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| 8/17/2012 6:16:33 | Joseph Nash | captjoenash@gmail.com | <p>I am a charter boat owner/operator out of orange beach, al for the past 24 years, numbers on my vessel do not lie I fished as many as 207 days in one year and as few as 105 the lower numbers are now. We need something done to preserve the charter for hire industry and keep the fleet profitable, The Red Snapper issue is such a waste these fish are now considered TRASH FISH becuae they are absolutly good for nothing 10 and a half months a year. When we take people out for catch and release the comments are always the same "i want to come back during snapper season" well we really just need more days to harvest some of these trash fish. Then when we are out fishing during closure it counts against us becuae a percentage of these trash fish do not live after release. The success of the rebuilding the red snapper stocks is a double edge sword. We try our best to stay away from these fish but they are everywhere now even 300-400 ft of water. Please do something, these fish are to plentiful and allot bigger now then ever, if we do not harvest them correctly Mother Nature will take care of it for us, its our job to be the best stewards of our resources lets do it.</p> <p>The triggerfish issue , do not let the same thing happen here micro managing the gulf has side effects.</p> <p>I am for sector seperation and option #7 for red snapper reallcation. thank you for your time, just aggrivated with all the time that passes between decisions, we do not need a pilot program we need something solid in affect soon.</p> | Gulf Shores, Al 36542 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/17/2012 18:31:37 | Capt. Chad Haggert | doubleeagledsf@aol.com | <p>I am vice president of a family owned headboat business that has operated out of Clearwater Beach for over 40 yeas. I am in favor of moving forward with this amendment. I will not bore you with the same comments that you have heard so many times before. I believe the council should continue with the scoping process. No one really knows the true identity of sector separation or what it will mean to the for hire fleet or the private recs. We all know that nothing can be moved forward without a referendum and vote from all stake holders. You have heard some comment on their disbelief that the council would even consider moving forward with this amendment. Well, I am in disbelief that all involved would not want to hear every option in this amendment. The federally permitted vessels in the Gulf need to hear ALL the options that this idea would bring and then make their decisions. It is clear to see what the current management system is doing to the fleet. I ask the council to continue forward with this amendment and finally bring all details to light. There is entirely to much MISINFORMATION circulating on this issue.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Capt. Chad Haggert, VP Double Eagle Deep Sea Fishing</p> | Clearwater Beach, FL 33767 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/18/2012 2:50:08 | Captain Henry Hauch | Captain_Henry@ACME-Ventures-Fishing.com | Please make certain that ALL of the comments submitted on AD 39, of which there are seemingly thousands, are included in the decision on this attempt to merge the issue of allocations with the highly unfavorable Sector Separation Scheme. With the overwhelming opposition to sector separation as evidenced on your own comment pages, the "options" should reflect the 'Will of the People'. This merging of the 2 separate issues seems designed to make the allocation issue soften the idea of dividing the recreational community, but this still remains a separate issue. To remain credible, the Gulf Council must start listening to the will of its stakeholders, and not the small minority, but the overwhelming majority! Its clear what they want, and that is no separating of the allocations in the recreational sector. As such its encouraged that any allocation options reflect proportionatly the sentiment expressed in you comments on AD 39, with some 98% opposing the sector separation scheme. Mr Crabtree's suggestion to rebrand the joined admendments seems designed to "Muddy the Issue" by calling it "Sector Definition and Accocations". Call it what you want, but it still smells as bad, and by resorting to the political methodology of merging unfavorable plans with legitimate issues such as allocations from com to rec, it makes it only seem more likely that the stakeholders are yet going to be ignored and have something that most are opposed to, does not address the root problems in our fishery management, and makes a few people rich at the expence of the majority! Yes that sounds very much like catch shares, and that is the ultimate goal of thes very groups pushing Sector Separation, as evidenced in their own documents. Please ensure the will of the people is reflected in a proportional balance when considering any options to include sector separation in the real issue of sector allocation. Its not even a close arguement. With no statistics on how Sector Separation with help the extreme and "High Level of Uncertainty" that exist in the fishery management of the recreational sector, it begs to fix that huge problem FIRST, before trying some "New and Novel" management scfHEME. In most cases, the restricted access to the fisheries has little to do with a lack of fish, but rather a lack of reliable science based data. With the numbers of recreational participants in the federal fisheries overestimated by 350 to 400%, the gross overestimation of landings follows, followed by ACL's set incloorctly, and followed by unnecessarily short seasons. No Separation of the Recreational Sector without the majority support of the recreational community, and not without reliable, accurate, complete and current science based data first! | | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/18/2012 10:17:43 | paul loughridge | paul.loughridge@yahoo.com | Why would the council consider allocating more of the red and gag grouper to the rec sector when we have no idea how many trips the rec sector makes, how many fishermen fish offshore, or most importantly what they are catching? the commercial sector has vms, observer data, logbook data, yet we will suffer because of economic data stating the rec sector is more valuable? It seems irresponsible to allocate more to a sector that continues to be guesswork at best. Best available science on rec sector data is flawed, we all know that. Why not try and get a clue before discussing re-allocation? | crystal river fla 34428 | Commercial Fisher |
| 8/18/2012 10:55:06 | Erika Pettite | epettite@yahoo.com | I am a supporter for all Anglers - Commercial, Industrial, Charters/Headboat For-Hire, and to all civilians who fish from their boats, kayaks, freedivers, shore, etc. This amendment must be be clear in understanding from all! Keep America Fishing! | Anaheim, CA 92805 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |

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| 8/19/2012 6:56:21 | Capt Tom Adams | 4tomadams@gmail.com | <p>Why is the council changing names and merging commercial and recreational allocation options with recreational sector separation especially just days before the meeting? It makes it look like something underhanded is going on. Is there? What happened to amendment 39. It was standing alone as s completely separate issue.; which it is and should be.</p> | PORT ST JOE, fl 32456 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, NGO |
| 8/19/2012 7:40:17 | Capt. Thomas J. Hilton | hilton@rt-nav.com | <p>Sector allocation is a SECONDARY tweak to the PRIMARY framework of sectors. Combining sector allocation and sector separation is simply a sleight of hand in an attempt to give legitimacy to sector separation by acting as if it has been already scoped and vetted - it has not.</p> <p>Classic case of the tail wagging the dog.</p> <p>Sector Separation is the "bigger" issue that should be decided upon FIRST, before looking at the details of what allocation %'s are doled out to which sector.</p> <p>Each issue should go to scoping on its own merits, or lack thereof.</p> <p>A GREAT example of how this is the WRONG approach is this; If the vote of the Council goes to stay with the status quo relative to a recreational/commercial split, I do not believe Sector Separation will go away. It has to be presented (and defeated) on its own terms.</p> <p>In case you haven't seen the results of the scoping comments on sector separation, I would recommend that you go through and read what the People are saying about this concept and the Council itself for letting this get THIS far. The tally, last time I looked was that there have been 3,350 responses.</p> <p>3,271 against 79 for Sector Separation.</p> <p>This amounts to 2.4% of the recreational angling community [For] and 97.6% [Against] Sector Separation.</p> <p>If the Council ignores this obvious mandate to cease and desist on this matter, then it will confirm that the entire scoping process is a sham.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Capt. Thomas J. Hilton</p> | Arcola, Texas 77583 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |

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| 8/23/2012 13:30:12 | jeff gerrans | captjeffg@gmail.com | <p>As a lifelong recreational angler I am for and I support something different for all the "other" recreational anglers who do not own boats and rely on a for hire charter service.</p> <p>In my opinion there are two types of recreational anglers. Those that own boats or have friends that own boats. These people live on or near the coast.</p> <p>Then there are those that travel to the Gulf Coast from all over the country to sample the offshore waters of the Gulf of Mexico.</p> <p>These folks have a very small window to catch red snapper and due to weather sometimes that window is even smaller. No one in the for hire industry is out to steel anyones fish. We are simply asking for less fish than we are given in the current system but let us pick our days.</p> <p>You folks in Texas complaining about having a 40 day season are possible hypocrites because MANY of you exercise the 365 day state water season. And on top of that many of you keep state limits even during the federal season. I know I see it ALL THE TIME.</p> | cypress, texas 77429 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/23/2012 13:57:21 | Mark Bryant | gatorden@tampabay.rr.com | <p>As a recreational angler I am for sector seperation if , by the charter for hire boats using vms"s it will help gather better data collection, stock assessment and real management as we all seem to want.</p> <p>As a charter for hire capt. I am for sector seperation if it will allow me to provide for my family. We are guiding recreational anglers BUT are held accountable to a stricter standard because of the federal permits we have .</p> <p>So in the past our customers have not been able to keep the fish they cought because the season was closed to c.f.h but not recreational anglers without fed. permets.</p> <p>I do not begrudge any person on this site from making a living , I hope you feel the same , thats all I am trying to do.</p> | safety harbor f. 34695 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/26/2012 11:04:51 | Ed Walker | Info@lighttacklecharters.com | <p>I am a federal charter permit holder and full time Florida fisherman. Myself and the majority of Gulf charter industry, DO NOT WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM THE RECREATIONAL FISHERY!</p> <p>I am not sure why NOAA and the Council persist in allocation resources and furthering discussion of sector separation, despite overwhelming public input from both the recreational community and charter fleet as a whole asking that it be removed/eliminated. Please consider this yet another request of you to stop trying to push sector separation on Gulf fishermen who want nothing to do with it.</p> | Holiday, FI 34691 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 9/9/2012 20:32:29 | noah samuel smelcer | noahknowfishin@gmail.com | <p>THEY ARE MY RED SNAPPER AND I WANT THEM NOW, AND BELIEVE IM SPEAKING FOR THE CHARTER INDUSTRY OF ORANGE BEACH, FORT MORGAN AND DOLPHAN ISLAND. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS TAKING OUR LIVING AWAY FROM US. FOOD FROM MY CHILDS MOUTH BECAUSE ENVIRONMENTALISTS THINKS THERE ARE A SHORTAGE OF RED SNAPPER. I WILL TAKE ANYBODY WHO CAN HELP DO AWAY WITH THIS UNFAIR REGULATION SEASON FISHING TO SHOW THERE IS NO SHORTAGE AND WILL DO IT FREE OF CHARGE.THERE ARE TOO MANY RED SNAPPER!!!</p> | gulf shores, al 36542 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 9/20/2012 11:24:11 | Jeff Carter | jeffercarter@gmail.com | <p>The gulf council should be charged with negligence in regard to adding 6 additional days to the snapper season this year with insufficient data which allowed the quota to be exceeded by more than 800,000lbs. NO SECTOR SEPARATION.</p> | Mobile, AL 36695 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 10/10/2012 5:07:16 | Robin Buckley Jr | robbuckley@embarqmail.com | The gag season ending on the 31st of October puts inshore and close to shore fisherman at a real disadvantage for us in the southern part of the Gulf. The gags start to get close to shore as the water cools starting about October. For those of us who can't run 20 plus miles or more because of equipment or fuel prices that leave us 30 days to fish for and keep gag grouper. this wasn't a problem until the state started mirroring federal law. I think there should be different zones or inshore rules that reflect the differences in the gulf. | Naples FL 34112 | <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Angler |

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| 6/6/2012 20:56:03 | James D. Radel jr | reeldealsporting@live.com | I'm a captain for a 6pack Charter/For-Hire in Clearwater Beach Fl. I support this amendment. | dunedin Fl. 34698 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/12/2012 8:25:28 | Brian Wyatt | brianw@stic.net | Sector separation is a Fiasco waiting to happen. There is NO need for this. What we need is Regional separation into zones, such as Texas Waters, Louisiana waters, Alabama waters and Florida waters and all Recs combined as one. As they are now. We Cannot even get a Line down fishing Texas waters without being Smashed by Snapper. Triggers are Plentiful in State waters but lack in Federal waters due to the Explosion in Snapper Populations. We need real Math. We need limits designed for different Regions, not limits and dates for different fishermen. Go fishing with me just once and I can show you Federal waters off the Texas is Booming with Snapper. | Port Mansfield Tx, 78598 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/12/2012 9:41:50 | Charles Domson | cldomson@hotmail.com | This is totally absurd. If you want to give the charter and headboats allocation, I believe it should be from the commercial side of the pie. The private recreational fisherman has born the brunt of these regulations, while our funds stimulate the Florida economy the most of any sector. Please don't take more allocation away from the private individual sector. Charles Domson MD | Palm Harbor, FL 34683 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/14/2012 16:57:21 | Chip Blackburn | mexicobeach.bz@mchsi.com | I can't tell the Council exactly how furious I am over the issue of Sector Separation. As a charter fisherman with federal permits and almost thirty years in the business this blatant attempt at "divide and conquer" is the disgusting. I as are all my customers totally opposed to sector separation and catch shares. | Mexico Beach, FL 32410 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Other |
| 6/14/2012 17:14:09 | Ronald Wray | rebecca_ronnie@bellsouth.net | I have fished the gulf for over 30 years and the for-hire and rec's like me need to stay as one. Both go out to fish and show guests a good time and at the end of the day both have some fresh fish for dinner. The fish in the gulf should be a right to all that pay taxes both the for-hire guys and the rec's guys like me. | 31763 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/14/2012 17:46:52 | Captain Henry Hauch | Captain_Henry@ACME Ventures Fishing.com | <p>Hello, Although I primarily fish the South Atlantic region, I do occasionally fish the GOM, from the Panama City area. The subject of Sector Separation is certainly something Most recreational fishermen, CFH and Private are very concerned about. Its not even a hidden agenda that this measure is being promoted by rge same group pushing the Catch Share push into the recreational side. The overwhelming objection to both Sector Separation, and Catch Shares is obvious to all that do not have a pre-determined agenda.</p> <p>As such I add my voice to the majority that are firmly opposed to the seperating of the allowable harvest within the recreational sector in the GOM. With the many problems that continue to exist in these fisheries, such as the near complete lack or real world recreational fishery data, including an actual number of participants in the recreational federal fishery, the number of recreational fish caught, and the accurate, current and reliable biomass numbers for ALL of the fish, yes even the great abundance that are found in the thousands of artifical structures lining the GOM's coastal area's., yes with these problems continuing, adding a "New and Novel" management scheme is pointless and truely counter-productive.</p> <p>There is really no point to Sector Separation without reliable data FIRST! The group pushing the Sector Separation represents a VERY SMALL percentage of the fishing community, and how these few were allowed to get this subject this far is in itself quite troubling. Especially when you consider the hundreds of millions being spent by the NMFS of Catch Shares, that these same groups are promoting and seeking, at a time when Eric Schwaab tried to explain the the reason that 75% of NOAA managed stocks have no science based data, is that they are costly, and the budget is in short supply, well this shows the troubling path being taken despite a clear majority opposing the agenda.</p> <p>Until Reliable Science that is Current, Accurate, Complete and reliable is managing our fisheries, then no management scheme should even be considered. Sector Separation does not accomplish this, and like Catch Shares the added financial burden has only further diminished the ability to properly fund what is needed most! The great distrust earned by the NMFS from a majority of fishermen needs fixed before the damage becomes unreconcilible. This scheme to seperate the recreational sector is very transparent, and it even being on this agenda is further creating a true sense of abandonment by the NMFS of the majority of fishery stakeholders. Precident has repeatedly been set within the NMFS of the clear desire of the majority being ignored, and this seems like a continuing trend in this situation.</p> <p>As stated I primarily fish the South Atlantic, but do occationally fish the GOM, and certainly do not want to see the destructive path that is sure to follow this scheme. Also What happens in the Gulf will likely set a pattern that will in time be seen in the South Atlantic, and though the Overwhelming Majority loathe the idea of Sector Separation and catch Shares, we have seen it manipulated and slid in despite a majority opposition (such as the Gulf IFQ, and New England example of a 'Pilot' converted to a full program without a referendum).</p> <p>Bottom line....We don;t want Sector Separation, and we do not feel it even deserves a spot on the agenda to discuss, let alone being moved forward in any manner.</p> | Mims Florida 32754 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 6/14/2012 18:28:24 | Chris Beck | Chrisjessicabeck@windstream. | <p>You must not attempt sector separation. We are all recreational anglers wether we fish on a charter vessel our own.</p> <p>Sector separation will not benefit the fishery. This is just another step toward catch shares. Why should our public resources be used for the betterment of one sector over another?</p> <p>NOAA's own economic studies show that for the period 2009 to 2032, private boat recreational anglers will contribute \$9.1 billion of the value in the Gulf of Mexico shrimp and reef fish fisheries, followed by the commercial shrimp fishery at \$1.6 billion, and the recreational for-hire fishery at just \$0.83 billion.</p> <p>If you really want whats best for the fishery, quit messing with this foolishness and put some effort into better resource assessments.</p> <p>The fishery is a public resource and should not be turned into a privately owned and traded commodity.</p> | Milledgeville, GA 31061 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/15/2012 4:25:49 | Thomas Hayden | Tom.Hayden@egs-us.com | <p>This has gone far enough. Please listen to the will of the people, and do what is asked of you. Anybody who has fished this 30 DAY SEASON can tell you that Red Snapper Populations are as healthy as they have EVER been in history.</p> <p>If you want to add more laws and more ammendments, you need to focus on actually performing stock assessments!!!!</p> <p>Grouper season closure, I'm fine with. Those stocks have gone down and are in need of protection to revitalize the species. But red snapper? Are you kidding me??</p> <p>I was always the person who told my friends that the Fisheries Management Council was doing the right thing to help the species, and once ARS came back they would drop the restrictions, but now I see that is obviously not your intent. With all due respect, every one of you should be ashamed of yourself</p> | Tallahassee, FL 32309 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/15/2012 4:26:31 | thomas e adams | 4tomadams@gmail.com | <p>I am against implementing any type of sector separation plan in the Gulf of Mexico I am against Catch Shares. I support fishery management that uses accurate, up to date scientific data.</p> | PORT ST JOE, FI 32456 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/15/2012 6:09:21 | John Wilson | john@jswcreative.com | <p>Recreational fishing is a much more lucrative use of our fishery than commercial fishing because it brings tourists to our State, they spend money when they fish.</p> <p>I propose you do a study on how much money is generated from one commercially sold fish, vs the money generated from the same fish being caught by a tourist flying into our State, renting a car, staying at a hotel, eating in restaurants, buying tackle, buying clothing, buying food and drinks, hiring a local guide, the amount of fuel bought buy the charter boat... if you break it down,,, you will find a fish caught by a recreational fisherman generates much more money than one sold in a fish market.</p> <p>Protect the fish, it's our future.</p> <p>Thanks, Capt. John Wilson</p> | Hernando Beach, FL 34607 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 6/15/2012 7:03:02 | Paul Rubin | Paulrubin@msn.com | I am against sector separation! | Port st. Joe | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/15/2012 8:29:30 | Jason Roth Hutcheson | cwdigger@bellsouth.net | My summers are spent on the water in the Gulf of Mexico with my family and friends fishing. It has been hard to stomach all the regulation changes that have come from the managers of this great resource that we have but I have bit my tounge and abided by these regultions and continued my passion in the Gulf with the hopes that these regulations will carry this great resource for future generations. With the newest idea on the agenda of sector seperation I can no longer sit by and bite my tounge. My life and money has been built around what we love to do in the Gulf of Mexico. I have a huge investment in this and can not understand how sector seperation will benefit the fishery, the local economy and anyone who enjoys fishing in the GOM. Please find other ways to manage our fishery without taking away my ability to fish and occasionally harvest food for the table. The regulations are already to the point that only a single species may be harvested on a trip but I continue to enjoy myself and understand that the end result is that we maintain this resource but I cant imagine not being able to do this after sector seperation. Thank you for consideration of this matter!! | Palmetto Ga 30268 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/15/2012 9:43:26 | Donald Lindsey | donald@servicemasterdothan.com | We do not want this catch share stuff. | Dothan,Al.36303 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/15/2012 9:59:20 | Jay H Prentice | jhpkms@gmail.com | Just as many states have "right to work"laws to protect workers from being forced to join and pay dues to a union, fishermen's right to fish needs to be preserved. Catch shares will eventually lead to a group of politically favored corporations controlling the bulk of our coastline, and effectively shutting out the smaller charter boats and recreational fishermen.Catch shares is a BAD IDEA. Management of the resource should be thru current and correct data,with all fishermen sharing the harvest and observing the limits and closures as deemed necessary | Mexico Beach FL 32410 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/15/2012 10:40:17 | Michael H. Colby | captmike50@hotmail.com | I am sorry I am unable to attend the Tampa meeting. Please accept my continued support for a sector split in the federal recreational fishery. | Clearwater, FL 33756 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/15/2012 10:40:59 | Ralph Allen | captain@kingfisherfleet.com | I believe that sector separation is a very, very bad idea for fish and fishermen. I see no benefits to any user group from sector separation, and no benefit to fish stocks. I believe that sector separation is being promoted by special interest groups that do not necessarily have the best interests of the fishery at heart. Please give this idea no further consideration. | Punta Gorda, FL, 33950 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/15/2012 13:44:49 | Chris West | chriswest820@att.net | As a recreational fisherman, I am adamantly opposed to sector separation and catch shares! | Smyrna, Ga. 30080 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/15/2012 13:52:44 | Capt. Mike Graef | capt.mike@cox.net | Subject Sector Separation: First and foremost I'm against sector separation for the for hire charter boats and recreational fishermen. I was at the presentation that Andy Stelcheck gave to the Destin Charter Boat Association. It was obvious there is no benefit from sector separation at this time. I also attended the sector separation work shop in Tampa and I'm still against Sector Separation since it is apparent that no one seems to be able to define what it would mean to seperate from the recreational side. Why don't you send a questionnaire to all of the federal permitted holders since we are the stake holders on this subject and let us decide this issue. NO SECTOR SEPARATION for this federally permitted boat owner. Thank you, Capt. Mike Graef Charter Boat Huntress | Destin, FI 32541 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 6/15/2012 14:04:06 | Eric Mahoney | Eric@flcharterfish.com | I have a charter business that's been in Clearwater Beach for over 50 years. I would like to pass this business off to my children. The way our management is going, that does not look possible. I am in FULL support of sector separation. The charter for hire sector needs its own fishery management plan. I support everything the Charter Fishermans ASSOCIATION is trying to do. I get very upset at the "against everything" crowd that try's to speak for there so called "majority". The majority is not the private offshore boat owner. On the west coast of Florida we often travel well over 40 miles to catch Red Snapper and over 20 to catch Grouper. We are talking about the Fedreal offshore fishery here. You need a offshore boat to fish these waters. Do you think the majority of rec fisherman own offshore boats??? Hell no!! Sector Seperation is a step towards providing more access to the MAJORITY of offshore anglers. The non boat owning public who uses charter and head boats for there access to the offshore fishery. | Largo fl 33770 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/15/2012 14:41:32 | Anthony Polizos | captaintony3@aol.com | I am against Sector Separation for charter boats and recreational. If you go ahead with this it will "separate" recreational and charterboats. Charterboats take recreational fisherpersons fishing. These people are recreational and not commercial. You put them into a "commercial" category and this is not so. Perhaps you as council member should fish with a guide and understand most of us are conservationists and not commercial fishermen. I support commercial fishing to a point but I do not believe I am a "commercial fisherman" and neither do my customers. | Everglades City, FL 34139 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/15/2012 16:36:07 | Bob Ernst | ernst66@windstream.net | I am adamently opposed to this idea. What right do you think you have to take this public commodity and put it on the chopping block so that we have to buy/ pay for a natural resource that you people think is yours to do w/ what ever you want. Elections come and you people as appointed positions will go. | Hull Ga 30646 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/15/2012 16:52:05 | Harold Bowling | frankandjeanie@gmail.com | I strongly oppose any effort toward sector separation. All the recreational sector should remain intact. | Panama City, FL 32408 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/15/2012 17:22:37 | Charles Guilford | charismacharters.com | I am a native N.W. Floridian that has fished the Gulf all my life and charter fished the past 37 years. Sector seperation and catch shares will make conservation of fish and the coastal economy much worse than it is today. The natural order of fisheries in the Gulf is in bad order due to fishing closures. Capt. Chuck Guilford Charisma Charters 850-227-5124 | Mexico Beach, FL 32410 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 6/15/2012 19:19:55 | John A. Lee | jtleefairpoint.net | I am 100% against SECTOR SEPERATION..... Capt. John Lee Big Time Charters | Port St. Joe, 32456 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/15/2012 19:20:22 | John A. Lee | jtleefairpoint.net | I am 100% against SECTOR SEPERATION..... Capt. John Lee Big Time Charters | Port St. Joe, 32456 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/16/2012 11:46:16 | Matthew Dillahunty | matthewdillahunty@gmail.com | I am against separating the recreational sector in sub-groups of any kind. Recreational fishermen are recreational fishermen, no matter how they get to the fish. Why should certain charter boat operators be allowed to retain fish that the private boat owners are not allowed to keep? This will be a disaster from the start, from allocation division between the proposed new sectors, to the allocation to individual boats/captains. This is not wanted by any recreational angler that I know. According to the current regulations, Charter boat captains and crew are not allowed to retain most reef fish when they have paying customers on board, now they are going to get an unknown percentage of those same fish to sell to their customers. Matt | St Petersburg, FL 33716 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/16/2012 19:22:00 | James Daniel Tankersley | ladyjcharters@gmail.com | Absolutely NOT for Sector Separation. | Port St. Joe, FL 32456 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 6/16/2012 19:23:29 | Jacob Leslie Tankersley | southernladycharters@gmail.com | Absolutely NOT for Sector Separation. It is First Class Discrimination. | Port St. Joe, FL 32456 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| | | | <p>The CHF is and should be a recreational sector because it is the licence buying, tax paying, public access guy who is keeping his share of the bounty, however granted it should have more than 80% of the TAC! Commercial fishermen have lived off our fish for too long! SOS is not for a recreational fishery, if a fishery is so depleted it has to come to this then commercial fishing should be stopped...period...and especially if it is also a recreational fishery! Too much government money is being spent to try to get everybody a little bit and no one is happy! Ban commercial fishing for Red Snapper and Amberjack to save the economy of the fishing communities...recreational fisheries take care of themselves without greed of profit!</p> <p>I feel that as a charter captain I'm a recreational liaison, not a commercial fisherman... I still can't believe the amount of trouble/money the government goes through to manage a depleting fish stock...it seems as simple as Red fish and Speckled Trout...as technology, fishing pressure, popularity of cuisine changed commercial fishing was eliminated to save the species and the larger economy of the communities...why is that an off limits discussion from our government for Red Snapper, Amberjack and Grouper... I'm sure there is a species, however I can't think of one off the top of my head that has been disrupted solely by recreational efforts, however I can think of many more that have made a significant come back due to the conservation nature and financial assistance of recreational anglers...it boils down to when you make money for fishing by any means (mass entrapment not Rod & Reel) to gather fish, no matter what restrictions are placed greed or the need to pay bills will make people do things that are illegal thus the down fall of the Red Snapper, Amberjack and Grouper... we had seen this happen in other fisheries to that are booming now after the any means available fishing (not single hook and single line) was banned...i.e. ...Speckled Trout and Red Drum...the commercial fisheries quotas were established years ago when the fishery was more viable, technology was different, the world was different...the demographics have now changed and so should the quotas to reflect a more sustained use of the fish stock going to the growing recreational sector and not the stagnant or receding commercial industry who are just becoming big companies and will get bigger with catch shares and only a few people enjoying the fruits of profit from the mass resource...even though I am not and Snapper/Grouper fisherman I'm not for IFQ's for single hook and line fisherman which included charter for hire which I already stated is basically only a liaison for the recreational fisherman so they can enjoy a little more of their sport ...I believe if we let IFQ's into our sector this type of government regulation will run rampant...therefore I'm trying to be proactive before it hits my fishery...I believe as the NRA one more regulation will lead two more and two more regulations will lead to 4 more and so on...recreational only fisheries are well managed for charter and private individuals and conservation within that group has excelled! They should stop wasting money on all the regulation meetings, data gathering for their own interpretation, politics and start putting that wasted money into reef building, stocking programs or whatever idea that actually help PRODUCE more fish!</p> | | |
| 6/16/2012 19:47:45 | Capt. Scott McCune | scott@fishntexas.com | | Rockport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 6/17/2012 12:00:01 | Joe Nash | captjoenash@gmail.com | I am in favor of days at sea in the sector separation, if they will give us 100% of the seasonal dstes, hear me out. i know there is weather days accounted for in the seasons, but we are busting our butts to do 2 half days every day we can so in esence we are taking twice the people, if we the same # of days and can go whenever we will be able to sell our longer trips and basically less people and less fish csught therefore the weather days would actually baccounted for | orange beach, al 36561 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/17/2012 12:37:56 | Eric J. Alexander | capterica@aol.com | This is a very confusing issue. I don't want to be held to a higher standard or different standard than all recreational anglers just because I hold a federal charter reefish permit. If sector separation doesn't burden me more with reporting etc. I think I'm in favor. We are surveyed constantly already! | Naples, FL, 34104 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/17/2012 20:04:50 | Robert Coffey | Upinthewater@comcast.net | no sector separation!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THIS IS ABSOLUTELY A FOOLISH IDEA, HAVEN'T WE DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE ALREADY BY MISMANAGING THE RESOURCES WE HAVE! | Panama City, FI 32405 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/18/2012 5:05:52 | Tom Hylton | Thylton@mac.com | I am captain and owner of Gypsy Charters, in Clearwater Florida. I support sector separation, since charter fishing is how I support my family. The average recreational boat owner goes back to work when he is not fishing--I do not. | Clearwater FI 33764 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/18/2012 9:19:01 | John Mark Watson | yelogrits@gmail.com | I am against Sector Separation and the headboat Days at Sea program. The fish guaranteed to the head boats / charter boats will come from the current allocation of the private recreational sector. What that means, is that once the federal government determines, however they do, since there is no reliable catch data, that recreational fishermen exceed their now even smaller species quota, they will not be able to fish for them on their own vessels. They must then hire a fishing guide or charter boat operator to take them fishing. All to harvest fish allocated previously allocated to them. This scheme adds nothing to the amount of fish available and is in no way a fisheries management tool leading to increasing fish stocks or populations. It simply redistributes the fish. What it accomplishes is vesting a small group (the concept is opposed by most charter fishermen) with a guaranteed harvest of fish. That harvest can then be traded (bought and sold) to other fishermen, essentially making a commodity of a public resource which will no longer be accessible to the general public, except of course if they want to purchase all a portion of that paper quota. It is a cap and trade scheme which benefits no one but those holding the rights to the fish; the small group of charter boat owners who fish under both recreational and commercial licensure. The federal government (NOAA Marine Fisheries) has failed, despite years of testimony by National Association of Charterboat Operators (NACO), Florida Guides Association, Coastal Conservation Association, Fishing Rights Alliance and every other state and national recreational fishing advocacy group to listen to our objections to this scheme and is moving ahead with this plan despite the hue and cry of the recreational fishermen of the nation. This is an attack by the federal government on recreational fishing and the ability and rights we all have to go out and catch a fish. | Pensacola, FL 32503 | Private Recreational Angler |
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| 6/18/2012 9:53:04 | jerry cummings | geraldcum@aol.com | I and every recreational fisherman I know are steadfastly against this. There are very few CFH and Head boats that are in favor of this separation. The Council needs to listen to the majority not the minority that stand to profit from this fiasco. If the Gulf Council is trying to enrage the recreational fisherman they are succeeding. | tampa fl. 33634 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 11:48:19 | Ricky Perkins | re bait1@gmail.com | How can you justify to give a public resource away to such a small minority of fisherman? I am talking about commerical and potentially the charter for hire industry. Please do not pass this further sector seperation. Try to get good data before making any more changes. | Chatom,Al,36518 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 12:20:49 | David Brian Lowery | dlsurvey25@hotmail.com | I believe any attempt to regulate and or limit someones rights to a natural resource is insane. I believe in creating cap and trade situation so that certain people are in a position to gain finacially and others have to pay for the right to catch a fish is the most insane idea ever. I am totally against this and anything like it. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 12:29:13 | Jonathan Wells | jonathan.mhi@gmail.com | I am a private citizen and own no motorized watercraft. However, I find it highly offensive that people like Captain Gary Jarvis attempt to speak for me. They speak on their own behalves for their own self-preservation. Charter boat captains should receive no special deference when it comes to the matter of law. There should never be any kind of separation between them and recreational fishermen. It lacks equity and fairness, and runs counter to the spirit of our founding fathers. Sector separation is a bad idea and should be DOA in committee. | Cantonment, FL 32533 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 12:39:32 | George Cook | hersheylover@cox.net | I believe it is unconscionable to even be considering the seperation of fishing groups. I am 100 % against sector seperation. | Shalimar FI 32579 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/18/2012 13:33:57 | Captain Henry Hauch | Captain_Henry@ACME-Ventures-Fishing.com | <p>This information has come to my attention highlighting the undue influence into this proposed admendment by an NGO, namely the Enviromental Defense Fund. Copies of this "Status Report" of their Catch Shares progress by EDF have been forwarded to Congressional Reps as well as various mainstream media outlets. Please consider the impecation of this information in your decision on this highly unwanted management scheme which includes Sector Seperation, Exempted Permits for Headboat Pilot Program, and IFQ / Catch Shares. Thank You for you Attention to this disturbing information</p> <p>Captain henry Hauch</p> <p>"Environmental Defense Fund Progress Report</p> <p>Catch shares are the default tool for managing fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico region</p> <p>Over the past year, EDF has helped propel the commercial grouper/tilefish IFQ plan toward implementation, advanced the goal of catch share management for king mackerel and all remaining Gulf reef fish species, helped create essential management building blocks for catch shares in the for-hire sport fishing sector, and continued to support the nation's first industry alliance dedicated to promoting catch shares.</p> <p>With the vital help of our industry partnerships, we recently ushered the grouper/tilefish IFQ plan to final passage by the Gulf Council in January (13-4 vote in favor). The Secretary of Commerce approved the plan in August and it is set to begin on January 1, 2010. However, higher than expected interactions with threatened sea turtles added a wrinkle to the program. In May, NMFS implemented an emergency closure of the longline reef fishery (of which the grouper/tilefish fishery is a part) to help resolve the problem. To keep fishermen on the water, we targeted converting 50 percent of the fleet, or approximately 50 vessels, to vertical, or 'bandit' gear, which has been proven to cause far fewer turtle interactions. EDF immediately launched a grant program for conversion of longline vessels to the vertical gear. To date, applications have been approved to convert 50 vessels, and 45 have converted. Offering the industry an option for staying in business has gone a long way to solidify relationships and trust with both fishermen and regulators.</p> <p>Our work to promote catch share management for all Gulf reef fish continues to bear fruit. In June, at our urging, the Gulf Council established a new advisory panel to explore a catch share plan for all remaining reef fish, including three subgroups: commercial, recreational for-hire and private anglers. EDF and key allies have secured voting positions on the panel. We expect that the commercial sub-group will easily move forward with a plan to add all remaining reef fish (19 more species in total, including amberjack and gray triggerfish) into the existing IFQ program. The for-hire and private angler sub-groups will explore catch share and accountability measures for reef fish, including red snapper and grouper. The recreational discussions will undoubtedly be long, heated and challenging. Part of their charge is to discuss intersector trading.</p> <p>The work we are doing with a core group of for-hire recreational fishermen, whose movement we helped develop and continue to support, called SOS (Save Our Sector), will be important to continue to move catch shares forward in the for-hire sector of the recreational red snapper fishery. SOS now has over 200 supporters across all five Gulf states. This membership, which includes boat owners and crew members, reflects a significant portion of the 1,100 licenses in the for-hire fleet. The group's work was a key factor in the Gulf Council's October decision to consider separation of the recreational sector into for-hire and private angler sectors in the generic Annual Catch Limit/Accountability Measures amendment, which will be subject to public hearings in either December or January and likely voted on next summer. The amendment will form the foundation for a for-hire IFQ and harvest tags for private anglers.</p> | Mims Fla., 32754 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Other |

