

**Reef Fish Advisory Panel  
Scope of Work  
October 2, 2019  
Tampa, FL – Council Office**

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**Agenda Item III:** Approval of Minutes

**Action:** Review, modify (if necessary), and approve minutes

**Committee input and next steps:** The AP will review, modify if necessary, and approve the minutes from the May 9, 2019 Reef Fish AP webinar.

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**Agenda Item V:** Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

**Action:** Election

**Committee input and next steps:** The AP will democratically select from its membership a chair and vice chair to lead AP discussions and represent the AP as appropriate. These terms are for two years.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Presentation of SEDAR 61: Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper Stock Assessment

**Action:** Discussion and recommendations

**Committee input and next steps:** The AP will review presentations of the model, results, and projections for the SEDAR 61 stock assessment of Gulf red grouper, and will review Gulf SSC deliberations on the assessment. The AP will also review the SSC's stock status determination and recommended values for the overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC). The AP should provide feedback to the Council about the assessment and the recommended catch levels, and about the severity of the 2018 West Florida red tide episodic mortality event.

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**Agenda item VII:** Discussion of SEDAR 61 Executive Summary

**Action:** Discussion and recommendations

**Committee input and next steps:** The AP will review the draft Stock Assessment Executive Summary for Gulf red grouper, and will provide recommendations on modifications as appropriate. This summary is intended to serve as an easy-to-digest method of communicating the data, methods, and results of the stock assessment for the vast majority of interested readers. SEFSC and Council staff will make continual modifications to the summary with successive assessments until a general format is established.

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**Agenda item VIII:** Presentation of SEDAR 49 Update: Gulf of Mexico Lane Snapper Itarget Assessment

**Action:** Discussion and recommendations

**Committee input and next steps:** The AP will review presentations of the model, results, and projections for the Itarget model and projections for Gulf lane snapper, and will review Gulf SSC deliberations on the assessment. The AP will also review the SSC's recommended values for the OFL and ABC. The AP should provide feedback to the Council about the assessment and the recommended catch levels.

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**Agenda item IX:** Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Expansion: Sanctuary Plan and Comments

**Action:** Discussion and recommendations

**Committee input and next steps:** Staff representatives from the FKNMS will present the proposed alternatives for the Sanctuary expansion. The AP should ask questions and discuss the FKNMS proposal. The body should determine the best way to provide feedback to the Council, such as providing specific recommendations on the proposed fishing regulations in the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's jurisdiction.

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**Agenda item X:** Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Expansion Update

**Action:** Information

**Committee Input and Next Steps:** Mr. Schmahl will present a status update from the proposed expansion of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

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**Agenda item XI:** Update on Progress of Coral Amendment 9

**Action:** Information

**Committee Input and Next Steps:** Dr. Mendez-Ferrer will provide an update on the implementation status of Coral Amendment 9.

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**Agenda Item XII:** Draft Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Recreational Management Measures

**Action:** Discussion and recommendations

**Committee Input and Next Steps:** The goal of the draft framework is to consider modifications to the Gulf greater amberjack recreational management measures that will optimize recreational fishing opportunities throughout the Gulf while constraining harvest to the management target. Management measure being considered in the framework are delineation of management zones, reducing the daily bag and possession limits for multi-day trips, modifying the fishing year, and modifying the fixed closed season. The AP should review the document and provide input on the draft action alternatives.

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**Agenda Item XIII:** Status Update for Draft Amendment 52: Reallocation of Red Snapper

**Action:** Information

**Committee Input and Next Steps:** The AP will be provided with an update on the status of draft Amendment 52 and will have an opportunity to ask questions.

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**Agenda Item XIV:** Draft Amendment 36B: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs and Presentation

**Action:** Information and discussion

**Committee Input and Next Steps:** The AP will receive an update on Amendment 36, including the completed Amendment 36A and the actions in Amendments 36B and 36C, which are under development. The AP should discuss the actions in Amendment 36B.

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**Agenda Item XV:** Draft Framework Action to Modify Multi-day Possession Limits for For-hire Vessels

**Action:** Discussion and recommendations

**Committee input and next steps:** The AP will review the generic framework action to modify the multi-day possession limits for for-hire vessels on trips in excess of 24 hours in duration. The AP should consider the data presented and the Council's preferred alternative, which presently is to allow possession of the second daily bag limit at any point on federal for-hire trips in excess of 30 hours in duration.

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**Agenda Item XVI:** Potential modifications to harvest restrictions in the Steamboat Lumps and Madison Swanson MPAs

**Action:** Discussion and recommendations

**Committee Input and Next Steps:** Captain Ed Walker will discuss the harvest restrictions applicable to the Madison Swanson and Steamboat Lumps MPAs in the eastern Gulf, and will propose modifications to those harvest restrictions, including the removal of the rule allowing trolling in the MPAs.

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**Agenda Item XVII:** Other Business

**Action:** Discussion

**Committee Input and Next Steps:** Additional items may be brought up for discussion by AP members, time permitting. If the AP wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Reef Fish AP meeting.