

**Gulf Council Motions Report
January 25-28, 2016
Orange Beach, AL**

ADMINISTRATIVE/BUDGET

Review of Ad Hoc APs

Motion: To disband the Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate AP.
Motion passed with no opposition.

MACKEREL

Public Hearing Draft for CMP Amendment 26: Changes in Allocations, Stock Boundaries and Sale Provisions for Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Migratory Groups of King Mackerel

Motion: In Action 2-1, to make Alternative 2 the Preferred Alternative.

Alternative 2: Revise the ABC for Atlantic king mackerel for 2016/17 through 2019/20 based on the ABC levels recommended by the SSC for ABC under a high recruitment scenario. **(Gulf and South Atlantic CMP AP Recommended)**

Motion passed with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 2-2, to make Alternative 3 the Preferred Alternative.

Alternative 3: Establish $ACL = OY = \text{Deterministic equilibrium yield at } F_{30\%SPR} = 12.7$ mp for fishing years 2016/17 through 2019/20.

Motion passed with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 2-2, to move Alternative 6 to the considered but rejected appendix.

Alternative 6: Establish $ACL = OY = 80\%$ ABC based on the ABC levels selected under Action 2-1.

Motion passed with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 3, to make Alternative 3 the Preferred Alternative.

Alternative 3: Allow retention and sale of Atlantic king mackerel caught with gillnet as incidental catch in the gillnet portion of the commercial shark fishery for any vessel with a valid shark directed commercial permit AND valid federal king mackerel commercial permit. The king mackerel must be sold to a dealer with the Southeast federal dealer permit. For shark gillnet trips in the Southern Zone, no more than 2 king mackerel per crew member can be on board, and no more than 2 king mackerel per crew member can be sold from the trip. For shark gillnet trips in the Northern Zone, no more than 3 king mackerel per crew member can be on board, and no more than 3 king mackerel per crew member can be sold from the trip.

Motion passed with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 4, to make Alternative 1 the Preferred Alternative.

Alternative 1 (No Action). The commercial fishing year for Atlantic king mackerel is March 1 – February 28. The Southern Zone quota is allocated for the entire fishing year.
Motion passed with no opposition.

Motion: To accept the modifications to the language in Action 5 as proposed by the South Atlantic council and the IPT.

Motion passed with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 7, to make Alternative 4 the Preferred Alternative.

Alternative 4: Revise the commercial zone quotas for Gulf migratory group king mackerel as follows: 40% for the Western Zone; 18% for the Northern Zone; 21% for the Southern Zone Handline component; and 21% for the Southern Zone Gillnet component.
Motion passed with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 8, to make Alternative 1 the Preferred Alternative.

Alternative 1: No action – Maintain the current recreational and commercial allocations for Gulf migratory group king mackerel (68% recreational, 32% commercial).
Motion passed 12 to 3.

Motion: In Action 9, to change the Preferred Alternative to Alternative 2.

Alternative 2: Increase the bag limit to three fish per person per day.
Motion passed with no opposition.

Other Business

Motion: To recommend that the Council remove the prohibition on retaining the recreational king mackerel bag limit on a vessel with a commercial king mackerel permit or a dually permitted charter vessel, when the king mackerel commercial season is closed, but while the king mackerel recreational season is open.

Motion passed 15 to 1.

DATA COLLECTION

Final Action – Generic Electronic Charter Vessel Reporting Amendment

Motion: To convene the Technical Committee to work in concert with SEFSC and SERO to weigh various devices and platforms capable of fulfilling these requirements and review of the white paper from NOAA Fisheries and report back to the Council.

Substitute Motion: To convene the Technical Committee to work in concert with SEFSC and SERO to weigh various programs, devices, and platforms capable of fulfilling these requirements and report back to the Council at the April 2016 meeting.

Motion withdrawn.

Substitute Motion: To request that SEFSC prepare an analysis, in the form of a flowchart, for alternatives for reporting in the federally permitted for-hire sector for the Council to review at its April 2016 meeting.

Motion passed with one opposed.

SHRIMP

Final Action – Amendment Shrimp 17A- Addressing the Expiration of the Permit Moratorium

Motion: In Action 2, to make Alternative 1 the preferred alternative.

Alternative 1: No Action. Continue to require a royal red shrimp endorsement to the federal Gulf shrimp vessel permit to harvest royal red shrimp from the Gulf EEZ.

Endorsements are open access for entities with a federal Gulf shrimp vessel permit.

Motion passed with no opposition.

Motion: To approve Shrimp Amendment 17A and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate, giving staff editorial license to make the necessary changes in the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.

Motion passed by roll call vote with no opposition.

Dr. Stunz – Yes
Mr. Matens – Yes
Mr. Williams – Yes
Mr. Swindell – Yes
Mr. Fischer – Yes
Dr. Crabtree – Yes

Dr. Lucas – Yes
Mr. Boyd – Yes
Mr. Walker – Yes
Mr. Greene – Yes
Mr. Diaz – Yes
Ms. Bosarge – Yes

Mr. Riechers – Yes
Mr. Sanchez – Yes
Dr. Dana – Yes
Ms. Bademan – Yes
Mr. Anson – Yes

REEF FISH

Draft Amendment 43 – Hogfish

Motion: In Action 1, make Alternative 2 the preferred alternative.