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| 6/18/2012 13:33:57 | Captain Henry Hauch | Captain_Henry@ACME-Ventures-Fishing.com | <p>To demonstrate that vessel monitoring systems and electronic logbooks can work in for-hire recreational fisheries and provide the accountability necessary for catch shares, EDF is conducting a two-year pilot project with SOS. Internal discussions with NMFS officials indicate strong agency support for the SOS management plan, which includes use of electronic logbooks, and is resulting in meetings and dialogue among the group, NMFS officials and key members of Congress. While working with key for-hire leadership to develop an IFQ concept design for-hire catch share, we funded and worked with SOS leadership to launch an SOS web site to serve as a consistent source of information for interested parties.</p> <p>After almost three years, the red snapper IFQ program continues to meet high expectations. In NMFS's recent "2008 Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper IFQ Annual Report" the agency states, "... overall, [there are] numerous improvements over the historical derby-style fishing conditions..." Overfishing is being reversed because fishermen are complying with the catch limit, the ratio of discards to landings has dropped by 68 percent, and illegal fishing is declining. The economic signs are also positive. NMFS documents dockside prices at 17 percent higher than pre-IFQ, while fishermen report an increase of 30 percent or more (some data collection problems are not yet fixed). Quota share prices rose by 37 percent from 2007 to 2008, reflecting the scarcity of red snapper and fishermen's optimism for the future. The number of shareholders has declined by about 15 percent and a few vessels have exited the fishery, indicating that excess capacity is beginning to fall. There continues to be broad support for the program which is contributing to the expansion of catch shares to other Gulf and South Atlantic, fisheries.</p> <p>Of course, on-going improvements are needed; high priorities include additional at-sea monitoring, better economic data, and enhanced systems to detect and deter cheating. Fishermen, with new conservation incentives under IFQs, are working to combat one of the remaining discarding problems by seeking to accumulate a "snapper bycatch pool." The pool would consist of a small reserve of quota that fishermen may access if they happen to catch red snapper beyond their quota, for example, while fishing for other reef fish. This will help take away the misguided justification (e.g., that a fisherman cannot find snapper shares) that a few fishermen still make for discarding snapper. The biggest threat to the continued success of the red snapper IFQ (and other Gulf IFQs) is the inability of regulators thus far to address overfishing by the recreational sector. This problem slows down stock rebuilding and could potentially diminish the positive conservation incentives instilled by catch shares.</p> <p>Our partner, University of British Columbia, has developed recommendations and is continuing to work with NMFS to better track reductions in red snapper bycatch under IFQ management, information that is critical for measuring success. They are also participating in a red snapper stock assessment update to ensure future annual catch limits are based on the best science. As we expected, NMFS's recent report (see above) shows a significant improvement over the first year report, but we are working for a much more rigorous and comprehensive report in 2010. These reports are important because they will be used in NMFS's and the Council's planned five-year review in 2012. Another project partner, Texas Tech, has started its on-the-water research that will help identify habitat for red snapper spawners so that it can be protected to complement IFQs and speed recovery of the badly overfished stock. EDF continues to encourage and support fishermen who provide the leadership to advance catch shares. The Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders' Alliance, which we helped create, continues to expand its membership of commercial and for-hire fishermen. Its executive director and members are serving on federal advisory panels, have met with members of Congress, and are engaged in helping guide other EDF Oceans regions through challenges. The Alliance is working with Chicago's Shedd Aquarium "Rite Bite" program and others to move red snapper off of environmentalists' "fish to avoid" lists by featuring red snapper in eco-friendly restaurants. The program has also received funding and approval to initiate a pre-certification process for Marine</p> | Mims Fla., 32754 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Other |

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| 6/18/2012 13:33:57 | Captain Henry Hauch | Captain_Henry@ACME-Ventures-Fishing.com | Stewardship Council certification. Finally, EDF has successfully urged the Gulf Council to establish an advisory panel to explore catch share management for the king mackerel fishery. King mackerel is jointly managed by the Gulf, South Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Councils. If completed, this will be the first-ever catch share for a coastal pelagic species." | Mims Fla., 32754 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Other |
| 6/18/2012 13:46:06 | Gary Parsons | parsonskg@cox.net | I am opposed to sector separation for the recreational fleet. As a former charter captain, I appreciate the difficulties the for CFH and party boat fleet are experiencing with the reduction in days; however, SS will be devisive and very unfair. Please take time to allow the new data collection methods to mature and invest more in that area before turning the fishery upside down. I also oppose the proposal to allow a select segment of the party boat fleet to conduct an experiment wherein the end result is predetermined. If worth doing, then institute experimental controls over design, participants and analysis as must be done in any scientific endeavor. | 32578 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/18/2012 14:11:14 | Jenny Jones | jenjones111@comcast.net | I am against segmenting and want the controlling liberals to go west. | Jax Bch FL | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 14:12:56 | Jerry Karnes | jkarnes@texapp.com | I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico. This will be detrimental to fishermen whether recreational, commercial, divers and others. | Houston, TX 77082 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 14:16:03 | Perry Rease | triggerfish_p@yahoo.com | As an avid saltwater angler and a man dedicated to the preservation of our great coastal fisheries, I am vehemently opposed to the policy of sector separation. It is an overt, thinly disguised attempt to divide the recreational fishing community in order to implement that most disgraceful practice of catch shares, and should be prevented from taking hold at all costs. It is also unamerican, and goes against a pastime that every American has the right to participate in, that is, fishing. | Blackwood, NJ 08012 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 14:18:08 | Charles Everts | rifraft25@aol.com | Please don't allow this policy to become reality!! I am against sector separation.. | Tiki Island, Tx 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 14:24:44 | Jace Kelley Spencer | jks@nmsmail.com | Thanks I oppose sector separation. And I oppose catch shares. For decades, anglers have quietly trusted the fisheries mgt agencies to do what is right, because those who enjoy nature are the first to support conservation efforts. But it has become obvious that special interests are working hard to take away our right to fish, many of these in the name of conservation and preserving the environment. Even though the motives of these interest groups are baffling, they seem to have significant influence with management agencies, so we can no longer trust that you will consistently make the correct decisions for the fishing community. Expect to hear more and more from anglers like me in the future; regardless of what fish we can keep at any given time (I DO support maintaining a healthy population of fish), I will fight to retain my right to fish. Instead of thinking up ways to destroy a healthy and character-building outdoor activity, our country should be promoting fishing as an alternative to video games, drugs, and criminal lifestyles. Please stop giving in to the sneaky schemes of these misguided so-called environmental groups, for the sake of our future, for our children and generations to come. | McDonough, GA 30252 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 14:30:33 | Robert Mahoney | rmahoney@denholtznj.com | I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico and anything that would restrict the recreational fisherman's fishing areas. | Point Pleasant, NJ 08742 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/18/2012 14:33:17 | Richard A Lester | richardlester@aermfg.com | I am against sector srperation in the Gulf of Mexico. I don't know what will happen in the end as Federal Money goes away but, I assure you if there is anything I can do about funding for the Gulf Counsel will be the first go. What do you think will happen to the enviro groups as money contunies to tighten up. Do you think they will still have a job for you when this is over. Look around, those Tea Party Indians will eat your sack lunch and spit out the bones. I would advise you to look towards the American Tax paying Public that has been paying your way for years. While some of you line your pockets with cash from the commercial sector in the name of the envoro crazy's. Big brother)(the American people) are watching. | Pearland TX 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 14:34:54 | Joseph A. Peeples | adampeeples29@yahoo.com | Dear Sir or Ma'am, I am writing to express the most serious of opposition to the catch shares and sector separation pilot program. The resources of the Gulf of Mexico are public resources and this next step shows that the over regulation of NOAA and the NMFS have been and are getting more out of control. I served my country in the US Army for 9 years and was medically retired due to conditions received in combat. When discharged from the Army, I moved to the Gulf coast with the intention of becoming a charter boat captain on a center console boat. With the new regulations you propose, it is making it harder and harder to see any purpose of pursuing this dream. The idea of taking a public resource and quartering it up to allot and trade is absurd and un-Constitutional. If anyone is really serious or concerned about the population of red snapper, grouper, and other reef fish I suggest an actual program to rehab the populations of fish rather than enacting unlawful legislation that benefits a select few and does nothing to help the actual fish population. If one would need an idea of a successful fish population rehabilitation, please refer to the Red Drum and its successful comeback. Please consider the future of the red snapper and the future of recreational fishing in the Gulf and come up with a real way to successfully manage the fish population and make it fair for everyone, both commercial and private, to utilize the great resources of the Gulf of Mexico. Regards, Adam Peeples | Navarre, Florida 32566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 14:49:53 | Joseph William Battalio | battalio@gmail.com | I am totally against all forms of sector separation including catch shares. Both would be a disaster to saltwater recreational fishing including the business owners that depend on rec fishing. | Vicksburg, MS 39180 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 14:56:18 | Stephen Betz | captainsteve@flatsandbay.com | As a commercial, charter and recreational fisherman I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico. AS a Recreational fisherman , | tampa,fl,33612 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 6/18/2012 14:56:34 | robert williams | cornwellbob@msn.com | "I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico." Thanks Bob Williams | easley sc 29642 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/18/2012 15:11:31 | Patrick McGuigan | patmack52@hotmail.com | <p>Sirs,,</p> <p>I would Suggest Your Resignation NOW,,,as in the next Few Years , Your actions of the Last Few Years will be Exposed as the Corruption of our Fisheries Regulations, to award Red Snapper to a Select FEW,,,in Other words I hope to See Most of You in Prison for many Years, !!</p> <p>Thank You for NOTHING!!!</p> <p>Pat McGuigan Hurst Texas</p> | Huest texas 76053 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 15:13:33 | Debbie Barlow | shoalriv@cox.net | <p>As a recreational fisher I oppose Sector Separation aka divide and conquer. The majority of the recreational fishers have already stated we do not want this but it is apparent that it doesn't matter because it continues to get pushed forward on the agenda. If you want to push for Sector Separation then you need to take it from the commercial side and leave what little we have left alone. It truly amazes me that this is even being considered since recreational fishers are entitled to their fair share of the resources but yet we are having to fight for what is rightly ours in the first place.</p> | Crestview FL 32539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 15:16:45 | Fred L. Watkins Jr. | florit2@bellsouth.net | <p>I am against the catch share program and privatizing the recreational fishing. we have more snapper than we have had in the 40 plus years I have been fishing in the gulf and all these short sessions are uncalled for.I think we need to let each state regulate fishing because the people doing it now have no idea as to what is going on. I even question if any of these people fish.The regulations are making it so hard to figure out what you can and can't catch that alot of people are confused as to what to catch and keep. Thus alot of people have quit fishing and are selling boat. Fred Watkins Get layed fishing team</p> | Fairhope, Al. 36532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 15:21:56 | Thomas J. Hilton | hilton@rt-nav.com | <p>I am opposed to Sector Separation.</p> <p>I am opposed to privatization of our fisheries through Catch Shares, for which Sector Separation makes possible.</p> <p>I am opposed to the deception used by some members of the charter-for-hire community to try to justify Sector Separation.</p> <p>I am opposed to the NMFS and certain members of the Gulf of Mexico Gulf Council working with the extreme anti-fishing groups such as Environmental Defense Fund to put on the Sector Separation Workshop. It was a sham from the start, and Steve Bortone and Bob Gill should have been canned for their involvement in this.</p> <p>Capt. Thomas J. Hilton</p> | Arcola, TX 77583 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 15:32:32 | Ronald Moser | ronandvirginia@centurytel.net | <p>I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico."</p> | Port Aransas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 15:37:33 | Richard J. Tew | airjett@aol.com | <p>I am opposed to the fishing regulations imposed on us on the Gulf Coast.There are more Red Snapper and Gag Grouper than there has ever been in my forty years on the Gulf. The Snapper are considerably larger and are eating everything in sight.</p> | Niceville, Fl 32578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 15:50:40 | jamie wilkinson | jamiewilkinson@yahoo.com | <p>I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico</p> | panama city beach, fl 32413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 15:50:47 | William R Strickland | wmstrick@aol.com | <p>I am totally against sector seperation. I have lived and fished in florida waters for over 45 years. The resource belongs to the future generations not the commercial interest.</p> <p>If the fishery is so bad that citizens of the state cannot catch and keep one fish , than take all the commercial interest out, period.</p> | Tallahassee,FL, 32311 | Private Recreational Angler, Commercial Fisher |

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| 6/18/2012 15:52:53 | Jeremy Fielding | jeremy@mownalisalawns.com | You have to be joking...I am completely against the sector separation of the gulf of mexico. It is a bunch of nonsense, and I would like to say that the catch shares idea is nonsense as well. The grouper closure is based on faulty information, and the opening of seatrout to commercial fisherman is ridiculous at the quantity that they are allowed to take. The inshore species should be for recreational fisherman to take only. On the other hand I support the snook closure, due to the obvious loss of stock in 2010. When drawing up a closure of some sort on a specific species of reef fish it should be applied to commercial fisherman solely. Recreational fisherman should be exempt due to the actual volume that is taken by the recreational fisherman, which is much less, since these fisherman do not go out everyday and try and limit out. Alot of us are almost completely catch and release fisherman and should not be told what to do or if they can fish or not. I do not support or agree with the Sector Separation of the Gulf of Mexico. I believe that everyone who buys a recreational fishing license should have a direct voting system/ democracy style of legislature/lawmaking when pertaining to fishing as a whole. Give us a vote, we are those that will be affected, The Fisherman. | Tampa, FL, 33614 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 15:54:11 | Richard J.C. Morfeld | richardmorfeld@gmail.com | I am AGAINST sector seperation. What are you trying to do to the recreational fisherman? Completely shut us down? Why would you take fish shares away from me and give them to charter captains and make me have to purchase them back? They were my shares to begin with!!! I support the economy just as much if not more with my boat and the people I take fishing with me than a charter boat. Every trip I take costs me a minimum of \$500.00 with my boat and usually with only 1 or 2 other people on board, and I fish at least 3 times a week so thats \$1500 in the local economy every week. Imagine what would happen if this sector seperation happened, the local gas, bait & tackle shops, Ice vendors, food stores, boat ramps would take a beating and be forced to shut down... Is this what you are trying to accomplish? A complete shut down of the local fishing based economy? Dont expect me, my family or friends to just sit around and watch you ruin our rights to fish from our privately owned boats!!! Richard J.C. Morfeld | Milton, Fl, 32570 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 16:01:03 | Jack Ferrera | j.ferrera@CaptJack.net | Sector separation is just another attempt to create a split in the "Recreational Fishing Community" which consists of recreational anglers AND for hire charter/ headboats. I see it as a way for the preservationists who now run NMFS/ NOAA to distract us from the real problem with fisheries, ie, FLAWED STATISTICS! | Safety Harbor, FL 34695 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 16:46:52 | Christopher Boggs | crboggs@bellsouth.net | I am patently opposed to legislation that infringes on the recreation anglers ability to fish and partake in our great natural resources. I am vehemently opposed to legislation that is blatantly pandering to commercial interests with deep financial pockets. Rather than imposing MORE limitations on our fishery, how about making a concerted effort to enforce the current rules and punish those who break them? | Tampa FL 33626 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 16:52:09 | Bob Skribiski | skribby13@msn.com | I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico. | St James City, FL 33956 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 17:15:25 | Joey wommack | Josephlwommack@yahoo.com | Recreational catch shares and sector separation are not what we need. We need responsible fisheries management. | Panama city beach, fl, 32401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 17:25:10 | Raymond Intemann | rminte698@verizon.net | NO privatization of Americans right to fish ! | Cliffside Park,NJ 07010 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/18/2012 17:36:18 | Robbie Fuller | cfcap10@yahoo.com | <p>I am a 5th Generation Fisherman here in PC.I have fished these waters of the Gulf from Brownsville TX to the Keys in FL.I am 49 Yrs of age. I would say I have a little bit of history and knowledge of the fisheries of this wonderful GOM. As I read and listen to the pros and cons of sector seperation and IFQs and the like,I can only hope this doesn't come to pass...atleast not right now.There are way too many questions to be answered for me to agree to go down this slippery slope. #1 and foremost in my mind...If the Council seperates the Recs form the Charter/Headboat Fleet,where does the split take place in so far as the allowable catch,or quota for each group.Do they split the allowable catch as it is now?And then do the commercial guys still get to fish the quota as it is now?That seems very unfair in many ways.And do dual permitted vessels get to keep thier commercial and gain "Elite" status as For Hire Recreational fisherman?See what I mean,there are way too many unanswerable questions involved here to just say that sector seperation is the "Holy Grail" answer to the Fisheries Management plan.I am really against any and all new regulations that are going to decrease anyones access to the fish of the Gulf, whether it is commercial or recreational,and I darn sure don't want any new catch share programs of any kind!!!Please vote NO,NO,NO, to any more regulations,wihout proper science Backed data for the decisions to come from.Thanks for your time!Capt. J.R.Fuller</p> | Panama City FL 32405 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/18/2012 17:44:49 | Michael Mark Brady | mbrady@sbcglobal.net | <p>Dear Sir or Madam: I am an occasional recreational fisherman when visiting the Gulf. I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico.</p> | Pasadena, CA, 91107 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 17:55:25 | thomas mark griffin | runudwn@yahoo.com | <p>i don't like or think this is or would be fair to the recreational fishermen and women.i am against it all the way.i own a boat and get to go to the coast maybe two weeks a year to fish in the gulf.i having to compete for the rights to fish for any type of fish is wrong.we are already limited on when and what we can catch as it is.i think it all comes down to it being all about the money and who has the most of it.its not about the real benefit of the fishery.</p> | brookwood, Alabama,35444 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 18:22:25 | Hudson Walter Woodfin Jr. | hwood5@frontiernet.net | <p>I own a 23' WA Cuddy, which I purchased used to take my parents, wife and kids out fishing. I am not an elitist off shore boat owner as some would have you believe. I don't believe the reef fishes of the Gulf of Mexico or any U.S. waters should be doled out as a commodity to those who have political power (read "campaign contributions"), Our reef fish are a natural resource that have been enjoyed by our ancestors and should continue to be enjoyed by the general public (recreational anglers) with sensible limitations. As working class recreational anglers, I and others have very limited opportunities between the short and shrinking seasons, suitable water conditions and non-work days to utilize our boats and other gear. That would be boats and gear usually purchased locally, which stimulates the economy. There shouldn't be a different rule book for different classes of anglers.</p> | Gonzalez, Florida 32560 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 18:23:47 | Natasha Wells | tashadee.wells@gmail.com | <p>I believe that our fisheries must be properly managed. However, privatizing publicly held natural resources for profit runs counter to the ideals of the free market system that built this nation. Furthermore, catch shares do not work; the consolidation of our natural resources does nothing but create a government-subsidized black market where catch shares are sold to the highest bidder, all the while estranging law-abiding citizens from a past time that is cherished and enjoyed across generations. It is wrongheaded and, more importantly, illegal to impose such draconian measures simply to prop up the livelihoods of a few hundred charter captains. Do not introduce this boondoggle into the legislative process as it will be sending the absolute wrong message to the citizens who reside all along the Gulf Coast.</p> | Cantonment, FL 32533 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 18:59:56 | Dan Rathka | dcrathka@gmail.com | <p>I'm against Amendment 39, I believe maintaining an open fishery with fair and equitable regulations that sustain the fish and the fishermen is a better method of fisheries management.</p> | Naples, FL, 34109 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/18/2012 19:15:54 | Jason Bailey | jbaileyortho@hotmail.com | I will keep my opinions short. Catch shares and sector separation are a terrible and illogical solution to fisheries management in the gulf. Recreational caught fish contribute far more to the local economy than commercially caught fish. If charter boats are to receive their own sector it should come from the 51% already given to commercial fishing. Commercial fishermen catch thousands of pounds of fish per trip. It would take rec. anglers years to catch that amount. That is dozens of trips: bait, condos, electronics, gas, food, etc. We often take guests from out of town or those without boats. Similarly charters attract guests that rent condos, restaurants, and stimulate our local economy. Commercial interests harvest the fish with in the most efficient manner possible. Minimize costs like food, hotels, etc. Please don't hurt our local economy any more. Katrina, BP, and now further fishing regulations to slow the growth of our hurting economy. | orange beach al 36561 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/18/2012 20:07:39 | dale woodruff | marinesuv@aol.com | Capt. Dale Woodruff owner/capt. Of the Class Act.12 years vessel owner. It seems now that our choices for the charter for hire industry is steadily being limited on a monthly basis due to a government model that best suits what is needed to continue chaos in the recreational and for hire sector. I understand we have to work under a government system that has never done any good for man that strives to be self sufficient and not depend on anyone but God himself to survive in todays world. Throughout all these regulations forced on us by an entity that does not respect these type of people but enjoys sucking every bit of tax dollars out of us. As hard working individuals that do not depend on tax dollars but generates tax dollars some of us will survive this next round of assaults why because of God and self reliance. Sector separation sounds good but what comes with the meaning for the for hire industry. VMS I already have for commercial fishing and have no problem with it. The only problem I have is what do I get. Days at sea, fish tags, or just an accountability system. If sector separation is the next step we need to define it for the for hire charter boats. First we need to identify who is doing what is this industry. What and when are these different species being caught. How are they being caught, where are they being caught. After this information is complete after at least four years of data then and only then can a logical decision be made on how to manage the fisheries. I feel if we separate the charter for hire from the recreational boats you should leave it the same for four years while collecting data as is. Then let a majority vote of all the federally permitted vessels that are currently operating as a legitimate fishing business. | orange beach, al. 36561 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/19/2012 3:36:22 | john c fetzer | captjdj123@aol.com | I am completely in favor of passing this bill to initiate sector separation and help save the charter boat industry and help save the fisheries in general from further degradation and unfair management thank you capt dr john fetzer charter boat frances j pensacola beach florida | pensacola fl 32533 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/19/2012 3:59:06 | Alvin Sommerer | a.sommerer@comcast.net | I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico. | Pensacola, Fl. | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 4:14:24 | William C. Rhodes | bill1001@bellsouth.net | I am against This amendment. | Cumming, GA, 30041 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 4:15:24 | William C. Rhodes | bill1001@bellsouth.net | I am against This amendment.(sector Separation) | Cumming, GA, 30041 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/19/2012 4:41:57 | Donovan Shia | dshia@hotmail.com | <p>I am against implementing Sector Separation and catch shares for the Gulf of Mexico. I believe maintaining an open fishery with fair and equitable regulations that sustain the fish and the fishermen is a better method of fisheries management. You all need to abandon efforts to promote catch shares and sector separation and focus efforts and funding on improved stock assessments with more appropriate modeling that will account for the substantial growth of a fishery like red snapper.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment...</p> <p>Donovan Shia Padre Island, TX</p> | Corpus Christi, TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 4:44:38 | Allen Grandstaff | agrandstaff@cox.net | I am opposed to sector separation. | crestview, fl 32536 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 4:51:29 | Dana Sisk | dls78418@hotmail.com | I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico. | Corpus Christi, TX, 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 5:09:07 | William Hancock | mail@captainbill.us | I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico | Sarasota, FL 34242 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/19/2012 5:22:55 | gary gibson | gary913@hotmail.com | I am against implementing sector separation for the gulf of mexico. | philadelphia, pa 19139 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 5:52:35 | harley hendrix | harleyhendrix@comcast.net | I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico | loganville, ga. 30052 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 5:54:26 | Bruce Miller | FACMECH666768@aol.com | "I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico" | Cape Coral, florida 33914 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 6:04:21 | Thomas Allen Bridges | tab523@aol.com | I am against your sector separation plan. | Heber Springs, AR 72543 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 6:15:32 | Kelly Renneke | osculate4@knology.net | I am against Sector Separation. | Lynn Haven, FL 32444 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 6:42:40 | Marc Rounsaville | mrounsav@gmail.com | <p>I strongly oppose sector separation. Broad, strong grass roots support of fisheries management is needed for the move towards more sustainable fisheries. Finding common ground and collaboration should be high priority goals for all interested parties. Separating the fish stocks is creates an atmosphere counter to collaboration.</p> <p>Secondly, recreational boat owners / fishers as a group are certainly not "elitist" as some espouse. Hard working men and women that have chosen recreational fishing as their hobby.</p> <p>Lastly, though there may be a role for the government in supporting business and growing the economy these objectives cannot be fulfilled by taking from one and giving to another. Recreational fishers are strong contributors to the economy -- gas, bait, food, boats, and tackle. Discounting these contributions is short sighted.</p> <p>I offer a different view of sector separation. Since the for hire fleet is making money from the fishery, place them in the 51% commercial sector. This frees up more TAC for recreational fishers (making them slightly happy and encouraging growth) and allows the for hire fleet a longer season -- provided they do some self regulation.</p> <p>Thanks for listening.</p> | Orange Beach, AL 36561 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/19/2012 6:44:38 | Bert Wilson | gafullstrut@yahoo.com | No catch shares No sector separation The council needs to use data that is up to date not out of date. I have been buying Florida, saltwater fishing licenses for 12 years and have never been surveyed. The whole system being used is flawed. The fisherman and hunters of this great country are the true conservationist. Listen to us! | Quitman, GA, 31643 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 6:55:17 | Captain Dan Kipnis | kipnisd@atlanticbb.net | As a past member of the State of Florida Marine Fisheries Commission, I have been involved in helping maintain our fisheries in viable and sustainable conditions. I have never felt, and believe, that there has never been a need to designate shares (sector separation) of a common resource to only a few users essentially making the fishery private. If it is the intention of the Council to establish then divide ownership of the shared resource, I feel that this would be the most detrimental outcome for both the resource and the users. Many participants in fisheries would succumb to economic pressures and leave the fisheries. If that is the true intent of the Council, then it should be stated plainly that the Council strives to regulate and enhance the resource by severely limiting the number of participants able to access the resource. I have always said that the most foolproof way to manage fisheries is to not have any fishermen. Please do not follow plans to implement sector separation as it will have devastating effects on many users and an irreversible economic hardship on a whole region of fishers. Thank you, Captain Dan Kipnis | Miami Beach, FI 33140 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher, NGO, Other |
| 6/19/2012 7:12:17 | Everett James | saltrocker.sj@gmail.com | I oppose implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico. | Winder, GA 30680 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 7:27:28 | Charles Walker | cap@ffish.com | This has to be one of the sleaziest ideas ever to come from the anti-fishing crowd that I have seen in over 40 years of actively fishing and being involved in other aspects of the industry in the Gulf of Mexico. I urge you to drop this plan. | Pinellas Park, FL 33782 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/19/2012 8:32:23 | Louis P. Vallee | guppy_28@hotmail.com | I am a pharmacist at a hospital in Lake Charles, La. and I have had a master captains license. I have been fishing the Gulf of Mexico since I was 8 years old in 1948. Giving everyone the same regulations does not make any sense at all. That would be like making the speed limit on all highways the same. The Gulf waters off the state of Louisiana has tons of Red Snapper as proven by the fact that all the commercial boats come off our coast to catch there limits of snapper. We have thousands of oil rigs that provide habitat for these fish. We (Louisiana fishermen) should be allowed to catch more of these abundant fish as compared to other fisheries where there are not as abundant. | Elton, La. 70532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 8:43:37 | Robert Vail | directdrive8@gmail.com | I am dead set against the concept of sector separation and catch shares currently being considered as a management tool. Open water and catches are requisite for good conservation. More and more restrictions are taking away our freedom to fish. I would like to think that the Fishery Management Council will have the good sense to vote a resounding NO! on reef fish amendment 39! | Pensacola, Florida 32503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 9:21:09 | Dean Click | dfclick@comcast.net | I am opposed to sector separation and catch shares | 70364 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 10:55:26 | Floyd Van De Vere | Elfloyo@Gmail.com | I am against sector separation in the Gulf of Mexico. This smacks of Agenda 21 and the UN takeover of the Seas. | Monterey, Ca 93940 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 11:35:39 | Edward F Bracken Jr. | edbracken@hotmail.com | i am against implementing sector separation for the gulf of mexico | 34145 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/19/2012 11:52:48 | Thomas Ashford | Rotarytom6740@comcast.net | I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico." | Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 11:57:46 | Capt Bob Briggs | gon42na@msn.com | I am totally opposed to catch share/sector fishing regulations. The system has proven to be an ineffective managemnet tool and prevents equal access to a public resource and allowing limited access to a previledged few. It is well know that Congress recently cut off funding for futher implementation of this management SCHEME, let us hope the the council has sence enough to head the warnings. Take a look at New England sector management and reflect on the detriment not just to the fishermen but TO THE FISH!! | Hanover,MA. 02339 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 6/19/2012 12:53:24 | mark s hartley | mhartley@hartleypurdy.com | Charter boats and head boats are commercial fisherman and there catch should be incorporated into the commercial catch not recreational. | tampa, fl 33617 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | <p>I am writing to express my concerns over the proposal to seperate the fishing sectors. Unfortunately, most of my info and fear is driven by those on internet message boards, who may or may not have all of the facts. Living in-land (Nashville), we obviously don't get much news regarding fisheries management in the Gulf of Mexico. However, the thought of 'catch shares' scares someone like me who only is able to fish when time allows and has to plan in advance to take trips.</p> <p>My family has owned several small offshore fishing vessels over the years and have always kept them some where along the Gulf Coast. These days, we primarily fish for reef fish in the northern Gulf Coast. Obviously, with the current situation regarding various populations being overfished and the subsequent regulations to curb this, it has really hampered our fishing experience, and to some extent, made us question the future of our family's long standing tradition of offshore fishing. Do we continue to invest in a boat? Boat maintenance? Slip rental? Fuel? Bait? Hotel/Condo rental? Going out to eat?</p> <p>I can only hope that the decisions being made are for everyone's best interest. Obviously we have no choice but to trust that the current leadership are making sound, scientific decisions based on facts. But I have to admit that I've been frustrated by the shortened seasons on red snapper in particular, when I've seen the dramatic change, for the better, in that particular species's population.</p> | | |
| 6/19/2012 13:27:53 | Brad Young | brad.young@mpmci.com | -Thank you, Brad | Nashville, TN 37204 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 13:31:37 | Glen E Leirer | geleirer32@comcast.net | I oppose sector separation, catch shares and the privatization of our public resource. | Panama City Beach, FL 32413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 13:54:01 | Lawrence A. Reitz | stonegateflorida@aol.com | I am against the sector separation plan. Lawrence A. Reitz | Ft. Myers Beach, Fl., 33931 | |
| 6/19/2012 14:03:37 | Travis L. Corbin | corbinauto@gmail.com | I am completely against catch shares! | Chipley, FL, 32428 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 14:08:13 | John Young | jyoung1068@aol.com | I do not want open access to our fishing waters to be privatized or made off limits to the citizens of Florida. Please do not make these changes which would lead in that direction. | Milton, FL 32583 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/19/2012 14:43:38 | James Michael Lynn | mjlynn52@yahoo.com | Please vote no to reef fish amendment 39 - sector separation . Charter/Headboats are for-hire by recreational anglers like myself. Why should they get to fish when I can't? So I strongly appose amendment 39. I just returned from a fishing trip in the panhandle. I made 3 trips offshore which I caught my limit of snapper each time for a total of 6 red snapper. I spent a \$1,000.00 to catch these 6 red snapper- that is roughly \$150.00 per fish. There is 3.7 million licensed anglers for the Gulf of Mexico - multiply that \$150.00 by however many you think fish offshore and I think you will get the picture that recreational fishermen make a big economic impact on the gulf states. Don't let us down - Vote NO to amendment 39 - THANKS!!!! | Lawrenceville Ga. 30046 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 15:03:21 | Christina Carter | christy_carter@bellsouth.net | I oppose Sector Separation, catch shares and the privatization of our public resource. | ChIPLEY, FL,32428 | Other |
| 6/19/2012 15:53:29 | kimberlea a wonsick | wonsickcpa@aol.com | I am opposed to sector separation, catch shares and the privatization of our public resource. | 32578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/19/2012 19:12:26 | Lisa Akins | Lisainmidtown@yahoo.com | <p>June 17, 2012 Lisa Akins Letter to Editor, Tampa Bay Times on "Catch Shares Amendment 39" Sector Separation Privatizes Gulf Coast Fishing When I think of a public council to decide a fishing referendum in the Gulf I think of our local fishing and I am disappointed today. The sector separation plan (SOS) does not call for any reduction in the fishing quota; it has no proven environmental impact whatsoever, only an economic one that is potentially negative to recreational fishing. This amendment splits the charter for hire industry from the recreational fishing sector with the intention of reallocating shares among the two newly separated groups. But there is a benefit, just ask Captain Gary Jarvis, President of the Charter Fisherman's Association and a developer of the plan. In a letter to the Gulf Council supporting the amendment this week, his first argument is that the plan would, "...improve the flexibility that small business needs to stay profitable..." and it is no secret which small business activity he is referring too. Meanwhile, the recreational sector and most of the charter boat industry have strong opposition to SOS, for the four years since this amendment was introduced by Jarvis. They cite reductions in recreational fishing shares which will lead to a drop in tourism dollars, and they say that this issue is polarizing the charter boat and recreational fishing sectors. Intentionally or unintentionally, SOS weakens the power that the two groups once shared in opposition to commercial fishing practices in Florida. The Gulf Council has gotten it right before. I agree with the catch share practice of individual fishing quota's (IFQ) because it is a more sustainable practice by preventing derby fishing (reducing bycatch, stabilizing prices and fish populations), unlike the earlier quota system. And, GulfCouncil.org, states that their policy is working; reef fish populations are rebounding commercially and recreationally. So, why would the Gulf Council mandate privatizing this public resource now? Whatever the reason, privatizing the sector countermands this public council's first function of Florida's sustainability agenda.</p> | st petersburg, FL, 33703 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher, NGO, Other |
| 6/20/2012 4:03:52 | William Brown | w_h_brown@yahoo.com | I have not fished the gulf, but plan to in the future. I know from fisheries struggles on the east coast the sector separation is not good for recreational fisherman. Traditional fisheries management has been proven effective. Please oppose any catch share plan systems and sector separation. | Wilmington, NC, 28411 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/20/2012 4:17:44 | Jon Michael Dasher | Jmdasher@gmail.com | I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico. | Tallahassee, FL, 32312 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/20/2012 5:09:38 | Gary Jarvis | Gjabd@aol.com | I support admendment 39 and support moving this RFA into the action and option portion of the admendment process.there has been 4 yrs,18 council meetings, 2 day data workshop, a 3 day sector separation workshop, and open public debate the entire time. The scoping document even points out that until the action option portion begins many are not sure if they will support it. The vast majority of non support is because of rampant misinformation and out right lies concerning the need and establishment of better reef fish management in the recreational sector.every aspect of the charter for hire fishery management plan that has been introduced that led to this admendment has a net positive Benifit for all user groups. | Destin,fl 32540 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 6/20/2012 5:11:12 | Gary Jarvis | Gjabd@aol.com | I support admendment 39 and support moving this RFA into the action and option portion of the admendment process.there has been 4 yrs,18 council meetings, 2 day data workshop, a 3 day sector separation workshop, and open public debate the entire time. The scoping document even points out that until the action option portion begins many are not sure if they will support it. The vast majority of non support is because of rampant misinformation and out right lies concerning the need and establishment of better reef fish management in the recreational sector.every aspect of the charter for hire fishery management plan that has been introduced that led to this admendment has a net positive Benifit for all user groups. | Destin,fl 32540 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 6/20/2012 7:37:10 | Bill Coursen | billvirg1@cox.net | As a member of the Pensacola Recreational Fisherman's Association (PRFA) I represent our members in stating we are against any further sector separation - Reef Fish Amendment 39, in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. We are also against any implementation of catch shares. We also think fishing regulations, as a result of excessive unduly influence by environmentalist, are depriving us of our inalienable rights to retain a decent daily catch of fish. Also we have already lost about three weeks of the red snapper season due to high seas in the Northern Gulf which restricts the average size boat from entering the Gulf. Sincerely, Bill Coursen Pensacola, FI 32507 | Pensacola, FI 32507 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/20/2012 8:59:47 | Herb Trace | htrace@bellsouth.net | no comment will change the outcome....since the people in charge have their own agenda....but I hope you also understand that another Administration can have the entire group standing in the unemployment line.....enjoy your empire, while it lasts. | Griffin Ga. 30224 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/20/2012 9:24:51 | RFA-Texas Jim Smarr | jimsmarr@gmail.com | RFA-Texas Jim Smarr | 78671 | Other |
