping document for Amendment 36 containing the items reviewed by the committee, excluding auction considerations.

Motion carried with no opposition

Other Business

Motion: To direct staff to begin a list of recommendations on the Ad Hoc Private Recreational Data Collection Advisory Panel report that consider alternative management approaches for the private recreational sector that could increase stability, flexibility, and accountability.

Substitute Motion: To postpone discussion of the recommendations list from Council staff until the October 2014 Council meeting.

Substitute Motion carried 13 to 3

Shrimp

Shrimp Amendment 15

Motion: To accept the motions in Tab D – Shrimp Committee Report as written giving staff editorial license to make the changes as noted.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Other Council Motions

Motion: To nominate Kevin Anson as Chairman

Motion carried by acclamation.

Motion: To nominate the following as Vice Chair:

Roy Williams
Pamella Dana

Roy Williams selected by secret ballot.