Alternative 2: South of Cape Sable. The hogfish management unit in the Reef Fish FMP is defined as the west Florida shelf (or Gulf of Mexico) stock of hogfish. The geographical range of this unit is all waters of the Gulf of Mexico north of a line extending west from **25° 09' north latitude** to the outer boundary of the EEZ and northward and westward throughout the rest of the Gulf of Mexico.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 2, to select Alternative 3 as the Preferred Alternative.

Alternative 3: MSY = equilibrium yield at $F_{30\% SPR}$

MFMT = $F_{30\% SPR}$

MSST =

Option 3a: $(1-M)*SSB_{30\% SPR}$, where $M = 0.179$

Option 3b: $0.75*SSB_{30\% SPR}$

Option 3c: $0.50*SSB_{30\% SPR}$

Motion carried with no opposition.

Draft Framework Action – Modify Gear Restrictions for Yellowtail Snapper

Motion: To add Action 2 to the document as recommended by staff.

Action 2. Modify the Fishing Year for Gulf Yellowtail Snapper

Alternative 1 (No Action). Do not modify the fishing year for yellowtail snapper. The fishing year (commercial and recreational) is the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.

Alternative 2: Modify the fishing year for the commercial sector for yellowtail snapper:

Option a: June 1 through May 30

Option b: July 1 through June 30

Option c: August 1 through July 31 (South Atlantic Council Adopted)

Option d: September 1 to August 31

Alternative 3: Modify fishing year for the recreational sector for yellowtail snapper:

Option a: June 1 through May 30

Option b: July 1 through June 30

Option c: August 1 through July 31 (South Atlantic Council Adopted)

Option d: September 1 to August 31

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 2, to select Alternative 2, Option c as the Preferred Alternative.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 2, to select Alternative 3, Option c as the Preferred Alternative.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Discussion of Amendment 36 – Red Snapper IFQ Modifications

Motion: To divide Amendment 36 into two Amendments, 36A and 36B. Put the following items in Amendment 36A:

- Enforcement of all commercial reef fish trips
- Inactive accounts
- Withhold IFQ allocation before a quota reduction

- This amendment may apply to both the red snapper and grouper/tilefish IFQ
- Motion carried 13 to 2.

Final Action – Amendment 39 – Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper

Motion: In Action 2, to make Alternative 2 the Preferred Alternative.

Alternative 2: **Extend** the separate management of federal for-hire and private angling components of the recreational sector. This amendment would **apply to the private angling component**, only. The private angling component would be managed by each region under regional ACLs based on the allocation selected in Action 6.

Substitute Motion: To postpone discussion of Amendment 39 indefinitely.

Motion passed 9 to 8 by roll call vote.

Ms. Bosarge – No	Mr. Greene – No	Mr. Swindell – No
Mr. Boyd – Yes	Mr. Matens – Yes	Mr. Walker – No
Mr. Diaz – No	Dr. Lucas – Yes	Ms. Bademan – Yes
Dr. Crabtree – No	Mr. Fischer – Yes	Mr. Williams – No
Dr. Dana – Yes	Mr. Riechers – Yes	Mr. Anson – Yes
Dr. Stunz – Yes	Mr. Sanchez – No	

Second Substitute Motion: To postpone discussion of Amendment 39 until the Council approves an amendment to modify or remove the sunset provision for Sector Separation.
Motion withdrawn.

Second Substitute Motion: In Action 1, to make Alternative 1 the Preferred Alternative.

Alternative 1: No Action – Retain current federal regulations for management of recreational red snapper in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf).

Motion failed 13 to 4 by roll call vote.

Dr. Dana – Yes	Dr. Crabtree – No	Mr. Riechers - No
Ms. Bosarge – No	Mr. Boyd – No	Mr. Sanchez – Yes
Dr. Lucas – No	Mr. Matens – No	Dr. Stunz – No
Mr. Fischer – No	Mr. Walker – Yes	Mr. Diaz – No
Mr. Williams – No	Mr. Greene – Yes	Mr. Anson – No
Mr. Swindell – No	Ms. Bademan – No	

Draft Amendment 42 – Federal Reef Fish Headboat Management

Motion: In Action A2, add Alternatives 3, 4, and 6 as Preferreds.

Alternative 3. Include gray triggerfish in the management program.

Alternative 4. Include greater amberjack in the management program.

Alternative 6. Include red grouper in the management program.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Amendment 42 under Action A1, move Alternative 3 to Considered but Rejected.
Alternative 3. Manage the reef species included in the headboat management program by establishing a recreational fishing cooperative program (Section C).
Motion carried 12 to 4.

Other Business

Motion: To direct staff to prepare an amendment to extend or eliminate the sunset on sector separation created by Amendment 40.
Motion carried 11 to 6 by roll call vote.

Mr. Williams – Yes	Mr. Riechers – No	Dr. Crabtree – Yes
Ms. Bademan – Yes	Dr. Lucas – No	Mr. Diaz – Yes
Mr. Walker – Yes	Mr. Matens – No	Dr. Dana – Yes
Mr. Swindell – Yes	Mr. Greene – Yes	Ms. Bosarge – Yes
Mr. Sanchez – Yes	Dr. Stunz – No	Mr. Anson – Yes
Mr. Fischer – No	Mr. Boyd – No	

Motion: That staff begin a framework action to adjust the red grouper ACL.
Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To start the development of an action to develop a mechanism to allow the red snapper season to reopen in the event that the ACL is not exceeded during the initial season.
Motion carried with no opposition.