| 6/20/2012 10:42:43 | George E. Heheman | gheheman@bellsouth.net | I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico, | Jacksonville, FI 32225 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/20/2012 11:01:10 | KENNETH DELCAMBRE | kendelcambre@unionsheriff.com | I OPPOSE SECTOR SEPARATION IN THE GULF OF MEXICO | FARMERVILLE, LA. 71241 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/20/2012 11:11:13 | Sven Thompson | Martin@retelcom.com | Managing fisheries by giving them to a "king" for him to dole out as he pleases, there by controlling the supply and thereby price from which he will profit richly is immoral. That is not America. The fish in the sea belong to the citizens of the U.S.A. Find a different way! | Panama City, FL 32405 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/20/2012 11:11:38 | Randy J. Riha | rjriha@spectraenergy.com | I am against Sector Separation in the Gulf of Mexico. Creating separate groups of recreational fisherman (those going with a guide and those going on private boats) will serve no useful purpose and only cause further issues that create divisiveness between anglers. Further, I have yet to see any scientific evidence that it benefits the resource and that is what you are supposed to be doing. And I recall you were forbidden by Congress to use any funds for this purpose, so why is it being proposed. Are you going to force me to contact my Congressman again? | Sugar Land TX 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/20/2012 12:42:05 | Tom Ard | tom@orangebeachfish.com | I am for amendment 39, sector separation. The charter for hire group is the only access to a public resource for the rest of the nation of non boat owners. We are like the public lands of America, we provide the access to the resource for those who can not or does not want to own there on boat. The for hire sector must be protected for the future. Please vote yes for amendment 39 sector separation. | Orange beach, alabama 36561 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/20/2012 14:44:18 | Aaron C. Scholten | aaronscholten@comcast.net | <p>This is outrageous. You must NOT implement catch shares, sub dividing or any other similar programs. This will benefit nobody but big interest groups like walmart and the likes who are intent on shutting down commercial and then recreational fishing for their own purposes. If case you forget, Florida's fishing industry is a 9 BILLION, with a "B" dollar a year industry, that probably helps pay YOUR salary as well. The state is hurting for money, the people are hurting for money in this financial wreck we find ourselves in. Do you really want to add more laws and restrictions, curtailing even more desperately needed funds from states and private citizens to just survive on? Last time I looked, the small commercial fisherman does not own private resorts on islands in the caribbean to go vacation on. Half of them can't even afford a weekend visit to disney world. With this you will burden them even harder, and completely decimate some of them. WHY? It's not about the environment, it's not about ecology, it's about dirty politics plain and simple. Be unique, have a conscience, do the right thing and DO NOT IMPLEMENT THIS!!</p> <p>Thank you very much. Respectfully:</p> <p>Aaron Scholten RFA - NE Florida.</p> | jacksonville, FL 32219 | Private Recreational Angler, Commercial Fisher |
| 6/20/2012 14:56:28 | Jim Bramblett | jimmy.bram@att.net | <p>I am against any seperation of Gulf of Mexico fishing into sectors.</p> <p>Stop giving so many tons of fish to Commercial fishermen.</p> <p>Use only proven science to make rules under Magnuson.</p> | Pensacola, FL 32503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/20/2012 16:32:45 | Jon Reitz | jlreitz@aol.com | I am against implementing sector seperation for the gulf of Mexico! | Newburgh, In, 47630 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/20/2012 20:17:32 | Nicholas Giardina | nickoftime67@gmail.com | I am 100% against your plans to change fishing regulations for the sport fisherman. we spend a great deal of money on boats, fishing gear, food, lodging, restaurants, entertainemnt. In general the local economies of many gulf towns are supported by us. We buy fishing licences comply with all fishing regulations. We are against over fishing and don'r believe we the sportfisherman are responsible for depleating the fish population. Fishing is part of the American heritage. Don't try to thak this right away from us. | Mars Hill, NC 28754 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/20/2012 20:46:08 | Terry Kerns | tekerns@aol.com | I strongly oppose this amendment. As a rec. angler, who only gets to fish several times a year, there is absolutely no damage that me or other anglers like myself can do to damage the population of fish. | Canton, GA, 30115 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/21/2012 5:49:32 | Ron Wheeler | ronwlr51@gmail.com | I'm against SECTOR SEPARATION in the Gulf of Mexico or any other body of water. Please STOP using FLAWED DATA to make decisions on our fish stocks and trying to implement BAD regulations. | leander Tx. 78641 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/21/2012 10:06:37 | Suellen Clark | jaxclarks@gmail.com | I am opposed to sector separation. I feel this is a means to privatize our fishing industry and will destroy our freedom to fish by allocating fishing rights to specific corporations and limiting access by the recreational fisherman. This same tactic was used in farming and made millionaire out of some and paupers out of most. I am dead set agains "catch share" and liken them to corn and peanut allotments. They are wrong and un-American! | Jacksonville, FL 32257 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/21/2012 14:14:11 | Charles Bozeman, Jr. | chuckbozeman@fairpoint.net | I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico. Please spend your time and resources on better information gathering and better modeling. For example, assessments are about three years behind in regards to red snapper. I know first hand that you cannot fish for grouper without catching numerous large (25 to 35 inch) snapper using live bait. I fish in the Indian Pass to Panama City area from six to twenty five miles out. | Blountstown, FL, 32424 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/22/2012 8:37:48 | Walter W Moye | ofshore2@yahoo.com | As a 58 y/o male I would ask you to please abandon all efforts to bring 'Catch Shares' along with 'Sector Seperation' to the Gulf of Mexico, what we do need is some current good stock assessments of our waters and INCLUDE all oil rigs and reefs. Catch Shares along with sector Sep would lead to less Recs on the water and farther loss to coastal cumunities. thanks Walter Moye | Kountze Tx | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/22/2012 20:38:14 | Karen Gibbs | susansilverthorn@hotmail.com | I oppose Reef Fish Sector Separation Amendment 39 | Panama City Beach | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/25/2012 6:38:31 | Ritch DeVoe | ryd22@bellsouth.net | The biggest issue with Sector Separation and ultimately Catch Shares is if the quota or share is allowed to be sold, thus making fishing a commodity and slowly shoving aside the average family. Recreational allocation should remain recreational for all. A privileged few should not be granted by the government a stake in a public resource that may limit access by the public without paying someone else for the right to that public resource. Here's an idea. Since the charters are commercial enterprise, the quota that is allocated to Charter for Hire should come from the commercial sector, since ultimately charter boats are a commercial, for profit, business. | Gainesville, FL 32653 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/25/2012 7:29:33 | Dawn Brady | chapelhillfarm@earthlink.net | I am opposed to this amendment and urge officials to produce real solutions to legitimate problems. The proposed qualifies as a divisive "tactic" which will create further separation, competition and discord among anglers of all sorts. I would urge the council and other agencies to first get on board with correct and ACCURATE science, identify real and legitimate problems from this process and implement sensible and logical solutions in accordance. | Douglasville, GA, 30135 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/25/2012 8:43:17 | rt woodruff | rtwoodruff@aol | My name Is Capt. Ron Woodruff. I am apossed to any more sector seperation or fish shaeres. The Rec angler has already given in enough. We need flexible fish mannagement on certian fish species such as snapper trigger fisk and vermillion snapper. The NMFS has done a poor job manageingour fisheries.We all as comon citizen have the right to fish in the gulf and no commercial sector has the right to anymore thn what the have right now. What gives me the right to speak on this matter. I have grown up in this bussiness. No one deserves anymore than the next person. This is complete BS. Have a nice day Capt.Ron Woodruff 251-942 7653. | orange beach al | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/25/2012 9:00:29 | Robert C. Hampton | bob@fiftyplus.biz | I am against implementing Sector separation for the Gulf of Mexico. | Panama City | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/25/2012 10:13:44 | Robert Grayson Shepard | grayshep@yahoo.com | <p>I hold a Fed Charter/Headboat license am against sector separation in the Gulf of Mexico.</p> <p>The commercial IFQ system has obviously benefited larger established commercial fishing companies and fish houses while completely closing this industry to young entrepreneurs with the ambition to try their hand at commercial fishing. The moratorium placed on Fed Charter/Headboat permits has caused their cost to increase from \$150 to well over \$5,000. Commercial IFQ shares are now bought and sold like shares of stock or leased to those who can't afford to buy them. Please don't allow a similar system to be imposed upon the charter industry. With the relentless fishery regulations which seem to get more strict on a daily basis, it truly appears the government is purposely trying to drive us out of business.</p> <p>Thank you, Capt. Grayson Shepard Apalachicola, FL 32320</p> | Apalachicola, FL 32320 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/26/2012 7:04:06 | Michael McDuff | mikemcduff9@yahoo.com | <p>First off, the process of determining how many lbs of fish are caught and kept from the recreational sector has to be flawed and outdated... there is no method of tracking so I believe you are taking a stab or pulling numbers out of the air. Most every fisherman now has a smartphone or access to the internet... why not make an app/website where fisherman can report their catches? Why not have some sort of tracking form distributed when licenses are bought? Technology has come a long way... I think it would be beneficial to utilize it.</p> <p>If I understand section separation correctly, for hire vessels want their quota broken out so they can record it better... Here is my problem if the people guessing at the recreational total catch overestimate (which I think is the current situation)</p> <p>I do not think it is right for a customer of a for-hire boat (typically out of area person) to be able to catch or keep any fish that I am not allowed to catch. I pay local taxes, maintain a boat, and purchase good from local bait & tackle shops... They pay about \$150. How could someone travel to my home area and be allowed to utilize things that the locals can't? It isn't right.</p> | Pensacola, FL 32504 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/27/2012 12:13:47 | Miranda Sutherland | mirandapattersonsutherland@y | I am against sector separation. | Mobile, AL 36606 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/27/2012 12:14:29 | Timothy J Smith | smith3265@bellsouth.net | <p>I am against Sector Separation. Recreational is Recreational. It is wrong to take away a public trust resource and the private recreational fishermen and give it away to For hire fishermen so they can have more access. We as recreational fishermen have been put into a derby style situation and with Sector separation that trend will continue. We need better science and data collecting not Sector Separation.</p> <p>Thanks Timothy</p> | Mobile, AL 36695 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/27/2012 12:17:04 | jonathan graham | jgraham154@yahoo.com | <p>I am against sector separation and I just want to be able to take my children fishing and enjoy our god given natural resources when we want to...</p> <p>I am against Sector Separation.</p> | mobile, Al 36695 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/27/2012 12:21:50 | Karen Miller | kmiller@local15tv.com | Thanks | mobile, al 36609 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/27/2012 12:38:41 | Kurtis Oollhoft | Kurtisollhoft@yahoo.com | I am 100% against sector separation! How is it in any way fair to take from the rec fishermen and give to a for hire? | Daphne,Al 36526 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/27/2012 12:48:53 | charles weaver | hweaver@sswce.com | i am absolutly opposed to any sector separation as im sure it will reduce my opportunity to fish on my own boat. this is an attempt to shut out those who fish on their own. . You need to interview some of the people who fish on charter boats and see how much fish they waste. most gets frozen in big bags and thrown away the next year. i usually fish with one other person and can keep only 4 fish from reefs i put out 40 miles offshore. give me an annual limit and tags | auburn alabama 36830 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/27/2012 12:49:12 | keith mozena | keithmoz@bellsouth.net | I stand against Sector Separation. As a recreational fisherman, I do not want to be carved out and told I can't fish because the commercial guys have caught everything in sight. | perdido key, Fl | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/27/2012 12:55:16 | Billy C. Bedsole, Jr. | avismob@aol.com | I just wanted to voice my opposition to any type of sector separation among recreational fisherman in the Gulf of Mexico. As a recreational fisherman, I purchased a boat to take myself, family, and friends fishing. It is unconscionable to give special access to these resources to a select group of "for hire" boats. I have heard the argument that it isn't taking from the recreational fisherman because he/she could pay to fish on one of these for hire boats. That argument simply confirms that sector separation is elitist allocation of resources concentrating access to a limited few and requiring others to pay those few. We should be able to choose who and how we pay. We all pay one way or another. I choose to pay for a boat, gas, bait, food, etc. instead of a charter boat. Thank you. | Mobile, AL 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/27/2012 13:17:58 | Benjamin Ber | bberdds@hotmail.com | I do not think that is far to allocate catch shares from the people to give it Charter boats. Rec fisherman have a huge economic influence on the gulf coast. The rec guys are spending more money stimulating the economy than the charter industry could ever equal. Rec fisherman should be the government's priority. Not the charter industry or the commercial fisherman who have a large financial backing from outside sources. Very few charter guys head out just in the search of Red Snapper. Mostly they are just an added benefit. I hope that the council respects the wishes of the everyday person and halt any sector separation. | Thibodaux, LA, 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/27/2012 13:20:45 | jon cross | jpcross.1@juno.com | I can not, nor have not, and will not support sector separation. I will also tell every fisherman & woman to do the same!!! | grand bay Al 36541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/27/2012 14:07:11 | Ted Boozer | tedboozzer@boozercorpany.com | I am AGAINST sector separation for recreational fishing. I have and will spend thousands of dollars anually on fishing in the Gulf of Mexico on MY OWN BOAT. I do not believe I should have to hire a charter captain to take me fishing if I decide I want to catch and keep a certain species of fish. This arrangement is not representative of the principles this country was founded on. | Franklin, TN 37064 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/27/2012 19:04:40 | Jeremy Gelarden | jeremytab@hotmail.com | <p>Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.</p> <p>I would like to voice my concerns regarding this amendment. I am a father of 3 grade school children and working a more than full time job. We have a boat and have to balance our water time to make everyone happy. If money is tight we will just go float and swim or fish inshore. If allowed the time and a little gas money, I can get the boys out for a day of fishing the close in reefs and hopefully one of the reef fish season is open so we can catch and keep some fish! I have looked at getting a charter boat to take the boys out fishing for some better fish but it is out of my price range. We could enjoy 2-3 of our own trips for the price of one charter trip. I value the time I can spend bonding and mentoring my sons, something I don't think I could do on a charter boat.</p> <p>I am not knocking the charters. There is a need for someone to take the tourists fishing, Its part of the vacation attraction and good for our local economy. They seem a little rude to me, but I can keep my distance and there is plenty of water and fish for all of us! I am not asking for any special privlages just because I am a local and I do not expect the charter boats to get special privlages because they want my money. Its America, fair is fair and we should all get equal oportunities.</p> | Daphne AL, 36525 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/27/2012 19:40:20 | Ryan Whitelaw | rwhitelaw@woodsandwildlifeunl | I do not support sector separation. | Winder, GA | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/27/2012 21:32:06 | B J Peacock | Bjaypk@gmail.com | I truly believe that this is the worst idea yet. I understand the the tactic and am appalled. The fish in our seas are a natural resource and should not be taken from the public and distributed among a few for profit. | Mobile, al 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/28/2012 7:09:14 | Chuck Baldrige | chuck@emlinfo.com | <p>As I understand it with Sector Separation, a special class will have been created that will allow recreational fishermen to pay to play. Where as for me, even though I spent gobs of money or my boat I will be regulated to the dock because I wont pay a for hire guy to take me.</p> <p>Why would one recreational angler, just by virtue that he paid someone else for the opportunity to fish, be granted special Status? Did I not pay for my access to the opportunity to fish? Do I not purchase licenses and permits? Did I not have to purchase my boat, the fuel, the bait and supplies?</p> <p>This plan is absurd; there does not need to be classes of recreational fisherman. Charter Captains and crew are excluded from the quota, so we are talking about only recreational anglers and this plan like most lack logic. I spent time and money on my own vessel to fish, but it has to sit in the yard while my neighbor who doesn't have a boat hires a charter and gets to catch reef fish?</p> | 36619 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 6/29/2012 11:19:15 | Robert R. Brady | robroyartisans@earthlink.net | I am against sectoring. What is good for Recreational Anglers is good for Commercial Anglers. If there is a problem with fish populations, place a moratorium on all Anglers., Do not play politics with this issue. | Douglasville, GA 30135 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 7/3/2012 8:54:23 | john craig | jagrinoch75@yahoo.com | I'm fed up with my favorite retirement activities being regulated out of existence. I've worked a lifetime for this retirement and paid all the dues just to have the rules change constantly to my detriment. Where is common sense? | texas coast | Private Recreational Angler |
| 7/3/2012 9:57:59 | Capt. Phil Mosley | teamwaterways@hotmail.com | <p>This is crazy I hold a 50ton Masters License and this has got to stop!!! What about all the want to be Captains that are trying to learn to fish that cant because they have to pay 1000.00+ to go out on a charter they cant afford?</p> <p>Yall just need to stop this at any cost!!!!!!</p> | Dauphin Island AL. | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 7/3/2012 11:04:39 | Brock Clark | brockclark.bc@gmail.com | Not for Sector Separation as reported | MS,39564 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 7/5/2012 7:10:41 | Vicki L. Bridges | DeloresHS@aol.com | I stand opposed to efforts to divide and conquer the recreational fishing community into smaller portions. The sector separation plan stands as a precursor to a privatized fishery under catch share mechanisms. I believe maintaining an open fishery is a better method of fisheries management. I urge you to abandon efforts to promote catch shares and sector separation and focus efforts and funding on improved stock assessments with more appropriate modeling that will account for the substantial growth of a fishery like red snapper. | Heber Springs, AR 72543 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 7/5/2012 7:10:53 | Vicki L. Bridges | DeloresHS@aol.com | I stand opposed to efforts to divide and conquer the recreational fishing community into smaller portions. The sector separation plan stands as a precursor to a privatized fishery under catch share mechanisms. I believe maintaining an open fishery is a better method of fisheries management. I urge you to abandon efforts to promote catch shares and sector separation and focus efforts and funding on improved stock assessments with more appropriate modeling that will account for the substantial growth of a fishery like red snapper. | Heber Springs, AR 72543 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 7/27/2012 8:16:42 | Charles Walker | cap@ffish.com | Sector separation is NOT of any use to anyone except those people that want to own the resource at the expense of others. Vote NO to any form of sector separation schemes, no matter who brings them to you. Capt. Charles Walker | Pinellas park, FL 33782 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 7/27/2012 8:34:02 | Christopher Barton | reefpirate@me.com | Sector separation does not help the majority of charter/headboat operators. If the charter boat community wants to be able to fish year round, then combine the commercial catch shares. I make money fishing, why would the recreational sector have to give up their fishing opportunity to someone who does it for a living? This plan is ridiculous, you have a small well financed group, backed by your organization, that is working to reduce the fleet of charter boats and limit recreational anglers. Leave the fisheries alone, stop pandering to the lobbyists. | Bradenton,FL 34212 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 7/27/2012 8:34:03 | Christopher Barton | reefpirate@me.com | Sector separation does not help the majority of charter/headboat operators. If the charter boat community wants to be able to fish year round, then combine the commercial catch shares. I make money fishing, why would the recreational sector have to give up their fishing opportunity to someone who does it for a living? This plan is ridiculous, you have a small well financed group, backed by your organization, that is working to reduce the fleet of charter boats and limit recreational anglers. Leave the fisheries alone, stop pandering to the lobbyists. | Bradenton,FL 34212 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 7/27/2012 8:43:32 | Kerry Stone | osprey205@gmail.com | Amendment 39; Sector Separation is NOT in the best interest of the PUBLIC and should not be passed! | Fort Lauderdale | Private Recreational Angler |
| 7/27/2012 9:05:37 | Dale Kenneth Fields | flatsmeow7222@yahoo.net | First off all of your numbers for pounds of fish landed and number of trips are false. You have no way of tracking the number of trips other than a wild guess. There is never anyone at the marinas or boat ramps asking the fishers where they fished for or what they caught. The idea of giving any commercial interest preference over recreational fishers is crazy, Also as a charter vessel I consider myself and my customers recreational fishers and only keep recreational limits if we keep any fish at all. The idea that any government agency has the right to tell me where and when I can go fishing is also absurd. | Wesley Chapel, FL | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 7/27/2012 9:16:59 | william dawson miller | bill@billmiller.com | Dear sirs, I am very much AGAINST the sector separation. Make no sense privatizing a part of the public resource. Please vote no to sector separation. Bill Miller | tampa florida 33629 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 7/27/2012 10:00:34 | Capt. Tom Blatt | Doubleunsafe@msn.com | I am opposed to sector separation. Most Charter Captains are being hurt by the current slow economy. This may drive many more of us out of business. Thank you | Hudgins,Va. 23076 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 7/27/2012 10:03:10 | Kent F. Hall | bevandkent@hotmail.com | I am opposed to sector separation of recreational anglers. If, for any reason, I choose not to own a boat, I should not be penalized for deciding to go fishing on a charterboat. Conversely, why should I be rewarded if I own a boat or have the option of going on a friend's boat? All recreational anglers should be treated equally regardless of how they access a fishery! | Sitka, AK 99835 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 7/27/2012 10:08:41 | Candy Hansard | candy@valp.net | I am opposed to Sector Separation and Catch Shares. The Charter industry provides transportation for Recreational Fishermen and should remain in the Recreational Sector. These management schemes create winners and losers. Problem is, they create more losers than they do winners. The Magnuson Stevens Act demands fairness in fishery management. Sector Separation and Catch Shares are not fair. The Gulf Council needs to focus their attention on solving the biggest problem we have in the Gulf of Mexico and it's not fishermen, it's the voracious, prolific, Lionfish! Our fishery is in serious trouble and the GC is fretting over management schemes while the Lionfish is eating our native fish at an unsustainable rate. If proactive lionfish control measures are not taken quickly, it will be just a matter of a few years and the GC will NOT have a fishery to manage because the lionfish will destroy our native ecosystems. Lionfish are in the GOM and they are reproducing very quickly! The damage is already happening. What is the GC doing about this? The GC should also promote artificial reef building to show that they are interested in solving problems instead of just managing problems. To build a healthy and sustainable fishery, we need to build habitat. NO to Sector Separation, NO to Catch Shares, YES to Lionfish Removal programs and YES to Artificial Reef Building! Candy Hansard Private Recreational Fisherwoman Valparaiso, Florida | 32580 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 7/27/2012 10:37:50 | harry ivy | guanacaptain@yahoo.com | As a 40 year charter boat owner and captain I strongly disapprove of sector seperation. It is only being pushed to line the pockets oa a few individuals that want to increase the value of their commercial ifq shares. Most sportfishing charter boats do not own ifq shares and do not commercial fish. Please do not pass this and let this happen. | panama city,fl 32413 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 7/27/2012 11:33:38 | Rodger J Parcels | ParcMarc@aol.com | Based on my knowledge of sector separation, I am opposed, based on there being no positive aspects for myself, or any of the other charter captains in SW Florida. It seems to only be beneficial to a small group of select operators. Please reject the proposal. Thanks. | Marco Island, FL 34145 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 7/27/2012 12:51:47 | Richard Yamada | richard@shelterlodge.com | <p>Dear Gulf Council,</p> <p>I have been a charter captain in Alaska for over 30 years. Let me enlighten you to what has happened to recreational fishing in Alaska due to sector separations. Alaska's halibut fishery was rationalized in 1995 and the IFQ (Individual Fishing Quota) Program was established. This gave commercial halibut fishermen, who had qualifying time in the fishery, quota shares in the fishery for free. Quota shares since then had to be purchased from owners at increasing prices every year. While these quota shares are in reality permits for harvest rights, they have no sunset and thus have been treated as property rights in the fishery. The commercial fishery was thus separated into haves and have not's.</p> <p>In the late 90's, charter businesses began to grow and the numbers of halibut their clients caught began to scare commercial fishermen. Every halibut that was taken by another sector, other than commercial fishing, was a halibut some commercial fisherman had paid for through the purchase of quota shares. So, a charter logbook program was started in 1998 to keep track of charter client harvest. This was the beginning of the separation between guided (those recreational anglers that chose to use the services of a charter captain) and other non-guided anglers. This sector separation was formalized by a North Pacific Fishery Management Council (North Pacific Council) motion which was adopted in 2003, establishing a Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) for the Charter Sector. With this separation came the ability for the North Pacific Council to set different allocations and harvest measures for recreational anglers (guided and non-guided).</p> <p>In 2011, Southeast Alaska anglers who used a charter boat to access their halibut could only retain one halibut a day and it had to be no larger than 37 inches (a 20 pound halibut). While, other anglers that went out on their private boats or had access to a bare-boat rental, could retain two halibut a day of any size! Nowhere else in the nation have recreational anglers been so disenfranchised!</p> <p>There is a current motion coming up for final action by the North Pacific Council called the Catch Sharing Plan. This plan would have the charter sector, representing guided anglers, and the commercial sector sharing a combined catch limit. This would formalize the charter sector and their clients as commercial fishermen; furthering the distance from the rest of the recreational fishery. The plan provides a mechanism for relief for charter clients. A charter captain can lease some halibut from a commercial fisherman and then offer this to their clients at a cost of close to \$100 a halibut the first year and then \$6 or more per pound the following years! I don't see this as any form of relief, but will only lead to more agony! This has been the result of sector separations in Alaska.</p> <p>A charter IFQ (Individual Fishing Quota) program was actually passed by the North Pacific Council in 2001, which gave charter operators an allocation of guided angler fish. It was later rescinded in 2005 due mainly to the efforts of the Alaska Charter Association, who felt that angler rights to the halibut fishery should remain with anglers and not be privatized by charter operators. The move to separate the sectors in the Gulf of Mexico will take the recreational fishery down a dangerous path that will be very difficult to reverse in the future. I hope the rest of the nation will learn from Alaska's mistakes.</p> <p>Regards, Captain Richard Yamada Auke Bay, Alaska</p> | Auke Bay, AK 99821 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 7/28/2012 7:05:18 | Norman H DeRuiter | deruiter58@comcast.net | <p>I believe the vast majority of Charterboat Associations and recreational fisherman do not believe that this will benefit them. I think it is unfair to give a select few an advantage over everyone else. I believe the council is there to protect the resources in the Gulf for everyone and if a clear majority of users think Sector Separation is a bad idea you should listen to them.</p> | Bath ME 04530 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |

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| 7/28/2012 17:31:27 | Charles E. Guilford | charismacharters@mexicobeac | <p>Dear Sirs:</p> <p>I own and operate Charisma Charters, a two boat reef charter business for 37 years. I employ 5 workers and support many other businesses in Mexico Beach, FL. The current restrictions, days to fish & species, based on limited information, has damaged the natural order of fisheries in the northern Gulf and unless amended soon they will cause irreparable damage to the fish population.</p> <p>Sector seperation and catch shares will only increase the unnatural fisheries disorder but will promote profit acitivity by a few for what has always been a natural resource. The majority of all recreational fishermen and charter for hire businesses have been very conservative in our fisheries for many years.</p> <p>Do not apply sector seperation or catch shares.</p> <p>Capt. Charles Guilford Charisma Charters Owner/Operator</p> | Mexico Beach, FL 32410 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 7/28/2012 18:35:37 | Harold Bowling | frankandjeanie@gmail.com | <p>This is to express opposition fo Sector Separation. Please reject all efforts toward sector separation and use the funds and efforts to improve the fishery and scientific data gathering so better decisions can be made.</p> | Panama City Beach, FL, 32408 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 7/29/2012 4:13:30 | Henry Hauch | henryhauch@hughes.net | <p>As a Recreational Angler that has been following the coarse of these proposed measures, and the groups primarily responsible for them, I am appaled that this has made it to this stage of consideration. The language used in this admendment is disturbingly similar to that used by the very groups selling this scheme, and its eventual direction of Recreational Catch Shares. The very fact that this admendment essentially states that no determinations of any allocations or fishing limits could be determined until "After" it was approved is about as scary a proposition as one could imagine, and exactly what EDF and the CFA have asked to happen. This is essentially a 'Blank Check' in asking recreational fishermen to sign off on, in the 'hopes' that their best intrest will be considered. In light of the great distrust created by the NMFS and the fishing public, this only furthers the divide.</p> <p>Consider this a strong opposition to any scheme designed to divide the Recreational fishing community. I know that the majority of the Charter captains Oppose this, as do the private anglers. When one considers the current data being used to develop recreational regulations, any decision that would come from this "High Level of Uncertainty" would in of itself be flawed. Until the level of Recreational Data is elevated to a reasonable level of certainty, NO "New and Novel Management Idea's" should even be on the table. Doing so is nothing more than building a foundation on shifting sands!</p> <p>The groups pushing this scheme, have made the claim that the "Status-Quo" is not working, but sadly they are wrong. The current management, despite being inadequate as far as science based data goes, has allowed great growth in the fish stocks. Its been decades since fish like the Red Snapper have been so abundant that they are rightly being considered a nusience fish most of the year. Bag and size limits, circle hooks and venting tools, along with seasonal closures have allowed such tremendoug growth.</p> <p>What is needed is not a Divide and conquer scheme, but real, hard data, including an accurate number of recreational participants, a accurate statistic on the habits of those federal fishery anglers, and ttargeted speceis. A reasonable estimate of recreational fish landings, based on a known number of federal fishery participants. A reliable biomass number than considers all fish stocks, including those that are found in the sizable artifical structure complex that exist in the GOM. This is currently not part of the Recreational fishery management....but should be. Until these basic, science based tools are developed, no "Market Based" scheme should even be considered.</p> <p>Further more, unless ALL recreational fishermen come to a consencus on the matter, and a majority of all recreational fishermen are in favor of this admendment, by means of a majority referendum, then no such dividing of the recreational stocks should occur. Its a well known and recently admitted agenda of the Environmental Defense Fund, which has claimed to have had its members in both the Gulf Council and AP's to further its agena of influencing policy, and to advance its recreational Catch Share goal in the Gulf, by means of Sector Seperation. This recent revilation has been well know for some time, but not having been admitted by EDF itself, it certainly calls to question the very nature of this admendment, and the validity of having it further considered.</p> <p>Fishermen have been calling for reliable data in OUR recreational fisheries for some time, and have been largely ignored by the NMFS. Several idea's to collect real data have been suggested, but have gotten no-where. Yet the very nature of this admendment that proclaims a recreational data with a "High Level of Uncertainty" goes forward. How is that possible?</p> <p>No unfair advantage shall be assigned to one group over another by means of fishery</p> | | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 7/29/2012 4:13:30 | Henry Hauch | henryhauch@hughes.net | <p>regulations, yet this is exactly what a small handful have ask for. The idea that a fraction of a percent of all recreational anglers being given special consideration, will somehow benefit ALL recreational anglers is very hard to comprehend, and none has been offered by those asking for such special consideration. Although ALL recreational fishermen should be allowed a voice by means of a referendum vote, even if it was only the CFH permit holders that were given such an oppurtunity, its highly unlikely there would be any chance of it passing. We are sure that the Gulf Council realizes the great opposition to this scheme, and as such we look on in amazement, wondering if this is going to be a matter of forcing a policy against the will of the majority, or rather an oppurtunity to kill this unwanted scheme for good?</p> <p>What the Gulf Council decides to do will either take a step towards rebuilding the credibility and mistrust created by the NMFS, or put the last nail in the coffin at any such attempt to do so. Going forward with this unwanted scheme, Admendment 39 and Sector Separation, will certainly drive a wedge that may not soon be repairable between the NMFS and the Special Intrest groups pushing this and the Majority of Charter Operators and the Private Recreational Fishing Community as a whole.</p> | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 7/29/2012 9:04:45 | James C Dougherty | Fishkip@gmail.com | <p>Special interest groups like environmental defense fund are exactly like the terrorists that attack everyone that is not like them. They need to be exposed to the general public for what their true goals are. Then a lot of the financial donations they get might dry up .</p> | Key Largo,fl 33037 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 7/29/2012 9:18:59 | Capt. Stu Paterson | dreamcatcher27@optonline.net | <p>I oppose sector separation. It will only benefit a few & would not be beneficial for an already struggling industry. Let's start to work together and promote American seafood together! Plus, let's get our coastal communities back to work & get our sluggish economy moving again! We have an awsome opportunity to work together with integrity & accountability to get this done. This is the time & place to promote a PR campaign for American seafood in global markets...let's work together with commercial & recreational folks to get it done now!</p> <p>Sincerely, Capt. Stu Paterson Northport Charters, Ltd.</p> | New york, 11768 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 7/30/2012 5:05:09 | Chip Blackburn | mexicobeach.bz@mchsi.com | <p>NO SECTOR SEPARATION in the Gulf of Mexico. Do I need to scream it any louder?</p> | Mexico Beach, FL 32410 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 7/30/2012 19:01:08 | Barrick J Burkett | hookemupcharters@gmail.com | <p>My name is B.J. Burkett. I own and operate Hook'em Up Charters, LLC in Panama City Beach, FL. I am a charter/commercial fisherman. I am a IFQ shareholder and also hold multiple GOM federal fishing permits.</p> <p>IT'S VERY SIMPLE!! Sector separation will not benefit our fishery. It will only benefit a chosen few people. The fishermen can manage the fishery better than any scientific system. Let the fishermen vote on the issue of sector separation. Majority wins; it's that simple! No weighted vote; each federal permit should get a vote. Let's see what all the fishermen involved want. I think I know why this is not a popular way to solve this issue. The few people pushing for sector separation know the majority are against it because the majority will not benefit from sector separation. Only the few that work the system will benefit. It's amazing the PULL those few have on a entire fishery. BE FAIR TO EVERYONE INVOLVED. Please call or send a personal email in response. I would like to know if this email is actually being reviewed or if the comments received are just to make everyone think their views are being heard. Thanks, B.J. Burkett 850-774-8333</p> | Panama City FL | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |

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| 7/30/2012 22:42:35 | Steve Beauchamp | john.beauchamp@gpc.edu | "Sector separation" is typical bureaucratic Newspeak for a plan that will give a small number of people much greater economic control of a public resource. In recent decades, we have seen our rights as individuals radically reduced while a very small percentage of people have gained more power and a great deal more money. Now that show has come to the Gulf. The people proposing sector separation have little or no data to indicate what effects this change is likely to have. They have no answers to even the most basic questions about percentages of allocation various groups will have. They seem to be saying trust us to do the right thing once we have rammed this through. Some have posted information showing private interest groups pushing this forward behind the scenes. So the entire process has a huge cloud of ambiguity and dishonesty hanging over it. For these and many other reasons, I think sector separation is a terrible "strategy" and will lead to an economically motivated gestapo type control of yet another public resource, and the private individual who wants to enjoy fishing will be the big loser. I hope that people who enjoy fishing and don't want to be "separated" from their basic rights to use public resources will fight tooth and nail to see that this amendment is not passed. | Port Charlotte, FL 33953 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 7/31/2012 11:30:09 | Jim Smarr | jimsmarr@gmail.com | The Texas RFA is not in favor of any type sector separation. We feel this Amendment is in direct conflict with the wishes of majority of the permit holders in the Gulf Of Mexico. The Governors of the Gulf States and the Congressional Delegation's from the Gulf states are also opposed to Catch Share Schemes and or Sector Separation. Any move forward with Sector Separation is a clear violation of the will of the clear majority of the Stake Holders and their Elected Officials. | Stonewall,texas 78671 | NGO |

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| 8/1/2012 4:42:25 | Capt Bob Bryant | bob.bryant@subocorp.com | <p>I would like to enter these comments AGAINST Amendment 39 and state that I agree with the Congressional Sportsman Caucus, that any move such as this is ludicrous, until the council has sufficient data and knows fully what the impacts will be on ALL FISHERMEN.</p> <p>Amendment 39 is being foisted on 6 million fishermen at the whim of about 120 for hire permit owners (funded by EDF of course) who are members of the Charter Fishermen s Association. They represent a small minority of federal permit owners, most of whom also oppose this measure.</p> <p>Kay Williams ask me at the Tampa Meeting in June about what was more important Jobs or Recreation....I would ask her; what about the 80,000 jobs supported by recreational fishermen?</p> <p>The reasoning behind this amendment is fatally flawed; It states that is seeks to help the for hire operators make a better business model and protect their jobs. It seems this council has done enough for the for hire operators as in 2004 at the urging of the for hire operators a moratorium was passed to limit new entrants, now active permits are down.</p> <p>The for hire sector points to this and the fact that the private recreational anglers are catching more share of THEIR quota.....to say that their business are in trouble and thus this sector separation is needed to protect them form us....</p> <p>The measure of their business is not in how many permits there are or what percentage of the quotas they are catching. The measure of their business is in HOW MANY PASSENGERS are they carrying. Based on NMFS' numbers form MRIP, the for hire sector is carrying about the same percentage of total recreational angler trips as they have historically carried, in fact in some instances they have increased. So if fewer permit holders are carrying the same or more passengers, then does it not follow that their business is growing.</p> <p>Recreational Fishing is about the OPPORTUNITY to fish and the current for hire sector is providing that OPPORTUNITY at near full capacity. TO say that they need this because the private recreational anglers are actually now finally catching more of the quota that is being given to the private recreational angler is a weak and silly argument.</p> <p>The for hire sector is being impacted by the same economic conditions that are impacting business across the country; less disposable income, higher fuel prices and hire cost of doing business. Sector Separation will do nothing to cure fix these conditions and will surely drive a wedge between what has traditionally been a tight and supportive group</p> <p>This amendment is a problem looking for some place to happen. It seeks to fix a crisis that does not exist and it does nothing to address: Allocations, Better Data Collection, or fishery management.</p> <p>On the subject of Data....if one of the goals is to use for hire catch data as a benchmark for the recreational sector, then again this would be another failed and flawed approach as you can not take data based on PROFESSIONAL fishermen and apply it across the board to all anglers. IT will produce as fatally flawed results as does taking commercial catch data as the primary source in determining stock assessments.....</p> <p>Remember this....90% of the fish are caught by 10% of the anglers and 90% of those anglers become charter captains....</p> <p>To use their data to try and figure out what, when and how much the private anglers are catching will be a disaster.</p> <p>Let's get back to focusing on data collection, stock assessment and real management and stop chasing after all these pie in the sky scheme cooked up by the anti-fishing NGOs.....</p> <p>Market Based management is a failure and does nothing for the fishery, just lines the pocket of the lucky select few (mostly at PEW).</p> | St Petersburg, FL 33710 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/1/2012 5:03:42 | Chris Beck | Gulfbeck@me.com | <p>I stand strongly against sector separation. We are all recreational anglers whether we fish from our own boats or hire someone to take us fishing. It is a free market economy. Why prop up the charter business at the expense of other business like boat manufacturers, tackle shops, tackle manufacturers, etc?</p> <p>The Gulf councils priority should be managing fish stocks, and sector separation will do nothing to help the fishery. Please leave this for the free market to regulate and focus on data collection improvement.</p> | Milledgeville, Ga, 31061 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 5:32:26 | James Young | master47@cableone.net | <p>This amendment does not help anyone, including the millions of recreational fishermen. It does not help the charter boat industry nor does it help any other part of the fishing population. Care must be taken that thousands of jobs are not lost in order to benefit a few select businesses.</p> | Biloxi, MS 39532 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/1/2012 6:12:55 | Christopher C. Pratkanis | cpratka@earthlink.net | <p>I oppose sector separation. I believe that maintaining an open fishery with fair and equitable regulations that sustain the fish and the fishermen is a better method of fisheries management. Management needs to focus less on catch shares and sector separation and more on improved stock assessments with more appropriate modeling that will account for the substantial growth of a fishery like red snapper. Figure out how many fish are out there and not how to carve up the fishery so to line the pockets of a greedy few individuals that have followed the EDF charge to create a cap and trade system in the Gulf of Mexico for the public resource that IS THE RED SNAPPER FISHERY. These fish do not belong to any one individual. They belong to the people. Remember the people? Therefore to re-interat.....Just say NO TO CATCH SHARES AND SECTOR SEPARATION!!!</p> | Pearland, Tx. 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/1/2012 7:11:35 | Gary S. Colecchio | gsc@gate.net | <p>I offer these comments in opposition to RFA 39 (Sector Separation)</p> <p>As a charter boat operator fishing under personal and for hire recreational licensure I demand that any recreational fisheries quota not be further subdivided between the recreational sector.</p> <p>That sector and quota was established to ensure all recreational fishermen have the ability to use their own resources and abilities to harvest fish without the need to rely upon purchasing it from a commercial fishermen or hiring a charter boat to provide themselves with one.</p> <p>This plan further reduces an already reduced recreational capacity through Annual Catch Limits skewed towards the commercial sector.</p> <p>By enabling a sector sub-division, there is a likely hood that a recreational quota could be reached, while the for hire subdivision has quota available.</p> <p>This would advantage holders of those quotas to set a market price for those fish and sell them back to the recreational fishermen they were taken from.</p> <p>An even more absurd and inequitable scenario suggest that once the recreational quota is reached, recreational fishermen would be unable to use their own vessels to harvest fish and would need to charter a for hire vessel to harvest a recreationally designated fish.</p> <p>This conversion of a recreational fishery to a commercial one further commodifies a public resource available to the largest population of recreational fishermen while enabling a small group to realize a profit at the public's expense.</p> <p>This concept is wrong headed and unjustifiable in any fisheries management scheme other than one that again puts commercial interest ahead of the public's.</p> <p>Captain Gary S. Colecchio Bonita Springs, Florida</p> | Bonita Springs FL 34135 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/1/2012 7:54:22 | Capt. Troy P. Sapp | tsapp22334 | <p>I am opposed to sector separation. This is nothing more than a scheme to further weaken the rights of recreational fisherman and to continue to push the NGO catch share agenda.</p> <p>The for hire sector is no more than a service to provide recreational anglers access to the fishery. I can just see the quota system coming in to play and the reduction in the fleet soon to follow. Of course, it will take us down the path of catch shares in the commercial sector. Maybe that is why many of the minority supporters of this in the for hire sector also hold commercial reef fish permits.</p> <p>1 The public resource going to the select few. 2 The cost of for hire trips going through the ceiling due to reduced competition. 3 The larger operations ending up with most of the quota and controlling the industry.</p> <p>Catch shares have a history that will be repeated. All one needs to do is look what catch shares have already accomplished in the commercial sector. See above, it's a easy to understand as 1,2 and 3.</p> <p>Captain Troy P. Sapp Federal for Hire Permit Holder Fins and Tails Guide Service Florida Guides Association Senior Vice President</p> | Odessa FL 33556 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/1/2012 8:35:07 | Derek Nichols | nichols.derek@gmail.com | I strongly oppose Sector separation/catch shares. We need separation by region, such as divided by state boundaries. There is such a radical difference in number and species of life from one side of the gulf to the other that one body cannot adequately govern the entire gulf. | Seabrook, Texas 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 8:55:16 | Pat McGuigan | patmack52@hotmail.com | DATA,,, DATA, DATA ,,, on Fish Populations!!!! Noaa,,, Gulf Council,,,,, You GUYS Have NO Creditability !!! Left,,, You 'all will be Subject to CRIMINAL Prosicution,, For YOUR Actions,,, Rec Fishermen Will NOT REST,, until,,, YOU are IN JAIL !!! for What you have DONE to the Costal Communities,, !!! | Fort Worth Texas, 76053 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 8:58:09 | Ritch DeVoe | ryd22@bellsouth.net | I'm a Florida native and have been saltwater fishing most of my life. Mostly in the Gulf. This has to be one of the most asinine things I have ever seen. Recreational is recreational and to sub-divide the little bit of grouper and snapper we are so graciously granted is nothing more than a MONEY grab by the 120 charter boats that are behind this. Recreational fishing is supposed to be about fun and family. Commercial fishing is about money. Please, for the sake of my children and everyone else that tries to enjoy what the Gulf of Mexico has to offer, shoot this ridiculous amendment down. (I double dog dare you to do this, but give the charter guys use of commercial quota since this is about money.) | Gainesville, FL 32653 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 9:00:30 | Michael Bursten | mikeb@traditionaltitle.com | "NO "way , do we need or want any more regulations on our fishery as Rec anglers , we have got the short end of the stick for years now. I have fished for 30 years in the GOM, and the fishing is better today than its ever been in years. Red Snapper are so thick , it seems at times all we can catch yetI am told the are endangered. The requirements listed to adhere to the regs wanted will be impossible , and will only seal our own fate later down the road when the GOV decides we have over fished certain fish. Between the oil spill last year , High gas prices, broke people with no Jobs who sold their boats , there is no need for any other regulations on what are already terrible Regulations that have me toss back wounded fish due to seasons being open and closed every 3 sec's. It so bad we have no idea what we can even keep until we head to the Tackle store and ask , and even they don't have the correct answers. The best idea would be , buy back commercial permits and end the wholesale slaughter of everyone's fishery . How does it make sense to allow commercials to fish red snapper while i cant , then vise versa based on rec/ commercial regs.....The fish get no break when the commercials take 12 million pounds of snapper and untold million tons of grouperect . Limit them, not me with a 2 red snapper limit and 4 grouper limit, with fuel at 4 bucks a gallon. | Roswell GA 30076 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 9:03:59 | Nicholas Trevor Hilton | nicholastrevhilton@yahoo.com | I am opposed to sector separation / catch shares. Amendment 39 should not go forward. Thank you, Nick Hilton | Sugar Land, Texas 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/1/2012 9:05:32 | Janet L. Hilton | trixiehilton@yahoo.com | I OPPOSE Sector Separation / Catch Shares. Please do NOT move forward with Amendment 39. Janet Hilton | Arcola, Texas 77583 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 9:17:18 | Mike Smith | MSSFFMEDIC@yahoo.com | Against Sector Separation There are simply too many unanswered questions and no accountability within NMFS we cant trust you guys to manage your own budget but you plan to manage a fishery. | Niceville FL | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 9:23:42 | Ryan Hughes | ryanhughes@gmail.com | I am opposed to Sector Separation. I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico. This will be detrimental to fishermen whether recreational, commercial, divers and others. I am opposed to Sector Separation. I am opposed to Sector Separation. NO privatization of Americans right to fish ! I've been fishing the Gulf for over 25+ years have never heard of such BS that is taking place in our waters now. This shouldn't even be an option!! I am opposed to Sector Separation. | Galveston, TX 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 9:42:56 | Doug Franklin | dugf007@yahoo.com | I am against separation without know more about it, and everytime i have tried to get answers its typical political jargon avoiding the answer!!! I would rather the government(NOAA) get out of the fisheries business, they dont know what they are doing!!! | pensacola | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 9:43:59 | Robert Stuart | rstuart@sugsands.com | I am against sector separation. Furthermore, the current regulations you have in place are inadequate and doing harm to the fisheries. The madness must stop. | Orange Beach, AL. 36561 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 9:44:21 | Brian Keith Wyatt | brianw@stic.net | I totally Oppose any for of Catch Shares and also totally Opose any form of Sector separation in our Gulf of Mexico. These two management Practice's are not wanted by any of the fishermen I know. | 950 Port Mansfield Texas 78598 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 9:44:22 | Christopher James Nabholz | cjnabholz@gmail.com | I am a recreational angler and I vehemently oppose Sector Separation and Reef Fish Amendment 39. Regards, Chris Nabholz | Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 9:58:20 | Benjamin Ber | bberdds@hotmail.com | Please do not do Sector separation. | Houma | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 10:03:14 | Phillip Beal | pdbeal@bealz.net | Sector separation of fishing regulations is nothing more than a Charter/Headboat For-Hire profit-grabbing scam masquerading as a conservation tool. I strongly oppose this proposed change. | Panama City Beach, FL, 32413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 10:15:15 | Henry Maclin Smith Jr | hmsmithjr@bellsouth.net | Sector Separation is going to further cripple the private recreational fisherman. You are proposing a scenario that will only benefit the CFH industry and allocate them more time to fish a PUBLIC resource while our time is restricted. I also believe SS will create a situation where the private rec angler will get even fewer days because ya'll will say that the Recreational quota has been met by the CFH boats already. Instead of focusing your efforts on dividing anglers and goading us against each other, WHY do you not work on developing a better model to account for how many fish are taken each season? This would be a much better use of your time bcause right now ya'll do not have a clue how big the biomass is, or how many fish are caught in the season. If you truly did the season would be longer because there are more fish out there than there have ever been in my 25 years of offshore fishing. | Fairhope, AL 36532 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/1/2012 10:46:02 | Debbie Barlow | shoalriv@cox.net | As a recreational fisher I strongly oppose sector separation. The economic impact of this will be devastating to our coast. Please keep in mind as to how many businesses this will impact if sector separation is implemented. I just can't believe this is even being considered. There are thousands of businesses along the coast that depend on marine resources and you guys are willing to take away from thousands of businesses owners to give to a hand full of charter boats. Who do you think is going to create more revenue through out the coast states? Charter? I think not. Do you guys really think this is the answer for a way of collecting data to destroy economy here even more? You people really need to think about how many families you are going to affect if this plan is implemented. Please reconsider and take a good long look at what the outcome will be. Debbie Barlow | Crestview FL 32539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 11:26:16 | Christopher Yarborough | andyar@gulftel.com | I oppose Sector Separation. | 36561 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 11:48:04 | Brad Young | brad.young@mpmci.com | I am writing to express my opposition to sector separation of the recreation fishing sector. If I list my reasons why, they will mirror what every one else has written who has expressed their concern, so I will save time for both of us. Thanks in advance for taking notice of my position. Brad | Nashville, TN 37204 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 11:54:34 | Joel McDaniel | McDaniel8402@gmail.com | Sector separation is not going to do anybody any favors. It is a bad idea. Our Guld of Mexico waters are not something to be carved up, and distributed to suit some politicians agenda. No catch shares, no sector separation. | Dickinson, TX 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 12:11:34 | Andrew West | awest@westburchell.com | Please take note that I STRONGLY disagree with the proposed sector separation proposal, or ANY proposal that seeks to provide commercial interests with a greater access to a public resource, such as Red Snapper. | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 12:26:24 | William F Glockzin | Billwahoo99@yahoo.com | I cannot find a single recreational fisherman with an understanding of how the proposed Catch Shares can benefit any recreational fisherman or sportsman. The Catch Share proposals are aimed at benefitting a few people at the expense of many recreational fisherman. | Aransas Pass, Tx, 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 12:31:52 | Brad Plantz | bplantz@gmail.com | I fully OPPOSE sector separation. At best it is flawed policy and at worst it is disingenuous and reeks of political, not scientific or conservatory motives. | 77007 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 12:40:12 | Robert M Cromie | robromie@gmail.com | I strongly oppose Sector Separation / Catch Shares It is a true scam and unlawful of our public rights. | Houston, Texas, 77098 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 12:44:00 | Donald Pelle Donham | dpdonham@msn.com | I support separate management policies for the Charter Boat industry. This gives me a chance enjoy the offshore experience more due to the amount of fish that could be caught. I do believe in catching only enough to feed your famiy. | Angleton, Texas 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 13:21:57 | Christopher Brian Haile | brian@hailecpa.com | I am registering my opposition to the use of Sector Separation and Catch Shares as conservation policies in the Gulf of Mexico. While I may not be a resident of a coastal state bordering the Gulf, I have vacationed in Apalachicola for the last twenty years, and have a personal interest in this issue. I support the use of accurate data in any fisheries management effort, and I feel that the better use of the Council's limited resources should be to support, encourage, and facilitate the better collection of recreational and commercial catch data. Please do not implement these programs. | Marietta, GA 30062 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 13:47:37 | Brittany Macon | macon.brittany@gmail.com | It is time to move forth with a separate Fishery Management plan for the Charter Boats. Being a non boat owner, this is how I access the fishery each time I fish. | Freeport, Tx 77541 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/1/2012 14:03:21 | Kenneth Norman Kirby | KKirby7777@aol.com | For years I have used independent fishing charter boats to fish off shore. I found this less expensive than to buy my own rig, stow it when not in use and to work my entire life learning where the fish are. A charter captain knows this already and should be encouraged to ply his trade without too much limitation. The captains I have chosen work with the state local and federal governments to provide excellent fishing opportunities for their customers while maintaining a personal watch on making sure that all phases of their work is environmentally friendly. Lets maintain this support for these guys and keep the federal government out of it. | 77082 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 14:31:45 | Kevin Bellington | captaincowby@embarqmail.com | I am opposed to separating the recreational fishery from the Charter for hire in any form. We do not need additional regulations pertaining to CFH . What we do need is better management of existing data collection and regulations based on solid scientific evidence. | Fort Myers Fl. 33908 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/1/2012 15:08:55 | Richard Burgreen | rburgreen@pclnet.net | I do not support Sector Separation. Please do the math. There has been an explosion in the red snapper population off the coast of Alabama. It seems to me they have gotten so big that they are consuming the fry of other fish and anything else they can eat. It's a no win for the rec angler...fish are larger so reduce the days allowed to fish...fish are smaller so reduce the limit to allow for restocking...you had better take some snapper out of the gene pool quick. | Athens, AL 35611 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 15:34:40 | Michael p Mixon | Captainprestonmixon@hotmail.com | Yes let us charter | 77554 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/1/2012 15:53:02 | Michael Stephenson | lbtsoom@aol.com | Please institute a separate fishery management plan for the charter for hire sector. This will assure the non boat owning angling public access to offshore fishing opportunities that may otherwise be lost! | Hitchcock, Tx 77563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 16:24:10 | Kyle Arnold | Kyle_arnoldatm@yahoo.com | No!! | Houston, Tx, 77095 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 16:32:30 | Douglas Schoppe | daschoppe@scbglobal.net | Need separate regulations for charter boat captains, because at this time it's not worth hiring a off shore boat to go fish with and that hurts a lot of people trying to make a honest living. It's time to quit voting with the special interest groups and do what is right and let honest people make a decent living to. | Columbus, Texas 78934 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/1/2012 16:36:25 | Douglas McMullin Jr | deputy2018@yahoo.com | I am in support of the sector separation and charter for hire captains. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 16:36:41 | Douglas Schoppe | daschoppe@ sbcglobal. Net | In favor of the sector separation and I support the charter captain for hire. Good day. | Columbus, Texas 78934 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 16:50:47 | Gary Gautreaux Jr | gary.gautreaux@hotmail.com | I wanted to share my opinion that I am totally against Sector Separation. In fact no one in my circle of long time fishermen are supporters of Sector Separation. We would appreciate you putting this to bed for good! Thank you. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 17:18:16 | Bruce Vieau | bvieau@gmail.com | We need a separate fishery management program for the Charter/ For Hire fishing industry. Thanks | Galveston, TX 77550 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 17:18:39 | LESLIE ENLOE | LESLIE.ENLOE@GMAILCOM | it is time to move forward with a separate Fishery Management plan for the Charter Boats. PLEASE HELP!! | WHARTON, TX 77488 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/1/2012 17:48:00 | Larry Fox | lwfox@sbcglobal.net | Comment is simple... No sector separation, no catch shares | Pearland, TX 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 19:07:59 | Jim Stewart | jstewadjuster@hotmail.com | I am a Recreational fisherman primarily off the Texas coast and I would like to go on record that I am OPPOSED TO AMENDMENT 39. There are many better options for the management of our nations oceans, The people and fish deserve more than guess work and back door science spawned by the EDF. I am both embarrassed and alarmed that you would wast time and precious funds to even consider such a scheme. If you need to separate anything than please consider separating the different ecosystems and managing them accordingly. | seguin Texas 78155 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 19:12:24 | Craig Alan Rucka | c.rucka@yahoo.com | I an in favor of sector separation and support the charter for hire captains. | El Campo, Tx 77437 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 19:46:22 | Mark Anthony Holland | marknkelly10@yahoo.com | Let this go on record that I am IN FULL SUPPORT of sector separation for the CFH folks. They have a plan to be ACCOUNTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE to help maintain a healthy fishery. | Bay City, Texas 77414 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/1/2012 20:01:59 | Monica Lynn Curry | lynn@workingmancharters.com | I own workingman charters a private charter ran from Galveston Texas I personally want sector seperation because we need a count of what is being taken on our part. My boats run offshore,jetty and bay . Two snapper for Texas water federal is just crazy our red snapper is bigger and more abundant than florida we have never had a problem with outr fisheries. Everyone who be accountable for what they catch. The headboats have theirs and the commercial have theirs this is my only source of income and I am slowly watching it go down the tubes .. U have our amberjack in season and you have most of fish limits way down also this is crazy my husband was mastercaptain Bill Curry and he fished over 30 yrs and every year we saw something different . Well now is the time to seperate us and give us our on accountability. End the end lets see who is getting more snapper this is what it all boils down too is who is getting the most fish and what species Lynn Curry booking agent/owner workingman charters | Galveston, Tx 77551 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/1/2012 20:15:46 | cody lee spalek | cjspalek@ykc.com | Im in favor of the sector separation and support the charter for hire captians. | Markham Texas 77456 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 20:18:10 | Matt Harlow | matth182@hotmail.com | I support moving forward with a separate Fishery Management Plan in the Charter For Hire industry | Liberty Hill, Tx, 90266 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 20:25:27 | John C. Hightower | jch619@hotmail.com | Absolutely oppose this measure! This is yet another profit grab of the public resources! | Gulfport, MS 39507 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 20:28:19 | Henry Hawney | hhawney@hotmail.com | I am against implementing any type of sector separation plan in the Gulf of Mexico. | New Orleans, LA 70124 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 20:35:04 | Robert Blair | fireandh2odvr@aol.com | I want to state I am against Amendment 39, Sector seperation and catch shares. The GMFMC has a history of ignoring the will of the majority to promote their own agenda. Their so called "scientific data" is flawed. We as fishermen have tried to improve our fisheries in many ways, fish habitat, size limits, etc. We have been rewarded with the shortest ARS season ever this year. I myself have never seen as many ARS in my life. Now You want to drive this stake into the heart of the industry. The people of the gulf states will remember this if it is imposed and work to give the GMFMC what they deserve, a place in the unemployment line. | Pensacola, Florida 32507 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/1/2012 20:44:20 | Steven Pettit | sjpettit@eprod.com | I strongly OPPOSE catch shares and sector separation. | Pearland, Tx 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/1/2012 21:24:23 | Ronnie Paul Watkins | moneyjunk83@yahoo.com | This is a terrible amendment and needs to be struck down where it is. How can you possibly run a Fisheries Management for the whole GOM? Let the states figure out what needs to be done. And dividing the rec fishermen from the For-Hire captains is even more ridiculous. Shut this down and let the States manage their own fisheries the Federal government has no business dealing with GOM waters. | Corpus Christi, TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 0:20:18 | Zack Bagwell | Zack.bagwell@capitalone.com | I strongly oppose sector separation. This is not the answer to good management of our fisheries. This might actually be the worst idea yet to manage our fish stocks in the Gulf. | Plaquemine,La, 70764 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 4:55:18 | walter w moye | ofshore2@yahoo.com | I am against sector sep AND any type of catch shares PERIOD. All the recreational anglers I know are also against this type of management for OUR offshore fisheries. thanks Walter Moye | kountze tx 77625 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 5:31:54 | James Nielsen | j.nielsen.photo@gmail.com | I'm opposed to Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. | Houston, Texas 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 5:40:41 | Tom Pennington | topenningtonphoto@gmail.com | I am opposed to Sector Separation. I am opposed to privatization of our fisheries through Catch Shares, for which Sector Separation makes possible. I am opposed to the deception used by some members of the charter-for-hire community to try to justify Sector Separation. I am opposed to the NMFS and certain members of the Gulf of Mexico Gulf Council working with the extreme anti-fishing groups such as Environmental Defense Fund to put on the Sector Separation Workshop. | Fort Worth, TX 76107 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 5:41:40 | William Conley Rhodes | bill1001@bellsouth.net | I am strongly against sector separation. | Cumming, GA. 30041 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 5:44:48 | Brandon Edwards | Reellifeoutfitters@charter.net | Sector separation will manage PUBLIC fisheries in a way that will LIMIT public access. As a recreational fisherman I have invested much of my time and a tremendous amount of money to be a part of one of the most engaged and passionate sportsman groups in existence. Recreational fisherman have every right to have access to our fisheries as commercial and headboat captains and sector separation will absolutely limit public access. No one has the right to have greater access to a PUBLIC resource than anyone else. Furthermore, there are far more recreational fisherman who fish in their own vessel or a friends vessel than people who pay for a charter. I fish multiple times a month, I'd venture to say that no one charters a boat multiple times a month. This is ludacr | 70431 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 6:05:42 | john regnier | john.regnier@comcast.net | I strongly oppose sector separation. This is not about conservation - I strongly support conservation. Heck I would support lower limits on almost all fisheries. But don't give it to the commercial guys - they already get preferential treatment from ya'll. | houston tx 77005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 6:09:17 | D. James | djotw@tampabay.rr.com | Just say NO to sector separation. | Palm Harbor, FL 34684 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/2/2012 6:48:40 | Mike Jones | s1nger1@hotmail.com | I am against anything that takes a public resource and uses it to benefit few. No for Sector Separation. | 36544 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 7:14:45 | Clinton Crawford | cdcraw550@hotmail.com | I am against Reef Fish Amendment 39! I am sick and tired of having my limits reduced by commercial interests who are the ones truly responsible for depleting fish stocks. | Estero, FL 33928 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 7:32:59 | Rob Pourciau | rpourciau@jbace.com | I strongly oppose Sector Separation / Catch Shares. For once, do you think you guys can get it right? | Madisonville, LA 70447 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/2/2012 8:30:03 | Steve Hardy | steve.hardy@acuitybrands.com | <p>Please end this blatant grab for power and profit called "Sector Separation" or "Catch Shares" or "Limited Access Privilege Program" immediately. Here is why:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These programs create special classes of users of a national resource. It is not fair to waive rules of season closure, method of harvest, bag limits or gear restrictions or size limits to improve the profitability of a sub-set of the users. 2. Subsidizing a sector through economic privilege fails to capture the highest value for the commodity. Maintaining an inefficient market where bag limits, gear restrictions, season closures, etc. limit the effort due to poor economic returns insures the highest value for the resource and throttles participant effort. 3. Commercial interest has driven EVERY fish, fowl, animal, etc. resource to the brink of extinction (and beyond). The council's goal should be to remove completely all commercial pressure from any fishery that is overfished. It is absurd to waive gear, size and bag limit restrictions for a portion of the users in the name of economic efficiency. Wake up! That is what caused over fishing to begin with! Cloaking oneself in the argument that there is some sort of National Interest in maintaining a commercial fishing fleet is ludicrous. Having a parent that was a policy wonk does not entitle you to become one as well. You have to earn your way in. The same is true for commercial fishermen. If the result of implementing this policy is legally construed as a "taking" of rights, then use the power of eminent domain and compensate the commercial fishermen. The bottom line is, eliminate this burden on the fishery. If the problem is funding, then impose a fee on the remaining users (Yes, charge recreational fishermen for a license, stamp or other device) and get this off the table. This makes the most economic sense BY FAR. Do it first in Red Snapper, do it now. Retire the fee after the commercial interests are "purchased" or perhaps consider setting up a habitat program to build artificial reefs. But make all the money go back into the fishery--so not allow this to become another funding source for the Federal Government. | Dripping Springs, TX 78620 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 9:03:27 | Mark Hughes | mhughes08@att.net | I am opposed to this amendment because it is an attempt to unjustifiably shift a share of fish stocks from recreational fishermen to commercial fishermen and charter boat operators. You need to be focused on the recreational fishermen. They are the conservationists and they drive the economy. | St. Augustine, FL, 32084 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 10:11:55 | Mark A. Bazor | propbend2@yahoo.com | I am against catch shares | Orange Beach, AL 36561 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 10:12:35 | Ryan Perry | ryanperry@cox.net | I would like it to be known that as a tax payer, voter, business owner, and recreational fisherman I am strongly opposed to sector separation. This proposed action attempts to divide a resource between groups that all should have equal access to. In my opinion it's a critical step for the anti-fishing environmental activists attempts to end fishing through a divide and conquer mentality. | BR, LA 70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 10:36:06 | kailey mcnamara | kailey.mcnamara@yahoo.com | I support moving forward with a separate Fishery Management Plan in the Charter For Hire industry | 77441 | Other |
| 8/2/2012 11:10:48 | Mark Otteman | motteman@powersys.us | I am absolutely against Sector Separation and Catch Shares and have voiced this opinion in the past. It is unbelievable to me, that after all the comments you have received expressing this same opinion and the fact that Congress has forbidden NMFS to use any of their budget to promote this idea, that this is still under consideration. It is evident to me that NMFS is hell bent on pushing this idea and will do so until either Congress or a the Coart System shuts this down. You obviously do not listen to the Recreational Fishermen nor consider their opinions of any value. | Tiki Island, TX 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/2/2012 13:21:28 | Joe Battalio | battalio@gmail.com | Sector separation is against all this country stands for which is the rights of the individual to enjoy the freedoms of our country. This country was founded on the principles of individuals enjoying the great bounty of this land not just the privileged few. If sector separation passes, it will not only separate the ability to enjoy fishing; it will separate the wealthy from the average fisherman trying to enjoy our offshore fishery. It will surely hurt businesses along our shores who depend on fishing. We salt guys already have to deal with gas prices, changing limits without cause, and now more fishing restrictions with money hungry, greedy individuals trying to make money off what we all should be allowed to enjoy.DOWN with sector separation! POWER to the fisherman! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 13:36:15 | Capt. James G. Stone | gulf_rider@hotmail.com | I've stated this before at Gulf Council meetings, there's no way you can fairly divide this fishery. Any way you do it, someone gets screwed. Also making vessels add VMS's tell us something about you. You don't trust us. Period. Well that feeling is mutual. I will fight Sector Separation with any resource that I can. The E.D.F. has effectively become NOAA, NMFS and we are feeling it. There have been more regulations that ruined so many business and made them either go out of business or sell out. The actions of Gulf Council and NMFS in the past 10 years have been the absolute worst for the fishermen in the history of the fishery. Stop this agenda based action and get back to real management. James G. Stone. | Pensacola, FL 32507 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/2/2012 14:11:08 | Patrick Hebert | abe351@gmail.com | I am firmly opposed to the separating of the allowable harvest within the recreational sector in the GOM. With the many problems that continue to exist in these fisheries, such as the near complete lack of real world recreational fishery data, including an actual number of participants in the recreational federal fishery, the number of recreational fish caught, and the accurate, current and reliable biomass numbers for ALL of the fish, yes even the great abundance that are found in the thousands of artificial structures lining the GOM's coastal area's., With these problems continuing, adding a "New and Novel" management scheme is pointless and truly counter-productive. There is really no point to Sector Separation. | New Orleans, LA 70006 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 14:16:18 | Joe B Hinkie | joebhinkie@gmail.com | Totally opposed to this nonsense. Appears to be based on political correctness than anything else. | Gautier,MS,39553 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 14:39:00 | G. TODD PENICK | eaglehead1@verizon.net | Sector separation is total insanity that has to stop before it starts. While recreational fisherman continue to bare the brunt of NOAA the commercial guys continue to slaughter our resources and then brag about it as they deposit big checks. If sector separation is started the craziness will continue into for hire guys. Please stop!!! | LA MARQUE, TX 77568 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 15:54:11 | Phillip Allen Tillman | philtillman@sbcglobal.net | I oppose this measure as a solution to managing the G.O.M. fish population. | Antonio, TX. 78201 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 16:49:05 | Richard C. Homminga | Rchomminga@comcast.net | I am against any sector separation. | Texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 17:58:24 | Charles Everts | rifraft25@aol.com | !00% against sector separation. Its all about money. Seems to me this should be part of commercial fishing not recreational. Folks are being paid to take recreational fishing but its really about the Commercial guides who are attempting to lock up part of the recreational catch for them. (just to make money). | Tiki Island, Tx. 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 17:58:36 | Steve Johnson | big1fish@cox.net | Please dont consider it. Its a total scam.. Sector Separation is not the Answer to the fish stocks. ACCURATE DATA IS! | Pensacola, FL 32507 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 18:33:45 | travis allred | travis_allred67@hotmail.com | The management of the offshore fisheries is a disaster. Habitats are being destroyed on a daily basis. There is no way that I can support sector separation/catch shares. how much are yall going to take away from the rec fisherman? This is unamerican and unjust. | woodville, tx 75979 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/2/2012 18:34:29 | Richard P Thompson | triumphrick@gmail.com | I am strongly opposed to anything resembling sector separation. Thank you, Richard Thompson | Masaryktown,. FI 34604 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 18:40:59 | Bruce j. Daniecki | bjd76@suddenlink.net | I totally oppose sector separation and catchshares. Like the present commercial recreational split, it is unfair to recreational fisherman and allocates a natural resource disproportionately to a few individuals for profit. | Conreo, TX 77304 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 18:56:59 | Ryan Whitelaw | rwhitelaw@woodsandwildlifeunl | I am very much opposed to sector separation. Please find a better alternative. | Winder, GA, 30680 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 19:23:11 | Mike Lyles | lylesmw@yahoo.com | I would like to go on record opposing the concept of sector separation in the Gulf of Mexico. The very thought of allocating a portion of our natural resources, which we are guaranteed access to by virtue of being a citizen of these United States, to one segment or another is appalling. The fish in the gulf belong to every American. No group has a right to these and certainly not one over another. Going down this path will create division between charter and recreational fisherman and will negatively affect our economy. The millions of recreational fishermen provide more economic benefit to the states along the gulf than do all the charter fisherman and this amendment would take a portion of that away at a time when the states can ill afford it. This idea needs to be eliminated now! | Prattville, AL 36067 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 19:43:21 | Clint Townsen | c_townsen@ yahoo.com | No sector separation! | Houma, la, 70360 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 21:59:29 | Gregory Gant | ggvg198@bellsouth.net | AS a Recreational fisherman , "I am against implementing Sector Separation for the Gulf of Mexico." Thank You | Daphne, AL, 36526 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/2/2012 22:53:58 | Mark Etie | etiesheree1418@comCAST.NET | You have taken my right to fish away from me with your catch shares. So if your going to screw me you might as well screw just about everybody else while your at it. Your so good at it. NOAA destroying fishermen and communities since 1986. Thanks for everything. I really like how about 25 guys have 90% of the red snapper shares in the gulf, that is so fair. Thanks to your "catch shares program" I am looking forward to falling overboard and drowning at sea. Thanks Roy and Jane. | Clute,Texas,77531 | Commercial Fisher |
| 8/3/2012 4:24:31 | Thomas J. Becker | tdchart@bellsouth.net | As President of the MS Charter Boat Captains Association I am asking that any and all further work on Sector Speration be stopped. Our members have voted NO, NO NO everytime we have voted on this issue. How many times do we have to listen to a EDF back process be pushed into place and you don't have the brains to listen to the problems in the country that have it where the EDF has pushed this through. I will not give the EDF or any member the time of day to listen to there lies and foul mouth crap. Wake up and listen to the real fisherpersons. They have stated they are going fishing no matter what you do. | Biloxi, MS 39532 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/3/2012 5:22:33 | William R Trippett | wtrippett@verizon.net | As a recreational fisherman on the Gulf of Mexico, I oppose this amendment and any attempts to reduce the access to the fishery for the recreational fisherman for any reason. I fish and I vote. While I may not be able to vote against the folks on the council, I can vote against those who appointed members and will do so if this amendment goes through. William Trippett | Saint Petersburg, Florida 33712 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/3/2012 6:28:07 | Geoge W. Duren | geoduren@aol.com | I STRONGLY APPOSE SECTOR SEPARATION | Port St. Joe, FI 32456 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/3/2012 7:39:59 | Mel Bousley III | itzmgb@yahoo.com | I support sector Seperation and a new fisheries plan for charter boats | League City, TX, 77573 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/3/2012 7:41:52 | Joel Gale | jdj175@seabrookfd.com | I am a huge supporter of the sector Seperation and a new fisheries plan for charter boats! These folks are very professional. | Seabrook, Texas | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/3/2012 7:45:38 | Cody Foree | cody@foreeins.com | I support sector Seperation and a new fisheries plan for charter boats! | Santa Fe, Tx 77517 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/3/2012 7:48:16 | diane sterns | dcoombs10@gmail.com | I support sector Seperation and a new fisheries plan for charter boats! | ringwood, nj 07456 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/3/2012 8:06:12 | jason mcrae | jason_mcrae@hotmail.com | My vacation schedule isnt always in line with snapper season. Have more days in the fall. Would love to book more than one trip a year! Let these charter boats earn a living year round! | deer park tx 77536 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/3/2012 8:44:58 | Tom Merchant | tgmercha@aol.com | I support sector separation and a new fisheries plan for charter boats | 77586 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/3/2012 8:54:05 | william r bird Jr | bill@lightseylaw.com | sector separation is a horrible idea - instead of spending its resources trying to help a handful in the least economically significant sector in the fishery, to the detriment of the public and the most economically significant sector in the fishery, the Council should be working to increase allocation to the rec sector, improve data collection and implement other measures that would provide the greatest benefit to the nation - sector separation is move in the opposite direction | winter park, fl 32789 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/3/2012 9:23:28 | Donna Brooks | brooksgang3@yahoo.com | Writing in Support of Sector Separation. If sustainability and accountability are our goals . This can only be achieved with cooperation of all who can be accountable and cooperate with mandates set before us. Recreational sector has gone far beyond their allowable catch and can see this will be the best way to help them manage their buisness and be accountable in the process. | Lecanto,Florida 34461 | Commercial Fisher |
| 8/3/2012 9:25:48 | reneekmcneil | reneekmcneil@comcast.net | I support for admendment 39. I loved the fishing and hope to be back for more and longer trip. | Manassas, Va 20111 | Other |
| 8/3/2012 9:30:39 | Daisy Mae Fishing Company | Eric@flcharterfish.com | Daisy Mae fishing Company supports Admendment 39. We provide access to the overwhelming majority of rec fisherman in the Gulf of Mexico. The non boat owning public across the country. We support accountability and sustainability and it's time the Gulf of Mexico fishery moves in the 21st century. The against everything anti government crowd has a loud voice but not a very strong one. We will never accomplish anything but just being against every management plan that comes before the council. Admendment 39 is not perfect but it's a giant step in the right direction. All of my customers I have talked to support the charter for hire fleet and would like to see them become there own sector. I know many private boat owners who feel the same way. The idea that some of theserec fisherman groups like RFA and CCA speak for the majority is a joke. There membership is small and weak and has been getting smaller and smaller every year. People are sick and tired of rhetoric. We need action and we need our own fishery management plan for the charter for hire industry. The leadership In the rec sector is willing to go down with the ship and continue this against everything policy that will always fail. These groups are membership driven and could care less about the state of our fishery. Support admendment 39 and next time one of these groups says they represent millions of people ask them to show you there books and how many members they really have. The majority want admendment 39. Thanks | Clearwater Beach Florida | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/3/2012 9:32:22 | Nancy k Behme | nbehme@aol.com | I SUPPORT THE CHARTER BOAT INDUSTRY | Wake Forest nc. 27587 | |
| 8/3/2012 10:14:35 | Chris Crocker | cccrocker1313@aol.com | I'm for it . SOS .. | Bacliff, TX 77518 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/3/2012 10:22:59 | jjames henderson | jhenderson14@comcast.net | please do sector seperation in the gom | galveston texas 77551 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/3/2012 10:28:20 | S.W.B. Allison James | swbaxtergroup@sbcglobal.net | Against seperation plain and simple. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/3/2012 11:00:40 | Sanders | aejames76@yahoo.com | SUPPORT FOR CHARTER BOAT INDUSTRY AND THE RIGHT TO CATCH FISH! | Palm Coast, FL 32137 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/3/2012 11:07:45 | Dan Davis | ddavis1952@tampabay.rr.com | I very strongly oppose Amendment 39. To further seperate access to the resource by recreational fisherman does nothing other than granting more quota to the commercial sector. | 33770 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/3/2012 11:36:05 | Charles J. Turner III | cturner@elmore .rr.com | Greetings to all Presents, I would like to offer my sincere disagreement on the implementation of amendment 39. Increasing the granularity of the Gulf of Mexico federal fishery management is neither reasonable nor prudent. Federal intervention into Interstate commerce under the guise of resource management has become intolerable to the social fabric of many coastal communities. Furthermore, the data used to demonstrate a rationale for sectorization is insufficient to conclude upon. Lastly, considering the vast majority of recreational fishermen stay within the 9 mile limit, I intend to do my utmost to encourage Gulf States to establish independent regulations which more accurately capitalize on their local reef resources. Sincerely, Chuck Turner | Deatsville, Alabama, 36022 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/3/2012 12:57:58 | Jesse Zepeda | jessegzepeda@aol.com | I Truly Believe that Sector Seperation is the only way that the Charter Boat Owner and their employees will have a future. With amendment 39 the American public will still have access to the most valuable resource we as Americans Cherrish . Please Help us keep our Jobs and way of life that we Love so much and the people we cater to . To see a young man catch his or her first fish makes going to work , a Blessing . Thank You, Capt. Jesse | Galveston Texas 77554 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/3/2012 13:35:43 | Sally Wise | July2ruby@aol.com | I support amendment 39. | St Pete Beach, FL | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/3/2012 15:22:05 | anne henderson | sndpipr325@aol.com | we own an island rv park. galveston texans and out of state visitors will benefit if the commercial charter operators could have a catch share program . this allows our guest to fish days that are not windy. i understand alaska allows this and alsoa share program too. our web site is www.sandpipervresort.com. we are open 365 days a year. we would like more pleasurable calm fishing days. J | galveston texas 77550 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/3/2012 23:25:30 | David Krebs | Dakfish@gmail.com | Let's get recreational fishermen some flexibility and accountability. It is also time to stop the failed catch and release regulations in the rec sector. | Destin fl 32541 | Private Recreational Angler, Commercial Fisher |

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| 8/4/2012 2:12:53 | Michael Graef | capt.mike@cox.net | <p>To the Gulf Council, Once again I'm commenting on the proposed amendment 39 . I'M AGAINST SECTOR SEPARATION! There is not one valid piece of information that I have seen were any one from the Charter for hire sector will benefit, unless you are a duel permit holder and have a Red Snapper IFQ that EDF is promising that you can use those fish on the recreational side. If you really want this issue settled once and for all mail out a ballot to all the Charter for Hire Federal permit holders since we are really the only ones that have a say in this matter. Thank You, Capt. Mike Graef Charter Boat Huntress</p> | Destin, FL 32541 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/4/2012 8:05:51 | Merlin B. Morvin | merlinmorvin@aol.com | <p>In response to the following solicited comments, I would have to say that if I was Bob Zales, and I knew I had NOT caught enough fish to fill the back of a pick up truck in my life; I would be against sector separation too, knowing I would get next to no allocation if it were distributed individually. If he was an honest and fair person he would not oppose it for his own selfish reasons, and let all the charter fisherman decide by a referendum.</p> <p>Dear NACO Member,</p> <p>The Gulf Council will take up the issue of Sector Separation (reef fish amendment 39) at the next meeting the week of August 20, 2012. NACO has a well known and published policy opposing sector separation. Here is a link direct to the Gulf Council to receive comments on the issue. http://www.gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/comment_forms/RF%20Amendment%2039%20-%20Sector%20Separation.php</p> <p>Except for a select few Charter Boat Associations in the Gulf, every major Charter Boat Association in the Gulf and across the country are opposed to sector separation. In addition, every recreational fishing association is opposed to sector separation. A letter from the Congressional Sportsman's Conference was recently received expressing their opposition to sector separation.</p> <p>Sector separation is an idea created and pushed by the Environmental Defense Fund and a few of their hand selected fishermen. It will not provide more days fishing, will not provide a different fishery data system, will not provide any benefits to charter boat owners that we do not already have. Sector separation is a type of "cap and trade" for charter boats and will only work to financially enhance a few charter boat owners.</p> <p>As a NACO member you can help to stop this effort by clicking on the link above and providing your comments. Please do so today.</p> <p>Thanks, Capt. Bob Zales, II President</p> | Panama City FL | Other |
| 8/4/2012 10:58:15 | Daniel Wise | zlander2@aol.com | <p>I charter a boat 3-4 times a year to fish for grouper, snapper, and trolling fish. It is to the point now that I cannot justify the expense with the incredibly low keep limits. Why a boat that carries six fisherman is restricted while the commercial grouper guys key tons of fish with electric reels is beyond me. Be nice to know whose logic this is?</p> | St Petersburg, FL 33706 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/4/2012 13:45:02 | keith woodward | snpslapper@aol.com | thanks | texas city tx 77590 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/4/2012 16:28:02 | Capt. Cliff Cox | bentrodsrus@cox.net | I am strongly in favor of sector seperation. The headboats and charter boats need their own allocation of fish, much like the commercial boats have. We are being squeezed, (losing days) out of the red snapper and other fishing seasons by the growing pvt. rec sector. We need our own fmp, one we can responsibly fish, and not overfish our allocation. The only way to achieve this is through sector seperation. | Destin, FL 32541 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/4/2012 17:25:40 | George Christopher noel | fishfool70@yahoo.com | Open snapper year round | Pensacola FL 32514 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Other |
| 8/5/2012 8:27:05 | William A Sykes | wasykes@windstreaam.net | I am opposed to Sector Separation. | Sugar Land, TX 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/6/2012 9:58:06 | Randall J Riha | bellehunt@aol.com | I am strongly opposed to sector separation. Dividing the population into the "haves and have nots" brings out the worst in people creating anamosity and greed. Please abandon this approach to fisheries management. | Sugar Land TX 77479 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 10:05:05 | Brooks DeLaney | brooks@headwaterholdings.com | I strongly oppose this proposed sector separation. | Magnolia Springs | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:05:21 | Danny Kent | dannykent@lavernia.net | Reject separation. | 78121 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:06:35 | Douglas Jones | dhjones@lyondell.com | Vote NO on sector separation | League City Tx. 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:06:51 | Gilbert Herrera | gherrera1@rgv.rr.com | Reject separation! | Alamo, TX 78516 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:07:07 | Debbie Rhea | drhea@independencetitle.com | I totally disagree with this crazy idea of Sector Separation. It sounds like the only ones that will benefiting is the Charter Boats and Commercial Fisher by putting more money in their pockets and whoever else that is backing this. | Austin, Texas 78729 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:07:24 | Jeffrey Scott Ogle | jsogle@dow.com | Bad idea. | Lake Jackson, Texas, 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:09:09 | Joseph Bekeris | jbekeris@bellechasseacademy. | The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. I do not concur with this proposal and do not recoomend its passage. There are no tangible conservation benefits on this course of action other than to divide the recreational and charter for hire fishermen and create an adversarial posture. | Port Sulphur, LA 70083 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:09:46 | Angelo Durlach | Klaus@precaststair.com | Sector separation is a bad idea for fishing I'm totally against it | Bradenton Florida 34209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:09:51 | troy hale | thale@nhplc.com | reject seperation | spring, tx, 77386 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:10:05 | David L. Willis | dwillis@stic.net | I am opposed to sector separation. Please vote accordingly. | San Antonio TX 78212 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:10:25 | Melinda H. Tripp | trippme@embarqmail.com | Please vote NO on separation fishing | Saint Cloud, FL 34771 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:10:40 | Aaron Combs | ac944t@hotmail.com | It is ridiculous to propose separating the recreational catch into private boat owners and charter operators. Please defeat this proposal. thank you, Aaron Combs | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:11:03 | Don Wise | donwise@bellsouth.net | This proposal to divide the recreational fisherman from the charter business is absurd and shouldn't even be discussed! Don Wise 985-807-5611 | Mandeville, LA 70471 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:11:20 | David G Marsh | dmarsh@3dmarine.com | Definitely reject separation of sectors between those who own private boats and those who own charter boats for hire. | Spring, TX 77379 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:12:07 | Edward Dale Lechler | dalelechler@hotmail.com | Please reject this legislation | Sealy, Tx. 77474 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:12:14 | Jeff Greer | greerjw@hotmail.com | I oppose sector separation. Dividing recreational anglers into sectors and then divying up the fish that each sector can take will do nothing to help conservation. In fact, it will ultimately hurt conservation. Bear in mind that recreation users of natural resources account for nearly all the money that gets spent on conservation. Separating them out into sectors and getting them arguing amongst each other is a sure way to hurt the resource. | Richmond, TX, 77407 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:12:16 | Joseph Territo | Jterr@charter.net | I think it a bad idea | 70754 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:12:19 | Joseph A. Livergood, DC | jlivergood7@aol.com | Reject sector separation. This is ridiculous. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:13:03 | jon corbell | jkcorbell@corbellcpas.com | Sector allocation will not work and is unreasonable. The recreational fisherman is on the short end. | houston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:13:12 | Thomas R Winkley | winkeng@aol.com | There appears to be no beneficial element in the separation as you are recommending. Please reconsider this. | Austin, Tx, 78746 | |
| 8/7/2012 10:13:28 | larry joe sowden | larry.sowden@mediacombb.net | Totally against the idea of dividing the Recreational fisherman and the charter or boat for hire! this makes no sense at all! | Bay St. Louis Ms. 39520 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:13:37 | Marc Owens | mrowens@janpak.com | This is a bad idea. | Beaumont, TX, 77705 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:13:44 | David A Early Jr | david.early@shell.com | Do not pass this amendment | Channelview, Tx 77530 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:13:44 | John Morello | john@morello.net | Sector separation results in no conservation benefit and benefits one constituency at the expense of many others. The job of the Council isn't to favor one group's interests over another but to ensure a healthy, balanced resource for us all. Please reject this idea contradictory to that idea. | Baton Rouge, LA 70809 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:13:44 | Stephen Hallmark | shallmark@aae-la.com | REJECT SEPARATION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! | Beaumont, TX 77706 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:14:18 | Craig Sawtelle | csawtelle1@satx.rr.com | Sector separation, you have to be kidding! BAD idea. | San Antonio, TX 78218 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:14:18 | steve Heymann | stevh@brit-tex.com | Absolutly do not separate the professionals from the private angler. Just more class warfare. | San Antonio, Texas 78213 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:14:31 | Joshua H Lack | josh.lack@metronational.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Allowing for-profit groups to profit 100%, without reimbursing the resource in some form, from a natural resource seems like a poor long-term management strategy. The resource should be for all, on an equal basis. Guides don't own the ocean. Thank you for your time. Regards, Josh | Bellaire, TX 77401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:14:35 | Joseph Terranova jr | topfuelkid@hotmail.com | You are all making a big mistake why can't you just leave things alone | 79121 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:14:42 | John E. Daigle | chirojd1@bellsouth.net | I am opposed to sector separation of the Gulf of Mexico resources. I fish the Gulf approximately 20 days per year and I do not want the resource allocated to professional boats. John E. Daigle, D.C. | Lafayette, LA, 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:14:45 | michael j. ruppel | mike@ruppelco.com | please vote to take care of the private citizens rights to catch fish. we have sacrificed with limits for years, don't give our fish to commercial fisherman. | houston, texas 77077 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:14:49 | Stephen Brassett | stephen.brassett@partners.basf.com | Please stop the Sector Separation that the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is proposing. This makes no sense at all and is unfair to all of us who pay numerous fees both in licenses and registrations to support the very thing the council is trying to take from us. | Baton Rouge Louisiana 70817 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:14:49 | donald labat | dion.labat@gmail.com | Please Please do not change the fishing attempt that is trying to force through sector separation. I have been fishing all of my life in louisiana and charter fisheries are a miniorty that should not rule just because they have a buisness. Keep it as is. It is fair that way. Or they can take all of us rec fishermen on free trips once a month as part of their chang proposal. | thiboadox, La. 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:15:07 | Jonette W. Childs | saltex@pyramid3.net | You have no right to take fish away from me and give them to a business for no charge. Where do you come up with stuff like this? | Rockport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:15:13 | jack mooney | perrobravo45@hotmail.com | Please do not separate the commercial from the private sportsfishermen, this will have a totally unfair effect on the private sportsman, with absolutely no positive results on the fishery. Thank you for your consideration. | bulverde, tx 78163 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:15:24 | John C. Holmgreen, Jr. | jholmgreen@gthm.com | The proposed sector separation measure proposed by the Consel is a bad idea without support in data or common sense. It further enhances commercial activities at the expense of truly recreational anglers, dramatically reducing the availablility of a limited resource to us plain fishermen. Please stop this. John Holmgreen | Corpus Christi, TX 78401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:15:31 | Dennis Bryant | dennis.bryant@sbcglobal.net | I own a condominium at Port Aransas, Texas 78373 and a recreational off-shore fishing boat. My rights to fish the waters of the Gulf of Mexico with my children and grandchildren using my private fishing boat should not be overlooked in favor of private businesses! | McKinney, Texas 75071 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:15:50 | Marjory Batsell | mc.batsell@rcclaw.com | Please REJECT the sector separation amendment. | Brownsville, TX 78520 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:15:52 | Lori Hodge | lhodge@gvtc.com | Please REJECT sector separation. I can only imagine how many of us recreational fishermen would take the few minor steps necessary to become "guides for hire". Believe me, the sector is separated enough at publicly funded boat launches every weekend. If you are going to separate, then get the charter/for hire folks off our public boat ramps and regulate their use of live bait. | Bergheim, TX 78004 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:15:52 | John W. Graham | john@vedco.com | I am a recreational fisherman and I am strongly opposed to a sector seperation that would take away my opportunity to fish the Gulf of Mexico in a move that would grant my rights to a few individuals that are attempting to do this for their for profit that only benefits those few individuals. Recreational fisherman across the Gulf Coast region (including myself) spend billions of dollars annually on the pursuit of recreational game fishing. What do these few select individual commercial interests add to the equation ? The Gulf Council should strongly consider rejecting this initiative ! | San Antonio, Texas 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:15:56 | Luke Graves | buyer1@airmail.net | Bad Idea! | Austin, TX 78729 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:16:08 | Hal Rasmussen | hjr@t3wireless.com | The Sector separation bill is a terrible idea and would only benefit commercial and charter fishermen. In my opinion recreational fishermen are more conservation minded and if the Sector proposal is passed there would be more pressure on our fishing resources. Please do not pass this proposal. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:16:10 | David Brent Broussard | dbb0961@cox.net | Please help protect the private fisherman and keep up the good work... | Maurice, La 70555 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:16:10 | Steven Ward | sward@wga-llp.com | I am not in favor of sector separation. I am dissapointed by the disintegration of sportsmen's ability to fish in the interest of giving their shares to commercial fishermen. | Houston, TX, 77079 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:16:23 | stephen a davis | steve.davis@bluebell.com | I support CCA position on this issue and respectfully request you not to seperate these boat owners and give away the rights of recreational fishermen for the gain of select few. Please respect your fellow citizens and do not go the route of typical special interest favors. | brenham, texas, 77833 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:16:36 | Steve Orman | Scorman9929@aol.com | Once again, you are headed down the wrong path. This is a lame idea, and has no tangible benefit to the fishery. Don't do it | Jacksonville, Florida, 32223 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:16:50 | Steve Orman | Scorman9929@aol.com | Once again, you are headed down the wrong path. This is a lame idea, and has no tangible benefit to the fishery. Don't do it | Jacksonville, Florida, 32223 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:16:58 | Donald Lee Iden | idenmd@aol.com | Against Separation..Don Iden M.D. | Corpus Christi,TX, 78411 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:17:24 | w t dunn | bdunn@gulfstatesabrasive.com | leave well enough alone please. Do not take from us for the sake of others | houston texas 77270 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:17:36 | Howard Staton | howard.staton@hunting-intl.com | I urge you to vote NO on Sector Separation (Reef Fish Amendment 39) | Lafayette, LA 70506 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:17:44 | John Glasscock | john@lmipaint.com | You need to & should vote to reject the Sector Separation program. | Bellville, TX 77418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:17:53 | Loren McDaniel | Lagunaloren@ymail.com | Charter boats already act like they own the water, Please don't make it true. Recreational anglers Should have no less or more limits than "Captains". | Elgin, Tx. 78621 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:17:54 | Loren McDaniel | Lagunaloren@ymail.com | Charter boats already act like they own the water, Please don't make it true. Recreational anglers Should have no less or more limits than "Captains". | Elgin, Tx. 78621 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:18:36 | James O. Bishop | bishop1942@aol.com | I checked category "other" because government mismanagement of the Gulf fisheries resource has been sufficiently demoralizing to end, probably forever, my enjoyment as a private recreational angler. That is the sole reason I no longer participate in any type fishing. In better days, in the past, a day on deep water reliably calmed me, made me at peace, over the unspeakable government intrusion into private matters on land. I lament that is no longer the case. | Houston, TX, 77098 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 10:19:24 | gary e hansen | gvisions@cableone.net | The concept of changing our catch regulations to benefit big business and penalize citizens know as "Private Recreational Anglers" is unconscionable! If there is a concern for conservation then cut the catch rate across the board. But to single out one group that is the backbone that provides revenue all across our country. It's just plain wrong! ghansen | aransas pass, tx, 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:19:29 | Guy Orton | gorton@satx.rr.com | Please reject based on zero conservational data to support such a seperation. Thank you | san antonio, tx. 78216 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:19:32 | Jeff Holberg | jeffholberg@gmail.com | The proposed division of Gulf of Mexico recreational fishing between charter boats and privately-owned boats is an absurd rule impacting recreational fishermen while having no impact on protecting fish. Government should work to protect the resource, not vested business interests. | Bastrop, TX 78602 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:20:06 | Carter Robbins | carter@crobbins.net | No Sector Separation. All should enjoy these resources under the same regulations and opportunities. | Lake Charles, LA 70602 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:20:07 | Kevin Bell | kbellatty@aol.com | Please reject the obtrusive and unwarranted sector separation plan currently being considered. It is bad enough that harvest quotas are determined based upon questionable data and speculation. There is simply no necessity to deny the average recreational angler the opportunity to participate in the fisheries that are supposed to be available to all--not just a chosen few who are politically connected. | Houston TX 77066 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:20:08 | BRYANT B SMITH | bayless190@aol.com | IT WOULD NOT BE ETHICAL TO TAKE AWAY THE RIGHTS OF THE PRIVATE CITIZEN IN ORDER TO BENEFIT A FEW PEOPLE. | ENTERPRISE, FL. 32725 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:20:25 | Jim Fazende | jim.fazende@ffbla.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. I reject the idea, and hope you do too. | Lake Charles, LA, 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:20:58 | Tony L. Draper | tdraper@wwmlawyers.com | Having read through the proposed amendment, I see a lot of speculation and conjecture built around concepts of what someone apparently believes is a potential solution to an ill-defined problem. This proposal lacks detail necessary to advise the public exactly the allocations will be made and/or how the sectors will be broken down. I strongly oppose this proposal, and not just because it lacks any meaningful detail about the actions it will authorize. | Kingwood, Texas 77346 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:21:18 | Scott McFarland | smcfarland@sealinkinternational.com | You cannot separate or give special privileges to "for hire" boats only, or allow them a way to sell quota! This would bring me to the point of shutting down my only leisure activity and I'm sure many of us would start cutting off our fishing. May as well shut down recreational fishing...what would that cost the state? I'm not hiring a guy who took away my right to fish. Not sure how many \$ millions it would reduce but I'm out if this happens.... going to go fish in another country! | safety harbor, FL 34695 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:21:22 | Andrew Schleis | Andrew@firstfidelityamerica.com | I am opposed to sector separation. Though I have no problem with people making their living from the sea. I believe that separating the charter and recreational fisherman is a bad idea. Recreational fisherman and charter should be lumped together as a common voice. The recreational anglers provide more revenue for more businesses. Gas, hotels, boats, tackle, restaurants etc. Separating us puts us at odds with a group that should be united and share a common voice. | San Antonio, TX, 78253 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:21:25 | Pete Umbdenstock | peteselectric@bellsouth.net | I adamantly oppose the move to "sector separation" as envisioned by the Council. This is simply another giveaway by Federal bureaucrats..... And it's my resource you're proposing to give to private enterprise. I have contacted both my congressman and senators expressing my dismay and will continue to do so. Pete Umbdenstock Gulfport, MS | Gulfport, MS 39501 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:21:26 | Brad Fuller | bfuller@ptaccess.net | On behalf of all anglers, it is imperative you reject sector separation until such time as useful Data can be produced to show long term benefits of this ludicrous ideology | Sarasota, FL. 34241 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:21:32 | John David Dickenson | jddickenson@comcast.net | Please reject Sector Separation. It is a flawed concept that brings no real conservation benefits to our Gulf resources. Giving resource ownership rights away to those who intend to profit off the resource is not a responsible way to discharge your duty to the public and to the resource. Not only will it exacerbate existing conflicts among those who use the resource, it minimizes the experience and access of non-commercial users. Thanks for your service. | Delary Beach, FL 33444 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:21:36 | Darryl Levy | dlevy@greerherz.com | I understand that the Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. I am writing to urge you to REJECT this SECTOR DIVISION. Sector separation is a flawed policy that will harm the Gulf and we are fortunate enough to have access to it. | Bellaire, Texas 77401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:21:40 | Gary V. Watson | garyvwatson@cox.net | Please do NOT vote for Sector Separation. | Walker, LA 70785 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:21:42 | Gerald Stone | Angler@embarqmail.com | Sector Separation is a bad idea and completely unfair to recreational fishermen. I strongly oppose any consideration or vote on the idea. Gerry Stone 8/7/2012 | West Columbia, TX 77486 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:22:03 | FRANK LA CORTE | flacorte@bellsouth.net | As an avid recreational fisherman, I DO NOT SUPPORT "sector separation" as it pertains to both individuals and charter fisherman. | CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33067 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:22:15 | Eric Minor | Eric.Minor@ANICO.Com | Recreation sector separation between recreational fishermen and for hire guides and party boats is a bad idea and should not be promoted. It is already a slap in the face that the recreational take is split between us and the commercial fishermen knowing the economical impact that recreational anglers have. How would you ever regulate this.....no way! | Dickinson, Texas, 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:22:16 | Jacques Wiener | jwiener@vintagerealty.com | This is such a bad plan I don't know where to begin. The recreational sportsman places the least stress on the fisheries but is the largest by numbers. When are we going to get some common sense in the public arena? Bad decisions after bad decisions have led to more bad decisions subjecting our (not the council's) fisheries to chaos. Stop the downward spiral!!!! | Shreveport, La 71106 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:22:17 | Jesse Wood | Jwood@jwnet.net | Do NOT separate recreational anglers into 2 separate entities! | El Campo, Tx, 77437 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:22:31 | Robert Armstrong | duaneandfaye@aol.com. | DO NOT CONSIDER SEPERATION! THIS WOULD NOT BE A GOOD IDEA!!! THANK YOU!!! | Laguna Vista, TX 78578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:22:37 | Adam Jimenez | adamjimenez@hotmail.com | I strongly oppose sector separation. | san antonio, TX 78250 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:22:44 | Porteus Burke | prburke@prburke.com | Please protect recreational fishing. Reduce commercial fishing quotas. | new Iberia ,La., 70560 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:22:45 | Xavier Longoria | Triplettime@aol.com | Sector separation is a bad idea and as a recreational angler I object to the idea of any other recreational angler being subject to different rules, regulations, guidelines, limits, etc than myself. Please reject the proposal for sector separation. | Mission, Tx, 78572 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:23:29 | Vince Hermes | vincehermes@comcast.net | Please reject the Sector Separation. (The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish). And what would those businesses pay for this windfall? Nothing. What are the tangible conservation benefits of this course of action? Nothing. This will only hurt my kids and future generations to come! Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | Sugar Land, Texas 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:23:34 | David L Sadtler | Dsadtler@ricetec.com | If we are split into two groups then the individual fisherman will have more limits placed on fish size, limit, and finally days he can fish limited. Just because guides and party boat owners need the (special treatment) they think they deserve does not mean they deserve it at my expense. This bill is wrong for so many reasons! People like myself fund more worthy projects benefiting the fisheries than they do. If this is allowed to become law then I will lose and it will not stop there. | Pearland, Texas 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:23:39 | Guy Bratton | gbratto@entergy.com | I am against Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation, please consider the impact of this for everyone | ponchatoula, La 70454 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:23:57 | Kurt Obersteller | kurt.obersteller@austinisd.org | - | Wimberley, TX 78676 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:24:18 | Dennis Cooke | denniscooke@pdq.net | Please reject the following: dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. | Dickinson, Tx 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:24:26 | John Cornell | john_cornell@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | Maurice, LA 70555 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:24:37 | Frank Michael McDaniel | fmcdaniel2@gmail.com | I strongly oppose the Separation legislation being considered. | Katy, Texas 77494 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:24:38 | Jim Jozwiak | jjozwiak@reliant.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple!!!! | Houston, TX 77095 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:24:42 | Glenn R. Clements | stonesrose@aol.com | This separation idea is just plain stupid. | Slifell, LA 70458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:24:49 | Joe L. Travis | joe@cavemanhometheaters.com | Please reject the separation and ill conceived concept of portioning any aspect of gulf fishing to businesses over the private individual recreational fisherman. I have enjoyed the gulf my entire life and would find any action other than a complete rejection a horrible mistake of our resources and our rights. | Houston, Texas 77090 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:24:52 | Richard Keith Jones | rjones@distributionservices.com | Why would you want to change the rights of the private angler. This makes no sense and need to be stopped. Whoever this is going to please conserve fishing rights and keep this from passing. Thanks, | Houston, Tx 77083 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:25:05 | Gary Fox | Cptfox@aol.com | Vote NO!!! | San Antonio, Tx. 78240 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:25:08 | frank jones | frankcjones3@earthlink.net | there should be no separation at all; very bad idea | houston, tx 77063 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:26:21 | William C. Benny | aikido09@hotmail.com | Please reject this amendment as I believe to be too radical. | Edgewater, FL, 32141 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:26:31 | Judy Krause | judyk57@yahoo.com | reject sector seperation. | 78130 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:26:49 | Bret M Banta | bbanta@flbr.fpcusa.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Most people can not afford charter trips, so many people will drop out of recreational fishing due to reduced limits. This will hurt many businesses. I personally have not gone red snapper fishing since the limit was dropped from 5 to 2. | Baton Rouge, LA, 70816 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:26:49 | Lannie J. Buteau | lannie.buteau@halliburton.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple | Jeanerette Louisiana 70544 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:27:01 | Doug Roberts | doug1943@embarqmail.com | Please vote no on the plan for Sector Segregation Amendment 39. It is a bad idea with no scientific data to support it. Doug Roberts | Ft. Myers, FL 33908 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:27:17 | kevin joseph schlageter | kevinschlageter@clearchannel. | This is another example of big brother stepping on the little guy. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:27:32 | Charles W. Lambert Jr. | charlie.lambert@motivaent.com | Please vote against sector separation. | Destrehan, La. 70047 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:27:44 | Andy White | whiteandy1@hotmail.com | Sector Seperation is not the solution! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:27:49 | Royce Hanle | rhanle@royalhill.net | Please vote against seperation of recreational anglers. | Houston, Texas 77040 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:27:51 | Hill Dishman | hdishman@sofs.cc | Sector separation in the Gulf of Mexico is a bad idea. I fish the GOM from Venice, LA to South Padre Island, Texas. I have done this all my life. I would hate to see my resources taken from me and allocated some where else. | Houston, TX 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:27:55 | Bill Minyard | bill.minyard@grace.com | Sector Separation is a bad idea. The resource belongs to all the people, not just a select few. | Houston, Texas, 77079 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:27:58 | Troy | Martinilighting@earthlink.net | Govt get out of our waters, bye | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:28:17 | Todd W. White | twhitwh@aol.com | I am against separate allocation of catch to recreational anglers and to those who have a boat "for hire". I fail to see how this benefits conservation or fisheries at all, and will only benefit those who receive more of a precious resource, at no cost. | Rockwall, TX 75087 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:28:32 | Chad Moncrief | xenon16@aol.com | Private boat anglers supply the vast majority of license fees that support state fisheries programs. There is no reason to reallocate the catch to charter/for-hire vessels when they do not amount to the numbers or the revenue stream to benefit the states and income that benefits the Gulf. If anything should be done, you should re-evaluate the numbers of the snapper in the Gulf and consider changes to the daily limit that would benefit the recreational fisherman that provide the majority of the funds and numbers fishing, along with those who pay a guide to take them out. This could increase the economic effects all along the coast. There would be many more people headed out to fish, and in turn spending money along the coast, if they were allowed more than two fish per expensive trip. | Metairie, LA 70002 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:28:45 | Rebecca Roberts | rroberts3@gmail.com | I believe it is a bad policy to separate fishing resources to various groups without an expected positive outcome to conservation. Regulators of the fishing industry should not be supporting one entity over another if it is not necessary for prudent conservation. The private boater and fisherman have the right to fish and keep their catch as much as the businesses that run charter boats. Please vote against sector separation. | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:28:58 | Gregory R. Ford | eagleford@aol.com | <p>Dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats is a bad idea.</p> <p>The tangible conservation benefits of this course of action = nothing and it is arbitrarily unfair to the private recreational angler.</p> <p>Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple.</p> <p>Please reject separation and defeat this measure now.</p> | Houston, Texas 77063 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:29:08 | Randy Wilfer Jr. | trmaster5@hotmail.com | <p>Allocating the charter- for- hire vessels more red snapper than the recreational fishermen is just another unintelligent move on the part of the federal gov. Just look at the dollar amounts that the private rec. fisherman spends per trip versus the charter boats. That should be enough said!!!! Please vote NO on Reef Fish Amendment 39.</p> <p>Sector separation is a bad idea. Do not approve sector separation. We don't want to discover the details of a radical new federal program after it is approved.</p> | Lake Charles, La., 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:29:13 | David Henderson | HOOKUMUPJACK@aol.com | | 33981 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:29:20 | Carolyn Rowland | crowland1@aol.com | NO Sector Separation! | Malabar, FL, 32950 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:29:22 | Susan Minahan | sminahan@gmail.com | REJECT Sector Separation. Thank you. | Katy, TX 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:29:42 | Robert Svendson | robert@sillc.us | <p>I am very confused as to how these types of recommendations even get to the point of discussion, as there is no quantifiable way of measuring the fish populations throughout the entire Gulf of Mexico. Using inaccurate assumptions, based on macro data is not the way to do it. Instead of giving Louisiana's fish to Florida Charter Boats, you should be looking at splitting the gulf into sections not splitting fisherman into sections. The economic impact that would result from this, would do as most government initiatives have, do the exact opposite of what they are intended to do! There is a huge economic multiple related to each additional private non-hire vessel fishing (boat purchase, tackle purchase, fuel purchase, repair and maintenance, so obviously they should be able to go and catch fish if they want to expend the money to do so), very opposite of the guy that spends \$200 once a year to catch a few fish.</p> | Baton Rouge, LA, 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:29:43 | R. Carter Simonds | RCSimonds@aol.com | <p>I am strongly opposed to any kind of sector separation.</p> <p>Fishery Management Council:</p> | Sugar Land, TX 77478 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:29:45 | Zachary Blaine Dutton | zach@yeticoolers.com | <p>My name is Zach Dutton and I am an avid private angler who believes that sector separation will have a devastatingly negative impact on conservation efforts to promote a healthy population and environment for gamefish in the Gulf of Mexico.</p> <p>Please consider the facts, studies, and evidence that over-fishing by commercial fishermen will negatively impact the environment in the Gulf.</p> <p>It is a delicate ecosystem that must be protected for current and future generations to enjoy.</p> <p>Regards, Zach Dutton</p> | Austin, TX, 78702 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:29:51 | John Torrance | jtorrance@reynco.com | Sector Separation is a horrible idea. I am part of CCA and the data they have supplied shows no benefit to the recreational angler. | Austin, Tx 78745 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:30:10 | John Allan Kerr | jakerr55@hotmail.com | I am expressing my opinion on what is being considered for Gulf of Mexico fisheries management. Recreational catch should not be divided between 2 sectors. Recreational catch should stay as 1 no matter if the angler is on a private boat, or is on a boat for hire. They are still a recreational angler and there should be no separate catch category depending on the boat they are on. Dividing it between private boats and for Hire boats effectively reduces the catch each recreational angler is able to have. This is a bad idea. The recreational catch should remain whole and be available to all recreational anglers no matter what type of boat they are on. | Pasadena, TX 77505 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:30:18 | Robert S. Weber | rsddw2@cableone.net | I am very much against sector separation. I can not find examples where it is effective. It will be costly to implement, monitor and maintain. More government ineffective spending. | Aransas Pass, TX 78336 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 10:30:24 | Ted m Stephens | oldarmy52@aol.com | Do not enact any rules that the CCA does not approve of. | Corpus Christi, Texas 78404 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:30:25 | Russell Alaminsky | ralaminsky@earthlink.net | CCA knows how to sustain and improve the Gulf's habitat. | Sugar Land, Texas 77478 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:30:59 | Robert Scott Pearson | robert.pearson@oilstates.com | I reject the separation | Bellaire, Texas, 77401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:31:16 | Rex Engelhardt | rengelhardt@mation.com | I think it would be a horrible idea to separate sectors. No conservation gained at all. | Austin, TX 78737 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:31:16 | owen sears | otsears@texaschildrens.org | As a recreational fisherman I probably catch about 20 fish a year on average, and I spend about \$15,000 a year on the sport, supporting ALL forms of business related to the offshore fishing industry. I assure you that I am not alone in stating that taking away even more opportunity to target and keep the ridiculously few amount of fish I do catch, in the now absurdly short seasons given to the recreational fishermen (compared to the commercials absolutely ravaging the oceans), and giving them away to guide/charters will not only hurt the industry overall, but will definitively hurt both fish populations as well as the future of the sport - needlessly and unfairly. I'm sure this plea falls on deaf ears, as do most recreational fisherman pleas do, and that is very sad. What is even more sad is that my kids won't have the experiences and joy that offshore fishing has given me. Might as well let the longliners and netters come on in and take the rest of our fish, like they have already done in the pacific, before they are all gone from blowing them up removing all of the rig habitats. Makes ABSOLUTELY no sense. At all. | houston, TX, 77043 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:31:36 | Peter H Herber | Pherber123@aol.com | I am against sector separation. It is a bad idea. Who creates more jobs and puts more money into the economy? Not the fishing guides, or commercial fisherman. Only the recreational fisherman. The factor is more than 20 to one. This move will only take fish away for the Recreational fisherman who pays for the lion-share of the cost and your salary. Pete Herber | Punta Gorda, FL 33955 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:31:36 | Peter H Herber | Pherber123@aol.com | I am against sector separation. It is a bad idea. Who creates more jobs and puts more money into the economy? Not the fishing guides, or commercial fisherman. Only the recreational fisherman. The factor is more than 20 to one. This move will only take fish away for the Recreational fisherman who pays for the lion-share of the cost and your salary. Pete Herber | Punta Gorda, FL 33955 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:31:44 | Charles W. Gordon IV | cgordon@prdg.com | Please do not move forward on any attempt or any vote to segregate or separate harvests rules between the private boat owner sector and the for hire or charter boat sectors. It is imprudent to allow Commercial or Charter boats to harvest more than recreational boat owners. Thanks for your consideration, Charles Gordon | Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:31:47 | John Edward Griggs III | jgriggs@gulfel.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. Please reject sector separation. This is just a bad idea who's time has not come. | Foley, AL 36535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:32:00 | Margo Jones | margo@hollonsafe.com | Seriously?! | Corpus Christi, TX 78405 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:32:07 | Lauren Lee Hollon | hollon@hollonsafe.com | This is one of the worst ideas I have heard. My grandfathers raised my parents, and all of their grandchildren out on these waters and to be told where we can and cannot fish would cause them both to roll over in their grave. These waters are Gods creation and should be available to all fishers alike. As a conservationist it seems very unfair to give commercial fishers their own section that us conservationist work so hard to keep up. | Corpus Christi, TX 78414 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:32:14 | Harold W. Crawford Jr | hwaynec@centurytel.net | I request that action be taken to prevent the separation of fishing quotas by taking away from the individual fishermen with their own boats who fish with their own family and friends and giving the quota to commercial interests. It is terrible to even think that such an unfair act is possible. It sounds like some dirty money involved but for sure no fairness or science could support such an act. Please help to prevent such an action from happening. I am an old retired veteran and my wife and I enjoy fishing together on our own boat in the Gulf of Mexico. Do not take away that pleasure from us. Thank You. | Port Aransas, TX 78373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:32:15 | George e. egger | Edegger@3dimaging. Net | Do not separate charter boat fishing rights from recreational fishing rights in gulf of Mexico. We have enough regulations and limits on recreational fishermen currently | 78414 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:32:15 | George e. egger | Edegger@3dimaging. Net | Do not separate charter boat fishing rights from recreational fishing rights in gulf of Mexico. We have enough regulations and limits on recreational fishermen currently | 78414 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:32:25 | Mark Duncan | mark.duncan@kepha.com | I recall when over fishing by commercial interests devastated the Gulf fisheries. Now, you propose to UN-do all we have accomplished in the last twenty years. Please DO NOT go forward with sector separation. It is a BAD idea that only benefits a favorite few "pet" interests of yours. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:32:33 | Al Kelly | akelly@firetron.com | Sector separation is a bad idea and it needs to be rejected in whole. In fact, you need to look at ways to deregulate the fisheries in the Gulf. | Houston, TX 77077 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:32:50 | David Ruitledge | david@coveralls.biz | Division of fisherman? Why? Taking from one segment of the fishing sportsman and giving to another is just wrong fundamentally. It is not complicated. Who thought this up? someone who cant grasp the basic ideals and principles of recreational fishing--its called sport. Sportsmen are the most responsible stewards of the resource, and let's not forget that. Without sportsmen, there would be very little hinting and/or fishing. Don't do it!! | Dallas, TX 75209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:32:52 | Edward Baker | EdBaker@wans.net | Overall the economic impact of Sport Fishermen is much greater than Charters are. So in effect a separation would actually COST jobs and hurt the economy. Don't do this, Please! | Saint Rose, LA 700878 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:32:58 | randy aloise | randy@coastalanglermagazine. | This is just plain wrong! | indialantic, FI, 32903 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:32:59 | John T Hays | jhays1218@aol.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Reject Separation!! | Galveston, TX 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:33:03 | Trey Williams | trey@latterblum.com | I would like to express my STRONG disapproval for sector separation when it comes to fishery management, and ask that you REJECT separating the two sectors. There are MANY other issues that I have with the way our fisheries have been handled, but the long-term impact if this legislation will negatively affect us for years to come, and will basically allow the largest and most powerful charter companies to monopolize the catching of certain fish that should be open and available to anyone and everyone to enjoy. | Baton Rouge, LA, 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:33:11 | Timothy E Mattox | timmattox@baynursing.com | I am completely against splitting the quota between commercial and recreational fishermen. | MOBILE, AL 36695 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:33:16 | Charles Greenwald | charlesgreenwald@bellsouth.net | This is not the way to manage the a resource that is supposed to belong to all of the public. Pitting charter operations against all other fishermen is wrong headed and allows those charter operators a free bite and a protected share of a resource that belongs to all the public. Look at the numbers (dollars) that non charter operators spend to occasionally fish and it's a no brainer. The public is getting short changed. STOP THIS NONSENSE NOW! DO NOT SPLIT THIS RESOURCE BETWEEN PRIVETE FOR HIRE, AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR! | Monroe, La 71201 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:33:19 | Butch Jones | bjones@premier-yamaha.com | Reject this. This would harm lots of people that depend on private anglers for bussiness. | Houston.Tx. 77090 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:33:30 | Laurence S. Smith, Jr. | lssmith1@spectraenergy.com | TOSS OUT THE IDEA OF SECTOR SEPARATION. | Humble, Texas 77338 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:33:42 | keith ford | kford4u@hotmail.com | Recreational fishing is not the problem. Quit pandering to big money and then settling for the people that you can penalize easily. Thank you. | clearwater, fl, 33755 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:33:48 | Murray B. Denton | ironhand210@live.com | Do not Split | Schertz, Tx. 78154-1019 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:34:12 | Ann Morris Scarborough | Annscarb@att.net | Please defeat the Sector Separation amendment. I see no good coming from this proposal. | Austin, TX 78704 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:34:18 | Mike DAntoni | Mdantoni@its.jnj.com | REJECT SEPARATION of fish allotments. | Shreveport, La 71106 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:34:25 | David Wintz | sales@robinguitars.com | DO NOT DIVIDE recreational anglers into two sectors !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! DO NOT DIVIDE recreational anglers into two sectors !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! DO NOT DIVIDE recreational anglers into two sectors !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! DO NOT DIVIDE recreational anglers into two sectors !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! EVER--EVER--EVER--EVER !!! | Houston, Tx 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:34:53 | Mark Seibert | mark@mks-inc.net | I vote reject seperation!!!! | San Antonio, Tx. 78213 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:34:56 | Justin Hillis | jhillis@trioletd.com | As a private recreational Angler I spend tens of thousands or dollar a year persueing this hobby. In my 30 years persueing both inshore and offshore fishing I have seen inshore fishing improve almost every year with exception of fish kills due to colder than usual weather. Offshore fishing over that same 30 years has decreased every year do to regulation changes the last two years due habitate distruction due to the idle iron policy. Sector separation does nothing to address the real issues impacting fish populations in Gulf of Mexico. Please vote NO to sector separation when it comes up for a vote. Until we can all come together and agree on the real issues affecting our fish populations in the Gulf we are not going to make meaning full changes toward improvment. Justin Hillis Recreational Angler Pearland, TX 77581 | Pearland, TX 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:35:04 | kurt h.j. kempf | kurt.kempf@fecrwy.com | separation is as wrong as believing not killing chickens will prevent people from being gay. leave all of us fishermen alone and concentrate on the real solution of how to get rich quick in politics. | jacksonville, florida 32211 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:35:19 | Tony Voigt | tony@voigtassociates.com | privatizing public wildlife resources through sector separation and catch shares is the wrong direction. patently unfair. | Pearland, Texas 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:35:26 | Patrick Price | patrick.price@exterran.com | I disagree and do not support this measure regarding sector separation. | Lafayette, LA | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:35:29 | James C. Ehrlich | james@texterrarealty.com | Reject Sector Separation now! Taking away the rights of recreational fisherman for no just cause is plain wrong! What's next - taking away my fishing rod and giving it to those same businesses so they can catch those fish with my rod? I can't believe the time and money being wasted on such a silly amendment! | Austin, TX 78703 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:35:32 | James Haddox | Jhaddox@quantaservices.com | Please reject sector separation. It makes no sense whatsoever, and does nothing to protect our resources. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:35:36 | Elva Godwin | elvagodwin@gmail.com | I request that you reject sector separation. | Houston, Texas 77072 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:35:42 | John Wells | john.wellsjr@bp.com | Reject separation | Santa Fe, Texas 77517 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:35:55 | James W Fontenot | jwf@subtv.com | reject separation | Breaumont, Tx 77706 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:35:55 | Rod Steven ward | Wardroal@aol.com | Stop this ridiculous concept. | Bay saint Louis Mississippi 39520 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:36:03 | James MAgee | jamagee@bellsouth.net | Sector Separation is a bad idea. I am a recreational fisherman who believes tje law should apply to all fishermen. Just because someone can afford to fish on a charter boat they should not be able to catch a fish that their friend in their own boat cannot catch fishing in the same waters at the same time. | Ocean Springs, MS 39564 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:36:03 | Alice Quarles | alice@acbconsultinginc.com | With the price of gas, the recreational fisherman can't go out very often anymore. I watch the commercial guys pull in loads of fish while the season is closed for us. Based on no limits for them and closed and small limits for us, it just won't be worth owning a boat soon, or fishing gear for that matter. As it is already, it would be cheaper for me to take a charter, but then I would be on a time limit, at their spots, litted to how many could go, etc. I have lived on the water all of my life, and can't imagine there will come a time that I won't be able to fish it with my friends and family. However, it's starting to feel like maybe I should prepare for it. Please don't limit the recreational fishermen more than they have been already. | Sarasota, FL 34242 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:36:40 | Harold G Felter | hfelter@aol.com | Please, no sector separation. No special deals for the for hire boats. | San Antonio, TX 78259 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:36:59 | Angela Gail Hewitt | ghewitt790@aol.com | Sector separation is a bad idea; please reject this idea. | Palacios, TX 77465 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:37:03 | Shane Day | Shane_day@hotmail.com | Please vote no on sector separation! | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:37:27 | Jasper E. Brooks | jeb@wwparts.net | I am opposed to any idea of dividing recreational fisherman into different sectors. Sector separation in my opinion serves no legitimate or conservation purpose, therefore serves no useful purpose. Jasper (Jeb) Brooks | Houston, Texas 77075 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:37:39 | john hamm | Jhamm@jhaadvertising.c0m | You have already cut offshore to where i can not fish for snapper but 45 days a year. If you continue to cut down on what, when and where i can fish in the gulf i will sell my boat and quit fishing offshore. I now fish on the texas coast up to 30 days a year and i will assure you it will make an economic impact on coastal towns. | austin, texas 78745 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:37:41 | Larry G. Crowder | larrygcrowder@earthlink.net | The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. I am asking the Gulf Council to reject this measure now! | Mobile, AL 36619 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:37:56 | jack shuey | jshuey@shueysmith.com | the concept itself is a poor one fishing in the Gulf should not "belong" to commercial or charter fishermen the general public and all thois private boat owners who love to fish are about to be deprived of their oportunites so a few can make some money that is just wrong | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:38:01 | Larry G. Crowder | larrygcrowder@earthlink.net | The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. I am asking the Gulf Council to reject this measure now! | Mobile, AL 36619 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:38:40 | Howard Cuevas | howardcuevas@att.net | I do not support this separation. Recreation anglers are the same whether on a charter or on a private boat. | BR, La. 70810 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 10:38:47 | Michael E. Upshaw | mupshaw@nov.com | DO NOT pass this regulation. It is a gross infrngement on the rights of all! | Alvin, Texas 77511 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:39:14 | Lynn Murtagh | lynn@meridiancd.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, NOAA Economic impact studies for sport-fishing clearly show that private anglers impact is significantly more than that of charters. lets not "fix" something that is not broke. | Fort Myers, FL 33966 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| | | | <p>This is the most ridiculous and hair-brained idea they have come up with yet. CCA and other recreational and conservative organizations have attempted for years to join hands with the charter boat and for hire captains in effort to ensure that the marine conservation regulations are fair and meet the standards desired for both. This bit of buracratc action would place tramatic barriers between the private recreational fishermen and the for-hire. Does't anyone up there have any undstanding of what this Type of action would do??? Let's have an open discussion on this with the folks involved instead of letting the so called "authoritives" make such drastic moves. Also, take a look at the monitary impact the private recreational fishermen have on the economy and overall equipment research. They need a equal vote in this. Thank You, Dick Wilson - 82 year old recreational fisherman - CCA Board member - (local, state and national)</p> | | |
| 8/7/2012 10:39:20 | Dick E. Wilson | dickwilson2@aol.com | | Biloxi Ms. 39532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:39:23 | Ann H Bailey | abailey10@austin.rr.com | <p>Please DO NOT allow sector separation in our Gulf Coast. This could be very detrimental to the Private Recreational Angler community. We own property on the Texas Gulf Coast and go there to fish often. Please do not put any additional restrictions on our current priviledges.</p> | Austin, TX 78732 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:39:27 | Cyrus Scott Tolman | stolman@calpine.com | I am diametrically opposed to the proposed sector separation of recreational anglers. The private angler is already abused to the benefit of the commercial angler; this would take it even farther. The resources of the gulf belong to everybody, not just those who dole out contributions. | League City, TX, 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:39:53 | Ralph C. Cupper | rcupper@shoprite.org | PLEASE TOSS OUT THE IDEA OF SECTOR SEPARATION AT THE UPCOMMING VOTE. THANKS RALPH CUPPER | Breaux Bridge, La 70517 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:39:55 | Kenneth Ellerbe | Kenny@elitelandservices.com | I'm am strongly agaist separation. I went 54 miles out last weekend. Since we were not able to keep snapper we only caught 2 king fish. That trip cost me \$700.00 in fuel and \$100.00 in bait and ice. So an \$800.00 trip for 2 fish. If the bag limits and seasons get anymore strict then I will sell my boat. Many other offshore anglers I've spoken with feel the same way. | Guy, Tx 77444 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:39:56 | Louis Kaleel | lkaleel@allamericanglass.com | Do The RIGHT THING (REJECT SEPARATION) | Houston Texas 77035 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:40:03 | Richard L. Davis | rdavis@entegritynetworks.com | Reject the sector separation plan for Recreational anglers. No one group has more rights to "OUR" natural resources than any other. You cannot restrict my fishing rights because I use my own boat. | Cleveland, TX 77327 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:40:17 | George Majewski | gmajewski@austin.rr.com | What are you thinking?? | Austin, Texas, 78745 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:40:19 | Charles Gray | Charlie@Suretyland.com | Please reject this idea of sector separation, it is not fair, there is no scientific data to back this up, this is just plain insanity. The recreational anglers give more to an economy than the commercial fishers do as well. Please ask the NMFS and Gulf Council to reject sector separation. Charlie Gray Dauphin Island, Alabama | Dauphin Island Alabama 36528 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 10:40:21 | Glenn Hughes | glenn.hughes@bonniercorp.com | Please DO NOT separate the anglers from the for-hire group of charters. This is bad for our fish and our fishermen. The recreational fishing market means so much to the Gulf and it would cause problems with the anglers and, therefore, revenue to the area. regards, Glenn Hughes | Longwood, FL, 32750 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:40:42 | Steve W. Stinson | Steve@msmincorp.com | I adamantly oppose separation of recreational fishermen and charter /guide services into two sectors. - Steve Stinson | Tallahassee, FL. 32309 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:40:55 | James Stanton Young | medre@medicalrealestateinc.com | Along with wealth redistribution we are now looking at resource redistribution, seems those who offer the most economic support to our fisheries are being asked to subsidize other classes of fishermen. Doesn't seem logical, even to a guy who doesn't pursue reef fish. | Houston, Texas 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:41:09 | Mike Leath, MD | mleath5733@aol.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Please, reject this. | Houston, TX 77005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:41:11 | James P Moran | j_hmoran@bellsouth.net | Please do not allow the division of recreational anglers into two sectors. This will be a loss for recreational anglers. | Gautier, MS, 39553 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:41:12 | James P Moran | j_hmoran@bellsouth.net | Please do not allow the division of recreational anglers into two sectors. This will be a loss for recreational anglers. | Gautier, MS, 39553 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:41:18 | william morgan jr | bmorgan@grandecom.net | Sector separation of anglers is a BAD IDERA.It has no tangible benefits and must be rejected. | midland,tx 79704 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:41:38 | Terry Beck | terry@ynis.net | Please reject the idea of reef fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation There is nothing in this potential legislation that would benefit the fisheries in any form of positive way. As a member of CCA for many years, the efforts of this organization and the funding provided to protect the management of the fisheries and the rights of anglers as myself, are worthwhile and beneficial causes. The seas will provide adequately with the current regulations in place and provide outdoor pleasure for all. This proposed amendment would not. | Castroville, TX 78009 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:41:39 | Louis J. Mayeux Jr. | buddy@mayeuxins.com | Please reject dividing recreational into two sectors. | Crowley, LA 70527 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:41:43 | Lamar Youngblood | youngbloodlamar@gmail.com | Please reject separation to the disadvantage of private/recreational anglers. | Kingwood, TX 77345 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:41:50 | Paul A. Kennedy, Jr | pkennedy@gte.net | I strongly oppose any attempt to restrict recreational fishing opportunities for me and others like me. The management of our marine resources by the federal government is very disappointing to say the very least. Please tell me why a commercial fisherman should have greater access to public natural resources than I do. Do they contribute more significantly more to marine research, habitat creation, restocking efforts? Absolutely not ! The resource belongs equally to all of us, not disproportionate to a few. | Corpus Christi, Texas 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:41:56 | Bradley Stuart Forward | ForwardB@hotmail.com | I have fished my whole life in the Gulf of Mexico. Today there are way more fish and the fish are bigger than they were 30 years ago. There are many more reefs and oil rigs to fish. The data used to set the limits is inaccurate and everyone knows it. The government is responsible for thousands of fish kills by removing oil rigs with explosives and loss of habitat. Alabama pays money to create artificial reefs and the government mandates removal of oil rigs, vital fish habitat. Many recreational fisherman go fishing on charters. Many of us will never support a charter in the future if those guys start taking away from the recreational share. Gas prices alone have hurt boat dealers, tackle and bait stores, etc. Using flawed data and more government is not the answer. The answer is KISS, Keep it simple, you know the last word. Dont pit fishermen against fishermen. Stop killing the incredible resource we all should have equal opportunity to share. | Dothan, AL, 36305 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:41:59 | Paul McGee | mcgeepc@hughes.net | I am against Sector Separation! | Port O'Connor, Texas, 77982 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:41:59 | Brian Lee | brian-lee@att.net | Vote down separation | San antonio, Tx, 78255 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:42:09 | Traci Moeller | tmoeller@kerrbsi.com | Please do not segregate fishermen. | Kerrville, TX | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:42:09 | Donny Prichard | donny.prichard@nov.com | Please REJECT sector separation | Houston,Tx. 77089 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:42:11 | Barbara A Bowers | babowers@utmb.edu | Please reject the proposed division of recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The fish regulations & limits should be equal for all. | Hitchcock, TX 77563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:42:14 | mike goodson | mikegoodson38@hotmail.com | please reject any idea to seperate any regulation for any anglers ,private or for hire. | 77422 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:42:30 | Jon Farris | jfarris@streamrealty.com | It is a bad idea to grant a portion of the recreational quota to the "for-hire" captains. I have 3 kids and it almost isn't worth teaching them to fish with the quotas being reduced annually. Best regards, Jon | Bellaire TX 77401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:42:32 | Paul A. Kennedy, Jr | pkennedy@gte.net | I strongly oppose any attempt to restrict recreational fishing opportunities for me and others like me. The management of our marine resources by the federal government is very disappointing to say the very least. Please tell me why a commercial fisherman should have greater access to public natural resources than I do. Do they contribute more significantly more to marine research, habitat creation, restocking efforts? Absolutely not ! The resource belongs equally to all of us, not disproportionate to a few. | Corpus Christi, Texas 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:42:35 | James Gourley | jamesg@gourleycontracting.com | Opposed to sector seperation. | Corpus Christi | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:42:57 | alex t. howard 111 | sandy@landhp.com | Vote no on this law.It is a very bad idea. | mobile al. 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:42:59 | Edward Leatherbury | esl62@aol.com | Recreational fishing is Recreational, For hire is commercial fishing. There is already a commercial fishery quota, that is where the for hire quota should be split from, not recreational. Recreational people fishing on commercial boats should apply to commercial harvest, not recreational | Mobile, Al 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:43:05 | Jon Tyler newburn | Newburnj@uwa.esu | If Sector Seperation has no ecological benefits then this should not even be an issue the only benefit that I can see is economical and only for a select few buisiness'. I do not agree with this idea and do not believe that it should even be voted upon and hope that it doesn't pass at this time or any other in the future. | Citronelle, al, 36522 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:43:10 | W. Routt Thornhill | rthornhill@coatsrose.com | I oppose any attempt to divide recreational anglers into two sectors. There is no rational reason for creating different treatments for boat owning and charter boat using anglers. | Austin, Texas 78739 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:43:12 | LaRhonda Aron | laron@royalpurpleraceway.com | Please do not allow them to do this! | Houston, TX 77044 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:43:18 | Ted Morris | mrmorre@gmail.com | In learning of the 'Sector Separation' proposal, it irritated me. Being a South Texas saltwater recreational fisherman basically all of my life, I enjoy the pursuit and enjoy the rewards of a well planned fishing trip. I have noticed many, many more charter for hire boats on the water these days, than in the past. My thoughts - free enterprise, go for it. Sometimes I wish I had gotten into that as a sideline to my full time career. It's got to be a rewarding effort, taking folks to do what they enjoy, being where you enjoy, and doing what you enjoy as a skill and an occupation. Now this?!?!? The best thing to do with this 'idea' is to strike it from the list. That is no way to conserve the resources. Conservation is meant to replenish and sustain what is there naturally. Fishing has been around for thousands of years. I know of one story where the fishermen were rewarded (shown) what was possible. He in turn made them 'fishers of men' and it led to wonderful things. If this Sector Separation is passed, do you think that anything will be accomplished? Other than many folks (recreational fishermen) being deceived of their rights. | Corpus Christi, TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:43:19 | WALTER SCHWAMB | WGSCHWAMB@GMAIL.COM | Do not OK sector separation. This is a bad idea. We have worked hard to sustain the fisheries in the GOM to reallocate through separation does not help maintain and manage the Gulf of Mexico fish resources. | CORPUS CHRISTI TEXAS 78414 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:43:24 | Ronald C Henderson | capnron@live.com | I did not think that I could be shocked anymore about your slanted proposals. You have reached an alltime high. When will the American recreational citizens given some fair representation. No, No, No to you and the clients that you represent! Certainly not recreational fishermen. How can we get some folks in there and get the lot in there removed. Thanks for the time to comment. Ronald C Henderson,citizen,veteran | Port Arthur,Tex, 77640 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:43:46 | Bobby J Caskey | bobbyjcaskey@yahoo.com | To Whom it May Concern, I am not in favor of separating quotas/preferential treatment for one user over another in the Gulf of Mexico. Thank You, Bobby J Caskey | 78336 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 10:44:02 | Ronald Wardell | rwardell@wardelllawfirm.com | This amendment is a terrible idea for the future of fishing, especially as it relates to recreational anglers. To develop "sectors" and then divide benefits is ludicrous and simply geared to cause more time, expense and abuse in relation to the management of our natural resources. Vote "NO" to the Reef Fish Amendment 39. | 77056 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:44:03 | William H. Jeffries | bigbilljeffries@gmail.com | My Government want to take something away from me and my five grandsons everyday, it,s time to STOP this trend, NOW!!!!!!! To whom it may concern: | Orange Beach,AL 36561 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:44:04 | Russell W. Stafford | Rustystafford1@bellsouth.net | I am writing to you with strong conviction regarding my rights as a recreational fisherman in the State of Louisiana. There is not a single shred of evidence to support that sector separation in the Gulf of Mexico is a benefit to the habitat or the population of our wonderful Gulf fisheries. I am appalled at the idea of sector separation, providing no proof or benefit to those who will use the fisheries, in good faith there should be studies performed before further consideration of this matter takes place! As an avid sportsman and conservationist, I would appreciate further consideration of this matter in the future! | Denham Springs, LA 70726 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:44:07 | Andrew A Smith, Sr | aasmith624@bellsouth.net | I do not believe that Sector Separation is a viable plan at all. It seems to me that the commercial side benefits are all carried on the backs of the Recreational Angler. I hope this plan is NOT approved. | Fairhope, Al 36532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:44:08 | Roy D Palmer | palmerd@bp.com | I do not want the fisheries divided depending on the boat owner uses. Taking my resourses prevents me amd my family from enjoying the harvest while giving the for hire boats the unfair advantage to the resources. | Santa Fe, TX. 77510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:44:22 | Ronald P. Matson | reelnwithron@att.com | Do not Pass the Amendment for Sector Separation. | Rockport,Tx. 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:45:04 | Gary R Touns | gary.touns@jacobs.com | Please reject amendment A ! | Kingwood, Texas 77339 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:45:10 | Mary Pousson | polly.pousson@coxcxfilo.com | SECTOR SEPARATION NOT ACCEPTABLE! REJECT SEPARATION! | Sulphur, LA 70663 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:45:11 | Earl L. Foreman, Jr. | earl.foreman@bp.com | Sector Separation is truly an bad and unfair proposal. As a recreational fisherman, I should have the same oppurtunity as the for hire individuals. This proposal benefits conservation in no form or fashion. It might even hurt, because as a private owner I would discontinue my contributions to the conservation organizations. | League City, Texas 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:45:23 | Luke Primrose | lukeprimrose@aol.com | I urge Council to not implement Amendment 28 in its current form. As a private recreational angler, who fishes the reefs maybe two or three times a season, I see no benefit in sector separation that benefits a handful of well-connected businesses. I cannot understand how real management of our resources can be achieved with this management approach. It appears to be more of a case of pandering than real management. | Santa Fe, Tx 77510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:45:31 | Tom Burns | tburns@67systems.com | We should not divide fishing quotas between different categories. It should be kept by person. | Pearland, TX, 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:45:34 | Andoni Zagouris | andonizee@gmail.com | Please reject this separation plan currently being considered. It is a bad idea and unfair to all; especially the marine resources. | McAllen, Tx, 78504 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:45:37 | Michael E. Autenreith | michael@houstonianbuilders.com | The idea of recreational fishermen such as my self having to work with different guidelines than charter boats is ridiculous. For once please don't try to make this better. The current regulations are fine and we don't need any more liberties taken away from us. Sincerely, Michael E. Autenreith | Houston, TX, 77055 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:45:43 | Guy G. Mathews, Jr. | Docm@Kylevet.com | I am opposed to recreational fishing sector separation. Please consider this when voting on the issue. | New Braunfels, TX 78132 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:46:01 | Ricky Mattiza | rmattiza@knust.com | Sector separation is a bad idea | Houston, Texas, 77065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:46:11 | Scott Waine | scott.waine@ssab.com | The division of the catch is unfair to the private recreational angler. This council needs to stop bending to pressure put on them from charter boat capitains and think about all anglers. you also need to go fishin some time and try to catch any thing other than a snapper and see how many are out there. | Theodore, Al 36582 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:46:16 | Cal Birdsall | gtiengr@gtiengr.com | As an active angler and CCA member, I oppose the separation of sectors. Council could then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. This is not in the best interest of recreational anglers or the conservation of our resources. | Katy, TX 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:46:28 | Erik Hedegaard | erikh5529@gmail.com | Sector separation is a very BAD IDEA, Please vote against this proposal. | Missouri City, Texas 77459 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:46:28 | luke garcia | airdynamics@austin.rr.com | I dont approve of the Gulf council sector separation for rec. anglers, i hope someone in council can understand why we need the program as it is, The rec. anglers need to be thought of first, we pay the fee and fuel gulf coast economeys in a very big way. please reconsider. | austin, tx 78727 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:46:47 | Jeff Seavey | jeff@instratek.com | "Please reject separation to the disadvantage of private/recreational anglers." | Houston, TX 77092 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:46:56 | Bud Lee | budlee@imsday.com | The sector separation must be defeated | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:47:00 | Gavin Smith | gavatap@academicplanet.com | Need to reject sector separation. If there are limits, everyone should abide. | Crosby, Tx 77532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:47:28 | Joe Bergner | jbb@coastalsecurities.com | There is no way you can possibly govern a separation plan. This is a very bad idea. | Houston TX 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:47:35 | George Busceme | gbusceme@easthamforge.com | I am against sector segregation. | Beaumont, Texas 77706 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:47:42 | Bryan Reed | breed@glenntech.com | Sector separation is a bad idea - vote against it!!! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:47:50 | Kyle Harris | kharris@mcdugaldsteele.com | Sector separation is a bad idea!!! | Brazoria, TX 77422 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:47:57 | greer mack horton III | mackhorton@bellsouth.net | Please reject separation. | mt brook, al. 35223 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:48:13 | Roderic Vaughan | rodeaux@yahoo.com | I do not agre with this sector sepration that is being talkd about. I do not agree with it. Please vote against this issue. | Lafayette, LA 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:48:19 | James Wilson Bowman Jr. | jamesbo@cctexas.com | The idea of Sector Separation of the recreational portion of fish is wrong. Fish in State and Federal Waters belong to "We The People" and not to commercial and Charter or Headboat For Hire fishermen. The first priority should go to Recreational Anglers, and scientific data should be utilized to support a quota to sustain a the species. After the allotment to the Recreational Anglers, then any remaining portion of the sustainable harvest then could go to commercial harvest. Remember: 1. Sustain the fishery. 2. First Priority of harvest to the Recreational Fisherman. 3. Any remaining allotment harvest to commercial. Thanks, James W. Bowman Jr. | Corpus Christi, TX, 78412 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:48:21 | Matt Brown | mattb@landmoutdoors.com | Sector Separation is not only a bad idea, but just plain not fair. You can not tell certain groups that they can fish and others that they can not. Our natural resources are for everyone to share and take part of. The recreational fisherman inserts more money into the local economy than any charter boat or for-hire boat could even come close to. Not only would this put many people out of work like hotel employees, marinas, tackle stores, gas stations and the list could go on and on, it would be unjust that our council is even thinking of such a thing. Our government is going to push and push and take and take until the recreational fisherman has nothing and nowhere to fish. | West Monroe, La 71292 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:48:39 | Carla B Wilson | wisdom1@flash.net | So, let's see if I understand: >> dividing professional anglers and recreational anglers? >> professional anglers are allowed to remove more/larger catches? >> to be able to this an individual has to PAY \$\$\$\$ to a professional? >> the public (taxpayer) has to PAY \$\$\$\$ to hire regulators / enforcers All for something that is not necessary or needed, or appreciated. We buy fishing licenses and we pay dues (would pay a little more each) to study, renew and maintain the levels of game fish. Why do we need more CONTROL on the situation? Regulating something is a fine line between doing right and doing wrong -- let's keep it right and keep the REGULATORY controls at a minimum -- | Houston, TX 77092 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:49:03 | john vollmer | pinnaclemarine@satx.rr.com | Do not seperate. If anything, give more to the recreational fisherman. Commercial operators exploit the resouce. If you want to see a true tradgedy in the gulf, follow a shrimp boat while its culling the catch. You will see a fish carcus every foot for 3 miles. Every conceivable specie of fish is caught and released dead as by-catch. This does not happen in the recreational fishery. | san antonio, tx, 78253 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:49:08 | MARK CRAWFORD | mark@lscs.cc | There should not be a separation of anglers into two sectors. | Chapman Ranch, TX 78347 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:49:30 | Dianne Gates | dianne.gates@exterran.com | I disagree and do not approve of this Amendement. There is nothing wrong with the way the fish are distributed now. Allow the fish to decide who gets them with fishing. Do not divide up the Anglers and then grant special previlages to one group. | 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:49:32 | ronald j. somody | rsomody@satx.rr.com | The legislation proposing sector separation makes no sense. There is no reasonableness, fairness or positive outcome to this poorly conceived idea. I strongly oppose sector separation and urge it's defeat. | helotes, tx. 78023 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:49:33 | Hannah Meddaugh | meddaugh@bcm.edu | I am against sector separation, which favors for-hire businesses against ordinary fishing citizens such as myself. Please reject sector separation. | Houston, TX 77005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:49:36 | Chad britton | cbritton218@aol.com | I vote to reject the separation | houston, tx, 77063 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:49:36 | Kelly Stanley | patgreen2096@hotmail.com | Do not separate! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:49:40 | Marvin Marek | marvin.j.marek@williams.com | I understand that the GOM Fishery Management Council is considering a change in regulation that would include sector separation. I think that this is a terrible idea and want to urge you to reject this change. | Corpus Christi, Texas 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:50:00 | Tracy Brown | tbmtt@aol.com | Dear Sirs: I reject the seperation of vessels. This is rediculous! If you guys keep it up you wont have any recreational fishermen. | Pensacola, FL 32507 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:50:04 | John H Wilkerson Jr | hwilkerson@trimtechouston.com | I am against sector separation. I am all for the preservation of our fisheries, but dedicating a portion of the recreational sector to the for hire charters will result in a future potentially unfair division of the resource. | Austin, TX 78737 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:50:27 | James Drapela | jamesd@drapco.com | Please do not separate our fisheries into commercial and non-commercial. Thank You James | Richmond, TX 77406 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:50:33 | Martin Tomerlin | mtomerlin@legendhc.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Please do not endorse and/or implement. | San Antonio | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:50:37 | Dustin Haese | Dbhaese@hotmail.com | This is a terrible idea everyone should be held to the same standard. Some one should do an audit of those in charge of bringing this up for debate. Can you say greased pockets with the money of those who will benefit from such action. This in no way represents the view of the mass of fishermen who love and cherish the sacred waters of the GOM. | Lake Charles LA 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:50:44 | Thomas Clark | tclark815@gmail.com | I am not in favor of sector separation. Please do not approve any such measure, as I believe this legislation is not in the best interest of the average recreational fisherman nor the Gulf fisheries as a whole. | Mobile, AL 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:51:07 | Mark Moss | mark@mossmanproductions.com | Sector separation is a BAD idea. That is all I need to say. | 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:51:07 | Hank Floyd | hank@dhmloans.net | This idea basically makes no sense. Recreational anglers have so many restrictions as it is. This Idea must be rejected. | Tampa,FL 33615 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:51:19 | david g fox | dfoxkiller@aol.com | please do not give away my fish!!! | nola | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:51:23 | Thad Urquhart | thadu2041@gmail.com | I am against The Gulf Council considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors. The Gulf Council should reject angler separation. | Seabrook, Tx 77586 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:51:30 | Ollie Dupuis | odupuis@fcongroupllc.com | This is the most ridiculous proposal I have ever heard of. | Kaplan, La. 70548 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:51:52 | Beth Frey | bfrey@suddenlink.net | Please reject separation. Please defeat this measure now - we don't want to discover the details of a radical new federal program after it is approved. | Lake Charles, LA 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:51:55 | David Graham | marlinfloors@aol.com | Reject the separation! | Santa Fe, Texas 77510 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:51:58 | Paul Collier | paul@paperclipsbe.com | Decreasing the amount of resources for recreational anglers while increasing them for "for hire" anglers or charter boats is ridiculous and unfair. Sector separation in this manner for the Gulf Fisheries is not acceptable. | Winter Park, FL 32792 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:52:06 | russell zaunbrecher | rzaunbrecher@eszlawfirm.com | i am opposed to separation of recreational/sport fishing and charter fishing - sector separation. | crowley, la. 70526 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:52:06 | Chris c | Chunt6.lsu@gmail.com | Separating our fishing will be detrimental to the surrounding communities, and drastically decrease public participation in recreational fishing. Please vote no for the publics sake. | Slidell, La, 70458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:52:07 | W Stanley Foster | sfost@cox.net | Seperating sectors of fishermen only creates hard feelings. The current management of the Gulf fisheries has no hard data to base their ludicrous rules on. | Lafayette, La 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:52:08 | Thomas Erwin | tkerwin@kellcoltd.com | We work hard to help manage our Gulf Coast of Texas fishery please do not take away from our efforts. | Houston Texas 77057 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:52:14 | Frank Baumann, Jr. | fsbjr@cmaaccess.com | Please count me as one who opposes "Sector Separation". How can you possibly justify this separation process?? Based on amendment, I can on guess that private recreational anglers are now considered second class citizens. | Kingsville, TX 78363 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:52:14 | Jack Moore | jmoore@tpsd.org | "Sector Seperation" used to establish limits for our fisheries is a terrible idea. Please defeat this measure. VOTE NO. | Houma, LA 70360 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:52:21 | Joey M Budd | budd65@sbcglobal.net | It is all around a bad idea!!!! Its not the recreational fisherman that is the problem and to take this away from us is just not right. I didnt serve in the United States Marine Corps so I could come back to my home state and be forced out of doing what I love and my kids love as well!!!!!! | Shoreacres,Tx. 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:52:28 | RONALD C. FABER | RFABERCPA@AOL.COM | Please reject separation of Gulf angler's. The measure accomplishes nothing positive for Gulf fisheries and smells of special interest politics. | ORLANDO, FL 32806 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:52:30 | Felix rhymes | Felix@rhymes.com | I am against separation in the gulf | Houston 77005 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 10:52:43 | philip j. benvenuto | bennyben@tampabay.rr.com | Please reject the "sector separation" in gulf of mexico. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:52:53 | Owen Joseph Moholland | jmoholland@jmm333.com | I strongly oppose your efforts to split catch shares between charter boats and private boats. Owen J Moholland St Pete Beach Fl. | 33706 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:53:05 | Craig Logan | CraigL@allworldtravel.com | The potential of this happening is very discouraging. All fish and wildlife programs should be based on solid science, which it seems this proposal does not have. | Allen, Texas 75002 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:53:05 | Alan Parchman | alan@balcomagency.com | Reject Separation! It doesn't make sense, is prejudicial and unfair! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:53:12 | Robert Overall | overallb@coastalbridge.com | I believe the sector seperation is a bad idea. Divide and conquror seems to be the driving force and nothing I have read based upon science seems to justify reason. Get the rec fishermen fighting amongst themselves, that would make it even easier to cram down agendas based upon ideals and not facts. | Baton Rouge La 70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:53:15 | Benson T Green | btgreen@bensonshvac.com | Thanks How can you give away my fish to some one who will profit from it and pay nothing for the benifit? I pay my tax's and all the expenses that enable me to fish for the small amount of time you let us now and you are going to take away more? | Tallahassee Fl. 32308 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:53:19 | Matt Elliott | matt.elliott@spawglass.com | The idea of Sector separation is a bad idea. I do not understand what could be driving something like this other than pressure by or favors granted to special interest groups, and to do so without any information on the effects of this is misguided. I and all of the recreational sportsmen I know are opposed to this - it does not make any sense. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:53:19 | Skip Lynch | skipelynch@aol.com | Please reject sector separation. Its a bad idea to take resources from recreational anglers and give them to charter boats. We should all be treated equally. | 34480 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:53:34 | Michael Montalbano, III | mmontalbano@mckernanlawfirm.com | I am opposed to sector separation as it pits recreational fishermen against each other, but I suppose that is the Council's political goal. | Baton Rouge, LA 70806 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:53:47 | Paul Anselmo | paul@smith-merritt.com | Privatizing public wildlife resources through sector separation and catch shares will not benefit recreational anglers nor will it yield any tangible conservation benefits. I'm all for keeping charter boats and for-hire boats in business but not if that process includes reducing the amount of fish recreational anglers can harvest. Please reject sector separation! | Pompano Beach, FL 33062 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:53:53 | Charles Friedman | fbprod@charter.net | do not allow this to happen. Commercial fisherman have no right to recreational fishing allotments. | 70458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:53:54 | Robert Patrick Wolter | Pwolter@dakpc.com | Rejct separation--it is a bad idea. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:53:56 | Gus Schram | gschram3@jlawton.cc | Please reject the proposal to make a separate allocation to the charter fishing fleet. I am opposed to this amendment. Gus Schram | Lake Charles, LA 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:54:11 | Oscar Chapa | oscar@catchingbigfish.net | Don't give my grandkids fish away! | Richmond, tx. 77469 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:54:11 | Stephen W Harrison | steve@alliancetransport.com | Please do not divide fishing rights in the Gulf of Mexico. | San Antonio TX 78232 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:54:13 | Richard Robinson | rick@tujays.biz | I wish to REJECT SEPARATION from Private Recreational Anglers and Charter/Headboat For-Hire | Houston, Tx. 77037 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:54:22 | Barratt C Sturtevant | bcsturtevant59@gmail.com | Reef Fish Amendment 39- Sector Separation is an ill conceived, bad idea. Do not pass this amendment | Corpus Christi, Tx 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:54:26 | Brian Krivan | bkrivan@gmail.com | I can only catch 2 snapper now which is a joke. Will I get 1 now or Zero? | 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:54:30 | Dwight Norris | norrisd@cox.net | I am not for this seperation of resources. Not a good idea. | New Orleans,LA 70125 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:54:38 | robert W. Barnes | bbarnes@reatares.com | Please vote against any Sector seperation. This is an obviously unfair and inappropriate attempt at redistribution of resources and would be a total failure of your fiduciary duty to "all" people you represent. Thanks for your service to our natural resources which will be compromised without fair and well thought through regulation. Again, please vote NO to Sector Separation! | san antonio, Texas 78257 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:54:49 | TERRY ROGERS | skimama77@yahoo.com | Please don't regulate our fishing anymore than we're already regulated! This is too much! We buy our fishing licenses, that should be enough!!! These are our waters! | Sargent, TX 77414 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:55:02 | William V Cable | vcable@yourtpa.com | Catch quotas is not acceptable and dividing the recreational segment is even a worse idea. No doubt fishery management is important, but it can be handled in other ways such as using a higher license fee to buy out commercial catch permits. This will enable the recreational and charter boat captains to fish and not have the resource exploited by the commercial sector. | Birmingham, AL 35242 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:55:02 | Ronald E Atnip | atnips@aol.com | Please reject separation of private and public fishing. | San Antonio Texas 78108 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:55:11 | Casey Flanagan | casey.flanagan@exterran.com | I am opposed to any sector seperation concerning recreational fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. Best regards. Casey Flanagan [small boat fisherman] | Sealy,Texas, 77474 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:55:23 | Matthew Robertson | Matthew1415@hotmail.com | Please vote no on this proposal | Sugar Land, TX 77498 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:55:35 | Pat S West | Patsterlingwest@yahoo.com | I hope that the council respects the wisdom of all pvt anglers, and does not separate the commercial fisherman from pvt anglers... Certainly not giving them carte blanch! If separated ... Then their should be a fee pd to state... And a hefty one... Funds could be used to enhance fishing, much like CCA! Thanks Pat | Poteet, texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:55:39 | Scott Delaney | scottd@delaneyinc.net | Sector Separation is a bad idea and should not be considered. | Mobile, AL, 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:55:50 | stan smith | stanooo@msn.com | Sector separation is a bad idea all of the way around. Why is everything with Gulf Fisheries management like a episode of Seinfeld and Crabtree is Castanza. Do JUST the opposite of everything that you are doing right now and it will be a job well done. | New Orleans, LA 70126 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:55:58 | mark weston ray | mray@bordenins.com | lets get this done | corpus christi, tx 78412 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:56:08 | William B Hardy | william.hardy1@att.net | Please reject separation! | Houston, TX 77063 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:56:09 | matt willis | kenner96skiff@gmail.com | Please consider carefully sector separation. I don't have all your data but it's clear to me the the economic benefits to the economy of private anglers over commercial charters is huge. We need to act, when we can, to make pubic resources available first to the public: the waders, the pedestrians, the private rigs. This drives better, closer state management and participation. This brings incentives for more and better attention to the entire scope of the fishing experience from the dock to the jetty. Better for the environment, better for the appearance of our facilities. If commercial rigs want this business they should share equal access to the fishery with everyone else, pay the state an appropriate amount for the privilege and pass these costs to their wealthy clients. Thanks for your interest. | bay saint louis, ms 39520 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:56:19 | Brian Roach | brian.roach@usave.com | All this will do is create more outlaws. There is no reason to give a Charter more rights to the fish than a private angler. The private angler is not on the water everyday depleting the fish like the charters are. | Madison, MS 39110 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:56:23 | Ross Henning | Ross.Henning@henningmail.com | I was shocked to hear that you guys are looking at punishing the recreational fisherman yet again by way of "separation". Was enter my vote to REJECT separation. Private angler rights have been trampled on far to long. | Tomball, TX 77377 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:56:23 | Jacob Courville | jcourville@ieee.org | I am against sector separation. This would put charter fishermen at a tremendous advantage over the folks like me who just enjoy going out there with the hopes to land a nice fish. | 70648 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:56:30 | William Taylor | aboaatcaptain@gmail.com | Please do not allow sector seperation to take place. It is a bad idea to limit how many fish a person can or cannot catch. All the fish in the ocean are there to be enjoyed by everyone. How can one person say who can and cannot catch and keep a fish? Vote NO on Sector Seperation! | Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33316 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:56:42 | Joe N Jersild | jjersild@att.net | Vote NO! | Humble, TX 77346 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher, NGO |
| 8/7/2012 10:57:07 | Greg Spozio | greg.spozio@airliquide.com | Reject Separation | Friendswood, TX 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:57:09 | Brian Bishop | charlottesinc@aol.com | I object to the Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation | San Antonio, TX, 78263 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:57:14 | Steven Fojtik | steven.fojtik@lyondellbasell.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. Once again, it appears that the working many are expected to give up yet more of what they are entitled for the fortunate few elite. VOTE NO TO ANY SORT OF SECTOR SEPERATION. | Katy, Tx. 77494 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:57:15 | Dale Hadley | dale@props-plus.com | I am in favor of rejecting the sector seperation. Thank you for your consideration. Dale | Port Charlotte, FL 33948 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:57:27 | Brian Walker | bwalker@tetrtec.com | I do not feel that dividing recreational anglers into two sectors is a good idea. The people that make money from the buisness of guiding should not be given the chance to catch more fish, they already take to many fish. | Lake Charles, La., 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:57:28 | Walter Weathers | w.weathers@me.com | Do not split fishing rights between commercial and non- commercial fishermen. Do you people have nothing better to do than screw with recreational fisherman? What would be the point of this vote to allow the charter boat's this leeway? Thousands and thousands of jobs? | Houston, TX, 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:57:37 | Jeff Herrin | jeffherrin@sbcglobal.net | Dumb... Vote NO! | Houston, Texas 77092 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:57:43 | Louie d Barbe IV | Ldog254@hotmail.com | Please don't further alienate me as a recreational fisher by splitting my allocation even further. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:57:46 | Donald J Milbauer | milbysbeach@yahoo.com | Sector seperation is a very very bad idea for the Gulf Coast or any Coast for that matter. Privatizing public wildlife resources through sector separation and catch shares is the wrong direction. It is completely unfair for the occasional fisherman and will undermine states ability to help manage and support this recreational sport through loss of revenue from the private sector. | Kemah, Tx 77565 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 10:57:58 | Carl E. Abshire | ceabshire@forestoil.com | The manner in which proponents and NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations has drawn my opposition. Please reject Amendment 39 - Sector Separation! My Children and Grand Children would like to enjoy the sport I grew up with! | Kaplan, LA 70548 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:58:14 | David Olenick | olenickboerne@aol.com | Please reject separation. I also feel annual limits for guides and boats for hire should be implemented and enforced. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:58:18 | Tom B Hancher | docth@sbcglobal.net | Please reject the concept of separating limits, and especially giving commercial interests a greater portion of limits compared to private. Thank you for your consideration. | Columbus, Texas 78934 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:58:20 | Douglas Drennan II | Douglas@beadfilters.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. It has no scientific merit. Giving away a portion of the recreation fishery is wrong. | New Orleans, LA 70118 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:58:30 | Shawn F. Cook Sr. | shawn.cook@teaminc.com | It really seems illogical to take an already regulated public resource and allocate it to a private business for profit. It would be like allowing a private deer ranch to obtain free ranging deer from public areas and take them to their property and sell hunts on them. Let the fish remain a public resource! | Gramercy, Louisiana 70052 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 10:58:48 | Colton Parnes | colton.parnes@gmail.com | I support the CCA and it's conservation efforts. Sector separation is a bad idea and should be rejected so that our resources may be properly conserved for future generations. | 78232 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:58:52 | Michael Driscoll | mike.driscoll@crumpins.com | Sector Separation is a horrible idea. It is one of those ideas the benefits a very few and harms the vast majority of anglers who are always willing to help preserve our gulf and other waters through their membership in CCA and other organizations. Please help us and defeat sector separation. | Houston, TX 77056 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:58:58 | Jerome T. Moore III | jtmooore@ccim.net | Resources should be protected by sharing equally. Don't pit one group against the other. It creates a gold rush attitude on sensitive species. | Montgomery, AL 36106 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:59:04 | Chad Monsour | cmmonsour@yahoo.com | not a good idea on sector separation | Monroe, LA 71201 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:59:31 | Richard Coatney | r.coatney@coastaldrilling.com | Not a good idea to divide allotments between recreational and commercial fishermen. How could this be done? and enforced? Bad idea. | lafayette la. 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:59:36 | Andrew Alden Crawford | crawford.andy@gmail.com | Please reject the seperation of recreational anglers. This policy makes no sense and will only harm the vast majority of recreational anglers who fish out of their own boats responsibly. | Baton Rouge, LA 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:59:56 | Philip V. Gastinel | pgastine@bellsouth.net | I don't like the idea of separating between private recreational aglers and Charter boats | Sunshine, La 70780 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 10:59:57 | JOEY RUSSO | jdr8250@aol.com | Please do not separate the recreational fishery into two separate groups of private recreational anglers and charter/headboats for hire. | Lafayette, LA 70505 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 10:59:58 | c f hooker | hookerbutch@hotmail.com | Say "no" to the Feds | houston,TX, 77094 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:00:02 | George Bull Jr | bulltool@aol.com | Do not separate the requirements for recreational and charter boat captains | atlantic Beach, Florida 32233 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:00:02 | robert foard | rcfoard1@gmail.com | please reject separation of recreational and charter boat fishing limits. | 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:00:04 | Clyde George | c458e@yahoo.com | Why keep taking more & more out of the recreational anglers. More than Charters & Commercial fishing vessels, recreational anglers of all types spend more annually on every mm of goods, services, equipment, fuel, tackle..... t-shirts, hats, sunglasses.....the list goes on forever. If we keep loosing good fishing that was once great for the recreational anglers, then who is going to buy boats, motors, swivels.....gas, beer, cokes, spend money at local tackle shops & marinas.....! Who is running the show here, obviously its someone who continues to be supported by some PAC which is funded by a commercial fisheries group, or interests related. Support the private recreational anglers, it pays dividends for our heirs and their heirs. CG | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:00:12 | Sheila Fay Nelson | snelson@fishgame.com | I vehemently oppose the very idea of sector separation of our fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Everyone that fishes this resource should have to abide by the same rules and limitations be they recreational anglers or commercial fishermen or charter boat captains. | Waller, TX 77484 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:00:16 | William Raley | wral182@aol.com | I do not support the sector separation as proposed under Amendment 39. Please vote against any measure that would unfairly grant larger catch quotas to for-hire businesses as opposed to the private recreational angler. Thanks. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:00:22 | Timothy D Bryant | timbryant821@yahoo.co | I am against the proposed sector system in the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf should be open to recreational and charter fishermen. Tim Bryant | Dallas, TX 75248 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:00:22 | Timothy D Bryant | timbryant821@yahoo.co | I am against the proposed sector system in the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf should be open to recreational and charter fishermen. Tim Bryant | Dallas, TX 75248 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:00:28 | Kiech Jung | Kvj@sbcglobal.net | I urge you to vote AGAINST SEPERATION. Waters belong to everyone and all must abide by same rules!!! | San Antonio, Texas. 78209 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 11:00:43 | cindy joyner | jcindy@alloycarbide.com | This is a horrible idea! | pasadena tx | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:00:47 | Doug Cook | adcadcook@aol.com | The council should NOT approve sector seperation. It does nothing for conservation of the resource. | Lake Charles, LA 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:00:54 | Craig Elias | celias@southwest-energy.com | This is a horrible idea taking limits away from the private angler and giving those to commercial fisherman to use as they wish. I would like to understand the purpose in doing this. | houston,tx 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:00:56 | Ronald W. Zimmerman | zronald@clear.net | I strongly urge not to put Gulf separation into effect! | San Antonio,Tx | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:01:12 | mark collins | mcollins4455@gmail.com | I strongly oppose Sector Separation in the Gulf Of Mexico | crockett texas 75835 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:01:22 | Patrick Suffern | pwsuffern@beckersuffern.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. The proposal should not be pursued. | Metairie, LA 70002 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:01:22 | trent pierce | dtpierce@att.net | Sector seperation is a bad idea and one that flies in the face of conservatism efforts by individual anglers around the country. A handful of operators should not supercede the monies spent each day by hundreds of thousands of hard working recreational anglers. | aledo,texas 76008 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:01:28 | Bobby Pagitt | bpagitt@acadian.com | I am totally against sector separation. | Youngsville, LA 70592 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:01:41 | harry m brown | meghb@eatel.net | please don't tamper with rec limits except to expand them. I doubt your data on the gulf levels of the various species. obviously no one has been underwater to see the levels of snapper and particularly trigger fish. to think there is a shortage of trigger fish is mind boggling.. | prairieville, la 70769 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:01:46 | Jason Labello | jlabello@dieselpartsdirect.com | Please toss out the idea of sector serparation! It is a bad idea from my standpoint!! Regards, Jason Labello | Denham Springs, La, 70726 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:01:48 | John Hebert Jr | jjhebert@imsday.com | Sector separation is a very bad idea please vote against it and help protect the rights of the recreational angler | Liberty, TX 77575 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:01:49 | John Reed | Reed.john.f@gmail.com | I am not in favor of dividing recreational anglers into two sectors and would hope that the council feels the same way. Please do NOT let this happen. John Reed Auburn, AL | Auburn, AL. 36830 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:01:55 | Edward Domangue | edward.domangue@bakerhughes.com | . The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. It serves no financial or conservation clause and I petition you to reject this course of action. | Houston, Tx. 77068 | |
| 8/7/2012 11:01:55 | Terry L. Phillips | tphill1@entergy.com | I have been fishing down on the Gulf Coast longer than most Charter Boats for hire have been alive or in business. They should not have an advantage on limits or anything else. I have spent more money down there than most will ever spend. I have bought camps, and still own one, bought gas, bait and all other things that go along with fishing and pay property taxes. Same as some of them do, this is America they should not be given special privlages any more than they already have. I URGE YOU TO REJECT SEPARATION. Thanks! and please do the right thing for all anglers not just a few. | Gonzales, LA. 70737 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:02:02 | Darrin Bollenbach | dbollenbach@comcast.net | I Completely DISAGREE with "Sector Seperation" and have to wonder about the mindset of those that would even introduce this moronic idea! | Houston, TX., 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:02:19 | Josepd Russo | jrusso@the ibcgroup.org | Do not separate private angler from charter headboat for hire | Youngsville, La 70592 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:02:30 | Thomas Pool | rpool@fertilitysa.com | I am against sector separation. | San Antonio, Texas 78230 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:02:37 | Grant T Herrin | gherri1@gmail.com | To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to inform you of my opposition toward sector separation of marine fishing limits/allotments. I utterly reject the proposition and am emphatically opposed to any measure that would restrict my right, or the rights of other sportsmen, to fish or operate their business freely. The proposition that the federal government needs to limit the operation of charter vessels and recreational fishing in favor of a government monopoly is preposterous. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I am, Very truly yours, Grant Herrin | Baton Rouge, LA 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:02:43 | John Stuart | jgstuart@cox.net | I am writing to voice my disapproval of "sector separation" Please reject Sector Separation when it comes up for a vote. Best Regards, John Stuart | Lafayette, LA 70508 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 11:02:56 | ELIOT C LABBE' III | ELIOT@CASCOBR.COM | PLEASE REJECT SETOR SEPARATION.THE RECREATIONAL ANGLER SPENDS A LOT OF MONEY ON BOATS,FUEL,BAIT,CAMPS,..... WE NEED MORE THAN A 6 WEEK SNAPPER SEASON WITH A 2 FISH LIMIT. | BATON ROUGE, LA.70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:02:59 | Robin W. Devlin | robnh20dev@aol.com | Please REJECT this very bad proposal to segregate and give Charter boats special priveleges. | Sarasota, FL 34240 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:03:05 | Michael J Locke | mlocke@grayinsco.com | I am absolutely opposed to sector separation. This reeks of being a divide and conquer tactic. | Kenner, LA 70065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:03:22 | John Laubenthal | jlaubmd@juno.com | Reject the misguided push for 'Sector Separation' !!! We don't want it & we don't need it. Jarvis only speaks for a very small group & NOT most fishermen... REJECT SECTOR SEPARATION !!! | Panama City Beach | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:03:25 | Seth Johnson | seth@austinskatenotes.org | Do not give charter boats free reign on our fishing waters. They must follow the same regulations as all of us. They will deplete our marine resources more quickly than anyone else can. -- Seth Johnson | Austin, TEXAS 78751 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:03:38 | Thomas Wagner | tommywagner@gmail.com | I reject the sector separation. This sounds like a very bad idea. I would like to stop this amendment! Thank you. | Kyle | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:03:45 | Jeff Flasiak | jeffflasiak@gmail.com | Jeff Flasiak 1818 Vail Court Missouri City, TX 77459 | Missouri City, TX 77459 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:03:45 | Ron Wilhite | jetjock66@aol.com | A senseless layer of regulation that seems to be unenforceable and unmanageable. | Saint Joseph, La. 71366 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:04:14 | Angela Richards | angrich@hotmail.com | Reject the idea! I am totally against such suggestion. | Port Lavaca, TX 77979 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:04:17 | Philip W Pemberton | pembertonphil@gmail.com | I reject division of two sectors of fishing. | Lake Charles, LA | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:04:29 | Bruce Wolitarsky | Bruce@energylawplus.com | Sector separation as a very bad idea and amounts to nothing but a windfall to For-Hire boats at the expense of recreational anglers | Houston, TX 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:04:30 | Ruben Rivera Jr | Benrivera1@bellsouth.net | Reject! | Maurice, LA, 70555 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:04:34 | Walter Hull | walterhull@eatel.net | Y'all have got to be totally stupid to think this is a good idea, or even legal for that matter. I spend more money per trip on tackle, gas and bait than the average charter captain. I guarantee this will be challenged in court and knocked down. Don't waste our time and resources on this ridiculous idea. | Gonzales, LA 70737 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:04:35 | Robert E. Pledger | rpledger@hotmail.com | I adamantly object to giving away to commercial fishers the right to receive special allocation of catches. They do not contribute a proportional amount of resources recreational fishermen do to the economy and strip prime fishing areas of potential catches for recreational fishermen. PLEASE REJECT THE SEPARATION. | Houston, TX 77077 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:04:40 | Mark Avitts | m.avitts@computer.org | I believe it makes much more sense to take another hard look at red snapper populations in federal water instead of further reducing what recreational anglers can have. Everyone I know, and most of the magazines I read, indicate snapper stocks are well above stable offshore of Texas, and the limits that are currently crippling party and charter boats are not justified. While you are at it, stop this ridiculous business of removing ALL old oil well structures from the Gulf. Why spend money to build artificial reefs when they are already there, and no one is ever going to add that much artificial reef back to the Gulf without there being a business need to do it. | 77511 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:04:42 | Craig Bowen | craig@bowenpropertygroup.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, but more to the point, there are no conversational benefits and it detracts from the opportunities private anglers have from using a public resource they help pay for managing every day. | Stockdale | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:04:50 | Butch Plauche | butch@cinclare.com | The bottom line is that private fisherman and boat owners such as myself have the same rights as those operating charter or for-hire boats - no more, no less. | Brusly, La 70719 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:04:54 | David Baggs | davidbaggs@msn.com | Please reject the seperation of fish limits for Charter Boats and private fishermen. This makes no sense and is not fair to private fishermen. Please reject this try to limit private fisherman the use of our natural resources. | Stockdale,Tx. 78160 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:05:03 | Terry rizzo | terryrizzo@gmail.com | I am against sector separation. | 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:05:06 | William Bilzing | w.bilzing@sbcglobal.net | Reject Separation!!!!!!!!!! | Edinburg, Texas, 78541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:05:12 | Jim Ra | jim.ray@raydioranch.com | None | Cedar Park, TX 78613 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:05:32 | Fred Gallard 3rd | fred@equipmentgroup.com | I am truly opposed to the proposal of dividing the recreational anglers into two section. With this , taking some of our [REC] fish away from us and giving away to commercial fishing without limits on them is way out of line and ethically WRONG. We as recreational fishers already have limits that are out of line for our few trips we make fishing. [Red snapper] This country should be for the people and not a select few . We also pay license for boats and fishing to support basically the whole fishing industry. Do the right thing and do not give in to the special interest ! God bless the USA . Regard, Fred Gallard | Houston Tx 77064 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:05:34 | Bruce Nelson | bdntex@att.net | To: Coastal council, Sector separation is a bad idea, please reject the sector plan. Bruce Nelson San Antonio, Texas 78209 | San Antonio, Texas, 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:05:38 | John F. Anderson, JR. | janderson@foxeverett.com | I strongly oppose sectoring the fishing rights. I don't think I hurt the charters but I'd hate to be limited somehow so that they could sell more charters. It's unfair. Thank you of opposing the sector seoration. John Anderson | Jackson, MS 39211 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:05:43 | Louis Todd | ltodd@toddriskmgmt.com | Dear Gulf Council, please do not give support to the idea of dividing anglers into the 2 groups of recreational and charter/guides. As a recreational fisherman in south Louisiana, I do not understand any benefit here. Again, I kindly ask you not to be supportive of any separation of anglers. Thank you. | Lake Charles LA 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:05:47 | William D. Gouvier | wgouvie@gmail.com | Please do not move forward with the proposed "sector separation" in allocating fisheries resources. The recreational anglers already suffer at the hands of the first split between recreational and commercial fisheries. To further oppress the individual angler by reserving a portion of the recreational catch for commercial operators such as guide and charter services only goes to dilute the already weakened voice of the individual who use the resource solely for recreational pleasure. Thank you for considering this issue, and I hope the voices of many individual citizens influences your decision in this matter. Sincerely, William Gouvier | Baton Rouge, LA 70809 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:05:51 | hunter Douglas Smith | hsmith@houstoncompression.com | This is bullshit Communist bastards! !!!! | Houston tx 77049 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:05:56 | Robert Kent | Robtkent@hotmail.com | We do not want this | Palacios, Texas 77465 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:06:13 | Robert P Brown | rpbrown@atlasinsuranceagency.com | Please reject sector separation. Sector separation does not serve any conservation purpose. Thank you, Rob Brown | Sarasota Florida 34240 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:06:17 | Mark A. Cartwright | cartwright8@cox.net | I think that sector separation is a bad idea and should be thrown out. | Baton Rouge, La, 70809 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:06:19 | norman trubee | ntrubee@pmbhd.com | i urge you to reject the proposed sector segregation plan. this idea is an ignorant approach toward the allocation of the recreational fishery. there should be no distinction between boat owners and charter or for-hire operators. Please do not implement sector separation. | leander, tx, 78641 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:06:31 | Sam H. Gingles Jr. | samgingles@gmail.com | Sincerely, Sam Gingles | Riviera, Texas 78349 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:06:41 | Tim Dooley | tdooley2@windstream.net | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. It is unfair and will pit one set of anglers against another. Please reject this bad idea. | Sugar Land, TX 77478 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:06:45 | Bill Sjolander | Bill@Billsjolander.com | I oppose Reef Fish Amendment 39-Sector Separation. | Dayton, Tx 77535 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:06:50 | James R Purgerson Jr | jim@cbtla.com | I am writing regarding sector separation. I believe it is a bad idea. NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations. Please consider discussing this at your August meetings and oppose efforts to enact this measure. It is very concerning to me that this measure would in effect remove rights of recreational fisherman and give away fish to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. Thank you for your time and consideration. Jim Purgerson Baton Rouge, Louisiana | Baton Rouge, LA 70806 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:06:56 | kenneth Coons | Krc @coastalsecurities.com | I am against separation !!! Seems like you are taking the same catch but discriminating against the recreational angler. Many more dollars are spent in the economy by recreational anglers than by commercial and charter boat fisherman. Not economically viable does not reduce catch size smacks of chrohnism for the commercial interest | houston,tx 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:07:01 | JOHN CULLEN YORK | CULLENY@UNITYMFG.COM | PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT THE SECTOR SEPARATION UNDER THE REEF FISHING AMENDMENT 39 AS IT IS NOT BENEIFICIAL TO OUR FISHERIES | 75071 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:07:01 | John Heap | john.heap@nov.com | Reject separation. BAD IDEA | Waller, Texas, 77484 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:07:19 | Steve Parkhurst | sparkhurst@dieslaw.com | sector separation is not what our waters or fisheries need. Why are you people trying to help out big business, at the expense of fishing conservation and the fundamental rights of private sportsmen. You people need to get out of this business, you evidently don't care about conservation, only about appeasing the wealthy making money off destroying fish populations. | Orange, TX, 77632 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:07:21 | Monty Melcher | mmelcher64@windstream.net | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | KErrville, Texas 78028 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:07:53 | frank duperier | frank.duperier@raymondjames.com | sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple | san antonio tx 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:07:55 | Richard Peterson | richardtpeterson@gmai.com | Please do not do the following. I know it is up for consideration and I find it appalling it is even being contemplated. The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. | Sugar Land, Tx. 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:07:59 | Alec Breaud | alecbreaud@gmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Please reconsider | Luling, LA 70070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:08:00 | MICHAEL DREWETT | MIKED@DAVIDWENDTINC.COM | DO NOT DIVIDE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS INTO TWO SECTORS. SECTOR SEPERATION IS A HORRIBLE IDEA. PLEASE REJECT THE CONCEPT OF SEPARATION. | EL CAMPO, TX, 77437 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:08:05 | PHIL CURRAN | PHIL.CURRAN@CBRE.COM | against sector separation | AUSTIN, TEXAS, 78731 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:08:08 | Daniel Johnston | dan1247@mac.com | As both a recreational angler as well as a sometimes user of charter captains, I am dead set against Sector Separation. | Austin, TX 78704 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:08:11 | Jimmy Fisackerly | jimmy@boatstuf.com | Please do not allow catch shares. | Covington, LA 70433 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:08:25 | Charles Schuster | schuster@tagross.com | You can't be serious? Recreational anglers already face severe restrictions in season restrictions, size and bag limits. You want to take a portion of recreation fishing and give it to charters? This will have no impact on protecting the resource and is unfair to recreational anglers. Do not support sector separation. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:08:38 | Jeremy Scott | jscott@js-studies.com | Sector Separation is a bad idea | College Station, TX 77845 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:08:40 | Euman Paul Cormier | pcormier@premier-yamaha.com | please reject seperation. | The Woodlands, Tx. 77382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:08:41 | John Holley | jholley@igfa.org | Please reject the separation. I believe it is a bad idea. | Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:08:46 | Johnnie Kaderka | jkaderka@uh.edu | Dividing recreational anglers into two sectors is a bad bad idea, plain and simple. | Houston, Tx 77089 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:08:52 | James Albin | dannylenbodyshop@aol.com | Please reconsider this notion to taken away the aggregate limits of fisher men that have and do spend alot of money for the sport be bye boats,gear,fuel,hotels, restaurants and many many more,why would you want to stop that flow of money to state of florida,and other state that line the gulf, | Clermont,Fl 34711 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:08:53 | Darrin Patrick Richards | drich0204@sbcglobal.net | <p>NOAA's own economic studies show that for the period 2009 to 2032, private boat recreational anglers will contribute \$9.1 billion of the value in the Gulf of Mexico shrimp and reef fish fisheries, followed by the commercial shrimp fishery at \$1.6 billion, and the recreational for-hire fishery at just \$0.83 billion.</p> <p>It shouldn't make any sense to state wildlife management agencies. Given the limited recreational allocation, the only way the idea works at all is if managers take fish and fishing days away from private boat anglers and give them to a few private businesses. Private boat anglers supply the vast majority of license fees that support state fisheries programs. Charter/for-hire vessels supply a much smaller percentage of revenues. It is very likely a move to separate the recreational sector will create challenges for state fisheries directors by influencing the growth in the number of licensed anglers and fishing opportunities in their states.</p> <p>The issue of sector separation and catch shares for the recreational angling sector has drawn opposition from governors, Congress and recreational anglers. And yet, the Gulf Council members continue to toy with the idea like a puzzle they can't quite fit together.</p> <p>Before the Council lets sector separation whither into existence against the will of everyone but a few operators, it should first heed calls to reallocate fisheries according to modern factors like economic, social and conservation criteria, rather than outdated catch history. There is a very good likelihood that reallocating red snapper would solve many of the problems faced by operators without creating so many new ones.</p> <p>Today's Gulf red snapper allocation is 51 percent commercial/49 percent recreational. Before the Gulf Council turns the recreational sector inside out and upside down for the benefit of a few charter/for-hire and headboat operators, it would seem wise to first determine what happens if they changed the allocation to something more reflective of current reality. Maybe something that would encourage growth in the sector that is the greatest economic engine in this fishery!!</p> <p>If those same operators are still struggling a few years from now under the new allocation, then perhaps you reallocate again or perhaps you throw some other ideas on the table and sift through those.</p> | Port eches,Texas, 77651 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:09:08 | Judith Sadler | jsadler@lojspc.com | <p>Please reject the issue of separation. It is impractical and illogical. How can anyone think that this is enforceable or fair?</p> <p>Why should charter businesses receive preferential treatment? If I have my own boat, which I do, why should I be more limited in the amount of my catches because I do not go an hire a person to take me out to fish?</p> <p>Most significantly there is NO tangible conservation benefit to this plan. The only purpose of this plan is to limit private anglers and thus put money into the pockets of those who charter for a living.</p> <p>Thank you for your immediate attention to this issue.</p> | Houston, TX 77040 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:09:13 | Bryce T. Baker | btbaker@tejaspm.com | NO sector seperation, no discrimination! | New Braunfels, TX 78132 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:09:31 | Thomas James | tjames7751@aol.com | I do not suport amendment 39 sector separation, please vote NO to this. | Brownsville, TX 78526 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:09:31 | Derek Borne | derek21345@hotmail.com | I am against SECTOR SEPARATION!! | Eunice, La, 70535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:09:34 | Robert Timmerman | rtimmerman@gmail.com | I urge you to reject separation on logical as well as conservation grounds. Thanks | Austin | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:09:45 | Steven Ellender | steve.ellender@grace.com | Reject seperation | Sulphur,La,70665 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:09:47 | David M. Riley | dmr112754@gmail.com | We rec anglers out number the Charter/Comm/etc... We purchase boats, motors, trailers... we purchase gas and diesel to get to the Gulf and then to fuel our vessels. We normally don't have opportunities to schedule our trips to the coast well in advance due to jobs and other responsibilities, thus making a charter very unhandy at times. And I believe that we are much closer to the environment. We show more interest in keeping the Gulf free and sustainable. I know this because i spend much time cleaning up after the Charters and those that come and don't show appreciation to the beauty, bounty, and blessings that the Gulf of Mexico provides. The Charter and Commercial operators are a very important part of the life and economy of the Region, however, as this measure does nothing to promote the life and sustainability of the Gulf, it seems just a political game business as usual. | Hearne, Tx, 77859 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:09:49 | Maurice LeBlanc | Maurice.LeBlanc@jvic.com | Please support the Recreational Angler in this matter! | Breaux Bridge, La 70517 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:09:50 | Scott A. Gilcrease | scott.gilcrease@cleco.com | Reject separation - for an angler with my own boat, I can not fathom why separation is good for me but great for the for-hire group. | Alexandria, LA 71303 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:10:14 | Gregory Goley | gmg39gmg@yahoo.com | Please vote against sector separation. Current limits for recreational anglers are stifling enough, and makes owning a boat hard to justify. One of the main reasons that I moved to the coast was my love of off-shore fishing. The federal regulations are hurting the economy and should be loosened not tightened. | Ocean Springs, MS 39564 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:10:17 | diane castoro | diane@baymarina.com | i have a marina in bay saint louis, if the quantities will be less for the recreational fishermen and fisherwomen they will not go out as often and the state will lose revenue. please don't change the limits! | bay saint louis,ms. 39520 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 11:10:17 | Bob Stagg | bob55@sbcglobal.net | Please do NOT pass legislation where you are separating fishing waters for business purposes and recreational purposes. It is NO good, defeats the purpose of open waters. Thank you Bob Stagg HoustonTx | Houston Tx 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:10:25 | Mark Eckert | eckert_mark@hotmail.com | Vote NO on separation - the last thing we need is another federal program managed by political boobs who only care about their status. r/ Mark | Helotes | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:10:32 | Patti Beddingfield | patti.beddingfield@att.net | Until you can provide the public with a clear understanding of how this will benefit our eco system, this amendment should NOT be passed. Something does not pass the smell test with this.... it will come back to bite you later if you do this... trust me it always does. Thank you for your time. | Houston, Texas 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:10:46 | Jack McLarty | jhmclart@gmail.com | Give me a break. This is a laughable idea at best. | Baton Rouge, LA 70809 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:10:49 | RICHARD PICKARD | r44pick@aol.com | DO NOT SEPERATE THE SECTORS IN FISHING. IT WILL ONLY HELP ONE GROUP. WE FOOT THE BILL FOR EVERYONE, DON'T DO IT. | CYPRESS, TX 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:10:53 | Andrew Pousson | adpousson@gmail.com | This is retarded. Just another hurdle for the rec. angler. How about taking those numbers from the commercial anglers and give them to the charter boats. | Duson, La. 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:10:54 | Carl Cloer | ccloer@aol.com | BAD, bad idea people. Do NOT vote for this amendment. | Gautier, MS, 39553 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:10:56 | leo l grizzaffi jr | tricitytrans@atvci.net | please, reject sector separation! protect our rights as sportsmen> sector separation is a bad deal, plain and simple! | berwick | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:10:56 | JAMES L. LINDSAY | J-LINDSAY@SBCGLOBAL.NET | PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THE SPLIT REGULATIONS, IT'S ALREADY A MESS AND THIS WILL ONLY MAKE IT WORSE. | HOUSTON,TX 77059 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:11:16 | Michael Barry | barry.michael.t@gmail.com | Why would we promote sector separation without environmental impact studies? On the surface one would surmise that MORE fish will be taken due to this amendment, which goes against the fundamental beliefs which has made such a positive impact/turnaround in the past 40 years! Vote against. | Houston, Texas 77056 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:11:21 | Gerald Bryant | droopygkb@aol.com | I am against sector separation. | Houma, LA 70360 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 11:11:56 | Robert T. Neal | robfishes@gmail.com | Please do not divide the recreational catch. The overall impact would reduce private recreational fishermen numbers even further. | Lubbock, Tx. 79423 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:11:57 | Mike Altman | m.altman@sbcglobal.net | Do not seperate the two | Brenham Tx. 77833 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:11:58 | Rory Starling | rstarling@scahouston.com | I am totally opposed to sector separation. Gifting our resources to individuals is a bad idea. They are OUR resources, not a resource that should be gifted to anyone individual for profit. | 77437 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:11:59 | Heber Simmons, Jr. | hebersimmonsjr@aol.com | Separation of this resource would be a drastic mistake! | Jackson, MS 39216 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:12:03 | Ray Kopecky | rkopecky50@juno.com | What possible motive could the Council have in making such an obvious inappropriate, unfair and counterproductive decision as splitting recreational fisherman into two group -- those with boats and those without? I absolutely do not support such a position and wonder what their association with the guide for hire sector may be. It's high time government bureaucrats stayed out of the pursuit of happiness, particularly the recreational fishing and hunting areas. I and my friends enjoy these outdoor activities for the sport, outdoor experience and opportunity to put meat in the freezer. If we do not intend to eat it, we release it! Guide services do not need any advantage to entertain their clients, who are occassional fisherman at best. | Houston, Tx 77077 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:12:27 | Scott Sutherland | lairdoglencairn@gmail.com | Sector separation is a terrible idea and will seriously impact the recreational angler with no benefit to conservation. | houston, tx, 77008 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:12:30 | Christy Bergner | christy@garybrown.com | I am against separation of recreational anglers into 2 sectors | | |
| 8/7/2012 11:12:47 | Raymond S. Cook | rsc200@seabrookfd.com | I strongly urge the rejection of this measure. | Seabrook, Texas 77586 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:13:11 | Reggie Milligan | r_milli1@hotmail.com | Please I don't think that having two different sectors is a bad idea and I don't think should be passed!!! No sense!! Thanks. | Shreveport, LA, 71105 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:13:11 | glenn bowie | glennabowie@sbcglobal.net | Reject sector separation. | cedar hill, tx 75104 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:13:14 | Thomas Lucke | tlucke@mac.com | Sector Separation is a horrible idea and should never be implemented. | Winter haven, FL 33881 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:13:36 | Johnny Hendrix | jh1728@hotmail.com | Please reject sector separation. I do not see there is any positive benefit to the resource or the recreational fisherman. | Houston, Texas 77079 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:14:02 | W D Drover | jackb@hal-pc.org | Sector separation is and always will be a bad idea!! As Ronald Reagan one said, "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'" Don't let political contributions from commercial interests over rule the overwhelming majority who oppose this amendment. I oppose this amendment as do many others. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:14:07 | Phil Dopson | Phil@phildopson.com | Sectoring is bad business. Vote against!! | Austin, Tx 79767 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:14:08 | Sam Smolik | sam.smolik@lyondellbasell.com | I strongly urge you not to divide recreational and commercial fisherman into two classes. This will just create two separate groups, leading to considerable wasted money on lobbying, etc. Managing fisheries is something we all need to do together, not in separate camps. Thanks for your support. Sam Smolik | Houston, Texas 77056 | Private Recreational Angler, NGO |
| 8/7/2012 11:14:23 | Darrell Calderon, MD | Dacald7@aol.com | I am opposed to the proposed amendment and separation between the recreational anglers and the charters. We have enough charters/captains. I live in Texas and a recent article by Texas Parks and Wildlife estimate that 2/3 of legal trout are harvested by charters/guides. This proposed amendment will tilt those numbers further. I AM AGAINST THIS AMENDMENT! | Houston, Texas 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:14:30 | Francis A. Boquet II | fboquet@asapind.net | I do not support sector separation, please reject. | Houma, LA 70360 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:14:34 | Theresa Gayle Woods | gwoods@austin.utexas.edu | I reject sector separation in the Gulf of Mexico Please REJECT the seperation! | Austin, TX 78704 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 11:14:47 | Michael Hoffman | Mikeh@aaa-asphalt.com | Thanks, Mike Hoffman | Houston, Texas, 77094 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:14:50 | Michael W Collier | mike.collier@willbros.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Please vote to reject it and treat all anglers equitably for the benefit of the fishery. | Houston, TX 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:14:50 | William E Shaddock, Jr. | weshaddock@ssvcs.com | Please help defeat the move to take fishing rights from recreational anglers and give them to charter boats ! | Lake Charles, LA 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:15:02 | Tim Franke | franke@frankesouthern.com | I absolutely oppose Sector Separation amendment 39 presented by the Council for comment and consideration. | Austin, Texas 78746 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 11:15:03 | Ernesto Baxley | chopper17@gmail.com | REJECT SEPERATION. Plaing and simple - REJECT SEPERATION. | Texas City, Tx 77590 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:15:20 | Richard Parrish | cniner9@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple! | Houston, TX 77025 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:15:22 | J Scott DuBois | sdubois@prempipe.com | I am writing to voice my opposition to sector separation that will be voted on in your upcoming meeting. I see no basis for a decision to separate fisheries on behalf of commercial interests. There appears to be no sound logic for such a decision unless it has to do with a stronger lobby and financial largesse on their behalf. Please do not vote to disenfranchise the recreational angler. | Kingwood, TX 77345 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:15:34 | Winifred Craig Shaddock | cgshadd@suddenlink.net | Please help defeat the move | Lake Charles La 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:15:34 | John N. Chappuis | jnc@volalaw.com | Sector separation must be rejected in all forms | Lafayette, LA 70502 | Private Recreational Angler, NGO |
| 8/7/2012 11:15:35 | Shep | sgump@sabrecommercial.com | Horrible Idea! | Austin, texas 78620 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:15:46 | Sang Nguyen | scnguye2@gmail.com | please do not give away my recreational catch. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:15:50 | Brent Duet | bduet@hntb.com | This amendment would only hurt recreational offshore fisherman even more. It is enough that we only get 40 days to fish red snapper with other fish (trigger, grouper, amberjack) closed at this time. With the cost of fuel, reduction in limit, and staggering season, this amendment would be death to offshore fisherman like myself who would see further reductions because of this measure. Very bad idea. | Baton Rouge, LA 70806 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:15:50 | ron behnke | captbehnke@aol.com | We do not want separation in the Gulf of Mexico. Period | corpus christi,tx. 78412 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:15:51 | David Mert McKeithen | mckout@gulfel.com | I had a charter license and Charter boat operation for 36 years. I never thought it was fair to separate recreational angling from commercial boats with a quota and this is no different. The red snapper resource is obviously mismanaged and this is evident to anyone with any common sense. Each area of the Gulf is entirely different and should be managed as such. I was on the first advisory panel for reef fish after the council was formed and I fought an unpopular fight for limits until they got under 4 fish and the size goal was realized. Since then the science has not backed up the regs. The law has backed the council into an unreasonable position of mismanagement. Don't go this route of separation. It's bad for the sport and will ultimately breed much hard feelings between the hard working charter guys and the public. Get the science right. Let individual states manage the resource they are best equipped to manage. Then you will see charter boats and recreational boats get a chance to take reasonable numbers of fish present in sufficient numbers and see other species regulated correctly. Believe me, no charter boat captain wants to see any species over-fished. If this is passed, it will separate two groups that should be always on the same side. | Summerdale, Al 36580 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:16:15 | Ryan Bellew | rtbellew@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. It serves no benefit to the fishery as a whole or to the general fishing public. It only serves to benefit the select few that operate charter boats and for hire boats. If those few need to be separated, then their new share should come from the commercial sector not from the recreational sector since they are for hire and making a living off the fishery. The recreational fishery has been reduced and restricted enough as it is. | Pearland, TX 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:16:32 | Wade Hayden | whayden@7750law.com | I am extremely opposed to Sector Separation. It benefits no one except the lobbyists pushing it. Why should I be limited when a business operator is not limited and benefits? There is no answer to that question. There simply is NO empirical evidence of ANY benefit to be derived from Sector Separation. | San Antonio, Texas 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:16:46 | Barbara Harper | cqm4b5@hotmail.com | What good would it do to change these laws? The recreational individual chartering their fishing trip has the same bag limits as a single boat owner? What's the point? The bag limits are not based on boat size or what the boat is used for. If they are, then that is the first mistake of the law. | Corpus Christi, TX 78368 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:16:51 | Charlie Gibson | cgibson@fabricatedpipe.com | Why would you pit the charter boats against the recreational boaters? Why not limit the fuel tank sizes, amount of tackle, hook size or bait, hours of the day, days of the week? Now its all about who has more or less money. I want the charters to make a living. But only when they play fair. Most of the time they limit out. Not many Recs can do that. Get your head in the game. Find another way. Respectfully Charlie Gibson | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:16:52 | Caleb King | caleb.ckster@hotmail.com | Do NOT separate recreational anglers into the two classes, those who have their own boats and those who charter/for-hire boats. What is the point? What advantage does this give fishermen? How does this help conservation efforts? | Houston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:16:52 | Michael G. Johnston | mjohnstonlaw@hotmail.com | An all out NO to sector separation. Recreational anglers create more revenue and conservation dollars than charter or commercial fisherman. We are sick and tired of being S#it on by the powers that be. | lafayette La 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:17:14 | Paul Blezinger | blezip1@yahoo.com | We do NOT want sector separation. Please reject this policy! Thank you. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:17:28 | David S. Watts | dwatts003@centurytel.net | I am opposed to this amendment, and it appears to be someone attempting to milk off the resources for the benefit of a few. So unless you are one of the ones who will profit. I request you vote to oppose it as well. | San Marcos, Texas, 78666 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:17:58 | John Dyer | dyerequip@cox.net | What kind of ridiculous idea is this? The government wants to take away our private rights and GIVE them to someone to make money off of? Is the government going to pay me for my boat? Buy my fishing gear? Subsidize all of the bait and tackle shops for their lost business? Who is going to benefit from this? | Destin, FL 32541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:17:59 | Paul Franz | pfranz@digby.com | I am not in favor of the separation being proposed. I urge you to reject it. | Austin, Tx 78739 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:18:00 | Joaquin S. Molinet | king.molinet@halliburton.com | The segregation of the sport fisheries into private boats and boats for hire is absolutely a terrible idea that will result in additional damages to the resources and those who provide the majority of the fisheries funding, namely, recreational angler. | Spring, Texas 77373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:18:16 | Luby Guillot | lubygayle@aol.com | Reject separations | Rayne, La 70578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:18:18 | Stacy Kempf | stacykempf@gmail.com | How would seperation improve management? I'm asking that your group vote against this proposal and focus on the conservation of the Gulf's resources. Thank you. | Corpus Christi, TX 78414 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:18:23 | Bret A. Gtraham | bret.graham@pgnmail.com | Once again the government is trying to take rights from a few to line the pockets of others. Stop the "seperation" and leave it the way it is. | Leesburg, FL 34788 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:18:28 | Loye Tankersley | landlt1@verizon.net | The separation of sectors makes no sense on coastal waters just as it doesn't make sense for inland waters. Everyone should have an equal opportunity to compete for game fish. It makes no sense to advantage or disadvantage any group. The single strongest support for game fish lies in the hands of the individual sport fisherman practicing good stewardship and I believe we already have that under currently existing regulations. | Mertzton, TX 76941 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:18:36 | Bill Goeser | bgoeser@hotmail.com | I oppose Sector Separation in the Gulf of Mexico and encourage it to be rejected. | Brownsville, TX 78526 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:18:40 | William E. Lanford II | piratelanford@me.com | Sector separation is a terrible idea. ALL of the anglers involved are recreational anglers, whether they pay someone to take them fishing or go out in their own boats. This proposal is not about the resource. It's about money - more money for the Charter/Headboat owners. You are charged with managing our fisheries resources, not bank accounts. Each licensed fisherman is allocated a fragment of the resource. Keep it that way. | Arlington, TX 76016 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:18:48 | Ryan Kasten | rkasten@oxfordcommercial.com | Please reject Gulf Separation. | Austin, TX 78703 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:18:54 | Chris Hebert | chris@allstarsigns-specialties.com | I am opposed to the reef fish amendment 39- sector separation. This is a terrible idea, and should not be implimented. | lafayette | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:19:02 | Steven M Cook | smcook1@dow.com | Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council, I would urge the council to not implement any planned "sector separation" dividing the recreational anglers catch between private individuals and charter boat fleet. There is no sound science that would disctate this need for separation and it only serves to divide a strong group of fishermen, conservationists, and activists. Personally, I do not have an off-shore boat and have used charter boats in the past for my off-shore fishing needs. That said, I see no sense in that fact that one group or another could be excluded from the fishery before the reareational quota is reached due to a sector quota being reached. This will only serve to create animosity between two groups that have always cooperated in matters of conservation of our scarce marine resources. Regards, Steven Cook CCA Member | Baton Rouge, LA 70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:19:25 | Brennan Bishop | brennanbishop@hotmail.com | Sector separation is the worst idea that I have heard of concerning the Gulf Of Mexico fishery. It would ruin our fishery and economy, we must make sure this does not happen! | Lafayette, LA 70506 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:19:25 | Jordan Trahan | jordan.trahan@bakerhughes.com | Vote NO on the seperation of recreational and charter boats | Houma,La 70306 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:19:27 | LAWRENC J BADEAUX JR | l_j_bado@hotmail.com | VOTE AGAINST THIS. | 42161 JAMIE RD. PRAIRIEVILLE, LA 70769 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:19:30 | Robert Bruce Walker | bwalker@gt.rr.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Please do not support this proposal without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations. There seems to be no tangible conservation benefits of this proposal Please reject separation. | Beaumont, TX 77706 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 11:19:46 | Fred D Herring Jr | fdh@coastalsecurities.com | That is the most ridiculous proposal I have ever heard. Guide or no guide, individuals should have the same bag limits, no matter who they are or who they're fishing with. I'm sorry that fishing charter business' are affected by limit changes, but that happens with poor fishing cycles etc.... The financial markets have been tough and bonds are at the lowest yields ever, so should they change the law so only certain people can do my type of business since my income is down!!!!!! Let's subsidize all markets, and have the government run it all, then we'll all be screwed!!!!!! Vote no on separation! | Hou, TX, 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:19:47 | Thomas C. Singer | tandpsinger@sbcglobal.net | Sector separation is an idea that should not be considered for implementation. Please do not take any action in favor of it. Please remove it from further discussion and consideration. Thank you. | San Antonio, TX 78230 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:19:51 | Anthony C Panipinto | tony.panipinto@gmail.com | Sorry kids we can only keep 1 or 2 fish,the few commercial fishermen are keeping the rest of our fish. | Bradenton,FI 34209 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:19:51 | Terry Steve Pool | t_pool@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea! Especially when there are PLENTY of 5-15lb red snapper in the Gulf right now, and rec's only get 2 per day for 40-45 days! I am afraid separation will take one of those 2 away from me! Thanks... | Montgomery, Texas, 77316 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 11:19:52 | Byron Carline | ibr@atvci.net | Please vote against the seperation | Berwick LA 70342 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:19:54 | Jules B Schwing II | chet@schwinginsurance.com | Please vote to reject seperation. This is idea is totally irrational and will ruing recreational fishing forever. | New Iberia, La. 70560 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:19:57 | Scott R Brown | scottrbrown@verizon.net | Please do not underestimate the desires of the recreational fishermen in the State of Florida. We do not support the separation of the of the allocations as now being proposed.What could possibly be the justification for your intent to funnel the priority to business interests rather than the citizenry of the state? | Tampa, Fl 33618 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:20:11 | John Discon | garydiscon@att.net | This is an appssolutely horrible idea. Someone is of course wanting to do this because it will benefit someones friend. Leave well enough alone and try and come to your senses. Sincerely John Discon | Metairie, La 70005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:20:29 | Mel R Gilmore | melgilmore@sbcglobal.net | Stop trying to promote class warfair and leave the rules alone. | Houston, Tx 77008 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:20:30 | Eric Valenciano | Ericv225@gmail.com | In no way does sector separation help with the conservation of gulf species. Sector separation should be rejected and more information should be provided before measures like these are even considered. | Baton rouge, la. 70820 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:20:38 | Jeff Roberts | jroberts@allenharrisonco.com | Please reject sector seperation. How can you possibly do this to recreational anglers | Missouri City, Texas 77459 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:20:49 | Travis Flanagan | travis@shallowsportboats.com | Sector separation is a bad idea!!!! | Laguna Vista TX, 78578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:20:49 | Louis Rash | louis.rash@gmail.com | The proposed amenment serves no conservation purpose. | Biloxi, MS 39530 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:20:50 | Matt Zarzour | mattzarzour@gmail.com | Please consider rejecting the separation of anglers in the Gulf of Mexico. | Mobile, AL 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:20:55 | Robert Mendoza | mendozarm50 @yahoo.com | Please reject the proposal for special bag limits and licenses for recreational and for hire guides | New Braunfels | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:21:07 | John C Allen | drjohncallen@hotmail.com | I fish maybe two to three times a year tops. When I go I would like to be able to catch enough fish to bring some home making worth dragging my boat hours, buying bait, gas etc. I feel the same way about alligator tags. Why a few folks ge hundreds of tags for profit for a resource that belongs to all of us beats the hell out of me. As a matter of fact, there should be a significant increase in the cost for comercial outfits to own charters. If you make money off of a resource, you should pay more. Just like the comercial crabbers do. The resources belong to all of us, otherwise no one would be a member of the wildlife organizations and give donations unless they were an outfitter. THIS one cant be let to go by. | Ponchatoula LA 70454 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:21:15 | Chad G. Bella Sr. | cbella@chevron.com | Please reject seperation. | Lafayette, La. 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:21:24 | Jamey Damon | Jd@sterlinghouston.com | I vote no to Sector Separation | Brenham, Texas 77833 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:21:28 | Joe M Pousson | mpousson@turner-industries.com | Do not separate recreational fishermen into two separate groups. There is no basis for consideration of this other than someone is going to make money off of it, and you can bet it won't be the ordinary man. | Sulphur, LA 70663 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:21:39 | Dirk Hoppe | dirkhoppe@gmail.com | Please reject this amendment for the separation of anglers. | Austin, TX 78734 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:21:40 | Vaughn W Davidson | vaughndavidson@hotmail.com | It has come to my attention that the Council is considering dividing the permissible, non-commercial catch between various segments. To "re-allocate" fish from individual sport fisherman and grant a portion of those fish to a private "for-profit" entity or individual would be a dire travesty. I urge you to vote against and such sector separation. Such separation will do nothing to improve the resource - but will serve to enrich an elite minority of recreational anglers. | Bellaire, Texas 77401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:21:50 | Bill Goodloe | jwgoodloe@gmail.com | I am writing in opposition to the separation of the recreational anglers into sectors for the purpose of dividing the fishery up. This would be a short-sighted decision and one that I do not support. This could have large implications, particularly down the road for future recreational anglers - as it would set a terrible precedent. Please do not consider separating into sectors, without further discussion and study and input from all parties. | Mobile, AL 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:21:52 | Stuart Clay Morehead | clay.morehead@keg1llc.com | I do not support separation. I am a native Texan and reject this idea. | Kerrville, TX, 78028 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 11:21:58 | Charles Crenshaw | ccrenshaw4@cox.net | The idea of sector separation sucks at best. It is about that you listen to Congress and the real experts instead of the select few that have your ear now. | Lafayette, La. 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:22:10 | Craig Klenk | Tikick@att.net | Reject separation. | Tiki Island, Texas, 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:22:11 | Gary Cravens | g.cravens@verizon.net | Sector separation for fishery management in the gulf is a bad idea. Why would we give away valuable resources with no tangible conservation benefit to the public. We private fisherman/Gulf Coast anglers want protection from this potential legislative threat which would limit the way we utilize what should remain a public resource. Please help us and reject separation! Thank you for your support! | Coppell, TX 75019 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:22:13 | Brian C Korbell | briankorbell@hotmail.com | It makes no economic sense for anyone but a handful of fortunate operators. | New Braunfels, TX 78130 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:22:17 | Grayson Wallace | Graysonwallace@gmail.com | I am opposed to the proposed sector separation that is being discussed for the Gulf of Mexico fisheries. This is both unnecessary and unfair to the average recreational fisherman. Thanks, Grayson Wallace | 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:22:26 | Gary Bourgeois | gary.bourgeois@nov.com | Gary Bourgeois Aug. 7th, 2012 2 1:15 pm As a member of La. CCA Northshore Chapter I want to express my support of the position taken by CCA NATIONAL and hope they will use the resources necessary to influence the GULF COUNCIL to toss out the idea of sector separation | Covington, La. 70435 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:22:33 | Dennis Ray Rice | drrice1@ascendmaterials.com | I am asking you to reject separation. Thank you, Dennis Rice | Angleton, Tx | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:22:34 | Dennis Ray Rice | drrice1@ascendmaterials.com | I am asking you to reject separation. Thank you, Dennis Rice | Angleton, Tx | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:23:11 | Shannon Nickel | s5usa@hotmail.com | There needs to be a equal system for recreational fishermen. The commercial interests have been depleting our resources for decades with no recourse. | Victoria, Texas 77905 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:23:22 | Colleen Nunez | ctreynunez@gmail.com | Please reject separation | 39571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:23:28 | A.J. Angelloz | a.angelloz@cemail.cc | This is not a good idea and see no benefit to the resource or the end-users. Additionally, we have too much Federal influence on our State Resources. | Grosse Tete, La. 70740 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:23:41 | Shirley Jennings | shirleyj.realtor@gmail.com | I think trying to have the sector separation is taking away the freedom of the sport and should not favor the business. There are just some things in life you need to let happen naturally and stop trying to take control where it is not necessary. | Allen, Tx. 75002 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:23:43 | David M Spears Sr | spearsdm@aol.com | The following proposal is a slap in the publics face. I urge you on the part of al the weekend anglers not to pass the following: dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. | Houston, Tx 77065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:23:48 | Eric Piersons | epiersons@hotmail.com | REJECT SEPERATION | Spring, TX 77389 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:24:34 | alfredo gutierrez | 95495@borderent.com | there is not enough study i feel to make a logical decision on this matter.i feel its crucial to get the thoughts of a lot more anglers, whether private,charter or commercial in order to make a decision that will benefit everyone, especially our "GULF". | pharr,tx,78577 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:24:36 | Troy Leek | troy994719@hotmail.com | I feel that dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats is a bad idea. This division should be rejected, fish should not be taken from recreational anglers and given to charter or for-hire boats. | Galveston, TX 77550 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:24:45 | Thomas Montero | tommymontero@bellsouth.net | Do not pass sector separation amendment. | houma, la 70360 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:24:58 | Jeffrey futch | jhflrv@live.com | We must keep our rights as fishermen whether it be commercial or recreational unified. We have gone to great lengths to protect the habitat for our fish and other marine species. Let's take a stand against this separation. Thanks a very concerned fisherman | Lafayette,la 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:24:58 | Lee Hoye Grafton, MD | did6868@aol.com | This is a terrible idea and would restrict the private angler who is the driving backbone behind the economy that encompasses off shore fishing. The restrictions that are in place now are becoming cumbersome to follow and to keep up with and this would complicate things more. There are more Red Snapper out of Louisiana than I have ever seen in my life and I have been fishing the Gulf since 1987,yet we can only catch 2 per person. The commercial fishermen have only minor changes in their quota and the private anglers are bearing the brunt of the changes. | Thibodaux LA 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:24:59 | Lee Hoye Grafton, MD | did6868@aol.com | This is a terrible idea and would restrict the private angler who is the driving backbone behind the economy that encompasses off shore fishing. The restrictions that are in place now are becoming cumbersome to follow and to keep up with and this would complicate things more. There are more Red Snapper out of Louisiana than I have ever seen in my life and I have been fishing the Gulf since 1987,yet we can only catch 2 per person. The commercial fishermen have only minor changes in their quota and the private anglers are bearing the brunt of the changes. | Thibodaux LA 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:25:09 | Frank Poche | fpoche@sbcglobal.net | Why are you trying to change this ????? | Houston Texas 77037 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:25:24 | Michael Barker | mbarker46@yahoo.com | I want to state that any division/assignment of a common resource is against the freedom and equality that the US represents. Splitting the recreational and commercial harvest has been fraught with corruption and quota violations, and to further that process by sub-dividing the recreational catch, would only further those abuses. Fisheries management is a sham, politically motivated, and managed by those who have little or no knowledge of the biology of the resource. Driven by eco-maniacs who believe that nature is not there for beneficial use of the human population, our current policies have no chance at success. | Nashville, TN 37221 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:25:27 | Steve Hale | swhale@embarqmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. What are the tangible conservation benefits of this course of action? Nothing | Humble, Texas 77346 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:25:51 | Ralph Norman Jr | beaumo@att.net | I oppose and recommend that you reject dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. Sector separation, the taking of some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally giving it away to a select few businesses operating charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish, is simply a bad idea. I cannot identify any conservation benefit resulting from sector separation. As a recreational fisherman, I am aware of and support conservation efforts to prevent the decline of and to promote the health of the Gulf fisheries. Sector separation is not conservation and should not be approved. | Spring, TX 77386 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:25:53 | Dale Sullivan | dale.sullivan@brazosport.edu | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | Lake Jackson, Texas 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:26:14 | DR ELEANOR ANN MCCREERY | PadreIslandTexas@gmail.com | PLEASE do NOT divide recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. We are all fisher-folk, equally and simply. Thank you!!! | Corpus Christi, TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:26:16 | Butch Murrell | bmurrell@coastalandm.com | This action has no merit other than being a result of a lobby with no accurate data to work with and money to burn for the commercial guide business. " Fish for Hire" . I have fished the Texas Coast and the Gulf of Mexico for over 50 years. You are punishing the recreational fishing industry, that has through organizations like CCA (organized by recreational fisherman) funded programs and science to bolster the fish populations in the Gulf of Mexico. Supported and help fund with all the different Gulf State's Parks and Wildlife Departments(especially Texas) the Red Fish preservation and speckled trout limits to protect the very fish you want to commercialize. Get your heads out of the sand and protect those that are protecting the resource. Got a problem with that-call me at 979/482.1530. I would be glad to meet you and further discuss my disgust with this proposal. Regards Butch Murrell Brazoria County Chapter/CCA | Lake Jackson, TX, 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:26:30 | Michael Bassham | mlbassham@sbcglobal.net | As a long time recreational angler along the Texas gulf coast, who has maintained an all-water fishing license for the last 20 plus years, I am opposed to the idea of sector seperation that is currently under consideration. Sector seperation is a bad idea for recreational fisherman and a bad idea for the gulf coast fisheries. | Ft. Worth, Texas 76117 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:26:51 | William M Ochiltree | B1ochiltree@aol.com | Please do not separate gulf coast waters for recreational fishermen. | Port Lavaca, Tx 77979 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:26:51 | JOHN D REED | jaydeereed@gmail.com | REEF FISH AMENDMENT 39 IS A BAD IDEA AND SHOULD BE SCRAPPED | rayne, la 70578 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:26:52 | Lane T. DeBardeleben, Jr | lanethomas@bellsouth.net | Please vote against the Sector Separation. Please reject seperation, this is a bad idea. | 205 Sandy Hook Dr, Pass Christitan, MS, 39571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:26:57 | DeWitt Bebout | dewitt@kwrs.com | Thank you, DeWitt Bebout | San Antonio,Tx. 78266 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:27:05 | Richard Despault | rdespault@satx.rr.com | I totally reject separation of limits for recreational fisherman and commercial fisherman. It is totally unfair to take away from the recreational fisherman and give it to the commercial fisherman. The economic impact of recreational fisherman exceeds the impact from commercial fishermen and needs to be protected. At first glance, it may not look like a big deal but it is a giveaway that is scarcely conceivable in the management of other natural resources. The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. And what would those businesses pay for this windfall? Nothing. What are the tangible conservation benefits of this course of action? Nothing. | San Antonio, TX 78239 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:27:06 | Eric Benoit | Eric.a.b.1@hotmail.com | This wrong and unfair to the mass public which generate the majority of the tax revenue. | Kilgore, Texas, 75662 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:27:53 | Blanche Habetz | bhabetz@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, reject separation. The Red Snapper issue already pisses enough people off, don't make the fisherman really not want to fish anymore. | Baton Rouge, La 70806 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:28:01 | Chris Mahoney | Mahoneybausagency@cox.net | Do not push this separation thru | 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:28:06 | Andoni Zagouris II | azagouris@gmail.com | Please do not allow Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation to take effect. This is unfair to recreational anglers who are constantly receiving pressure from the commercial/charter sector. Recreational anglers deserve equal rights to the marine stock and sector separation would take that away. Most importantly, this amendment is extremely unfair to the fish themselves. | 78504 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:28:13 | Louis Fingleman | lfingleman@slb.com | Allowing, "For Hire" Guides / Fishermen to have Special Treatment and /or Fishing Rights, to Special Areas or Numbers of Fish, is Really unacceptable and would no doubt decrease My Right to Fish where I want and catch my Limits, as set by State and Local Guidelines Now! I Do Not and will not support this Action nor will I support the People trying to Aquire this Movement, So on My Behalf Reject this Seperation of My Rights They should have to pay a premium to be using this resource as it is.. | Dayton Tx. 77535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:28:13 | Mike Rains | mike.rains2tasb.org | Louis Fingleman Please do not split the harvest between commercial (charter) and recreational fisherman. This option benefints no one but a special group of individuals, will not enhance the fishery and literally guarantees a maximun harvest on the commerical side. Thank you. | Georgetown, TX, 78633 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:28:19 | Scott M. Ponton | scott.ponton@graybar.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple! | Corpus Christi, TX 78411 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/7/2012 11:28:40 | Lee H. Grafton, MD | did6868@aol.com | I agree that there need to be regulations in the Gulf, yet I am worried that my son will have to enter a lottery to try to get a red snapper ticket in the future. There are logical ways to handle our natural resouce, just as with deer, ducks, etc. Seperating the categories of Private versus Charter would only complicate things and would not change the conservation at all. Sincerely, Lee H. Grafton, MD 985-414-9194 | Thibodaux LA 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:28:53 | WILLIAM BAINBRIDGE | STREAMLINEWB@AOL.COM | I am against this act. I fish the gulf all the time and do not think that any of it should be separated. | WARREN,TX, 77664 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:28:56 | William M. Stirling | bbchip@cox.net | Vote no for the rec angler separation | Baton Rouge, La. 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:28:58 | Randall Rouquette | rocky78164@gmail.com | Do not enact sector separartion. | Yorktown, TX 78164 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:29:01 | Randal Sutton | randalsutton@gmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple and I respectfully request that the Gulf Council reject such an idea of separation. I don't want to discover the details of a radical new federal program after it is approved. Similar actions now have us trapped with OBAMA-CARE! | Richmond, Tx, 77406 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:29:02 | Brenda F Jackson | actionjaxn2@gmail.com | STOP messing with the recreational fishermen! The recreational fisherman spend LOTS more money to the coastal cities and states than the commercial and charter captains combined, but has a LOT less impact on the volume of fish harvested. The people controlling the fisheries MUST quit these heavy-handed restrictions to the recreational fishermen. These kind of actions are what is killing our economy. And while I'm at it, we need to harvest some goliath grouper! They are eating up all the gap and red grouper, seabass, and all the other fish around them. If they aren't open up soon there won't be any fish around except sharks and Goliath grouper. | Suwannee, fl 32692 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:29:12 | shawn Royston | sroyston@avp.glacoxmail.com | I do not think there should be any separation, if so i think we should look after the private recreational angler as we fish the least among the categories | Lafayette LA 70506 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:29:23 | Cody Vidrine | trashvidrine@aol.com | Do not separate recreational sectors. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:29:27 | RON DENNEY | RONDENNEY01@AOL.COM | PLEASE REJECT REEF FISH AMENDMENT 39 | LAKELAND FL 33813 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:29:32 | James campo | Jacladent@cox.net | I think separation is a very bad idea unless you take away the commercial quota and give to the charter fisherman. They are both in it for a business. | 70047 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:29:59 | charles perez | chperez583@gmail.com | Do not separate angling into two separate categories, this is unfair and down right dangerous. With all the for hire boats being able to take as many fish as they wish; they would certainly take more than their fair share. The regulations should stay as they are now. | new orleans | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:30:00 | CLIFF C WADDELL II | thelandman@uchotre.com | DO NOT SPLIT THE LEGAL HARVEST OF GAMEFISH . LEAVE IT THE WAY IT IS. | EARLY, TX 76802 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:30:03 | prentice tillman | prentice@covenantplasticsinc.com | i think it a very bad idea. | houston, tx 77049 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:30:11 | William B Bracken Jr | wbracken71@gmail.com | Reject separation please. | Lakeland, FL 33812 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:30:39 | Jason Pate | jb pate70@bellsouth.net | Please vote no to sector separation. We need fair and equitable management of the gulf. | orange beach, al, 36561 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:30:51 | Shelley Pennell | shelleypennell@gmail.com | I urge you to reject the separation of anglers. Thank you, S. Pennell | Houston, Texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:30:57 | Ron Orlando | roncpa@flash.net | I totally reject the idea of sector separation. There is no basis of real information on the impacts that would affect our Gulf fishing for generatons to come. Giving some portion of fish to a select few businesses to use however and when they want is not fair and not in the best interest of our individual anglers. | Katy, TX 77449 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:31:06 | Jason Stubbs | Stubbs12.2@gmail.com | Reject the Separation of recreational an commercial anglers. | 78759 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:31:14 | Bill De La Garza | Bdelagarza@aol.com | Do not do this!!!! | Houston, Texas 77058 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:31:19 | Bill Moore | wmmoorejr@hotmail.com | Please vote no to sector seperation | Mobile, AL 36606 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:31:37 | Jack Moss | jc Moss3@gmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple - don't do it. | Kemah, TX 77565 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:31:38 | RAYMOND L GEYER | raymondgeyer@sbcglobal.net | Please reject sector separation it is a bad idea. To whom it may concern, | SAN ANTONIO TX 78219 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:31:38 | Mason D. LeGrue | mlegrue9800@gmail.com | As a Gulf Coast Angler, I am writing to voive my disapproval of "sector separation" in the GOM. It is apolicy that benefits only a small sector of the population that enjoys the fisheries, and it put undue restrictions on recreational anglers. Please strike down Amendment 39- Sector Separation. Mason LeGrue 832-317-0167 Member- CCA Sugar Land Chapter | Missouri City, TX | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:31:45 | RICHARD F. HALTER | rhalter@sbcglobal.net | I wish to register my opposition to the Reef Fish Amendment 39- Sector Separation. It sounds like a bad idea to me. | San Antonio, Tx 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:31:59 | David Shavlán | David@cprhou.com | Open additional dates and quantity for recreational snapper fisherman. I own a boat and b/y weather and work limited usage each fish cost over 1 thousand!! Dollars!! We are the majority that provide additional sources of revenue to the Gulf Coast businesses and you are killing the boat owners. I will be selling my boat if this continues any longer. | Houston tx 77057 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:32:07 | Robert Mueller | rlmueller57@gmail.com | I am absolutely AGAINST any sector separation among the recreational components of sportfishing, and strongly recommend defeat of any amendment that would do so. I am a private recreational saltwater angler, and use both my own boat and charter guides. Any rules that would favor charters over private anglers would diminish the interests of the private fisherman. | Houston, TX 77005 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:32:08 | Alexander Vernor | biggs467@yahoo.com | I have been fishing since I was very young. Its been a part of my life and I go quiet often. With the act of taking away more freedom from the american individual by what this regulation intends I will not be able to take my son out and give him the same experience. Fishing will reserved for the elite classes, with the way this country is going it will only be people in government. I refuse to support this act and wish that you would repeal such a consideration. Government is out of control. | Houston, texas, 77055 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:32:10 | Terry B. Vidrine | Vidrinet@bellsouth.net | I am totally against the idea of recreational, commercial fishing(or hunting) sector separation! | Eunice La. 70535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:32:23 | Randall Bryant | Randallbryant@sbcglobal.net | The sector separation act is a terrible idea. As a recreational fisherman, I enjoy the times I am able to supply my family with fresh fish. Still, I am not able to harvest 1/100 of the fish that the fish for hire boats do. I don't want to see my bag limit, or any other limits to what I am currently allowed to be taken from me, and given to others.... | 77833 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:32:37 | Bradfield Ragland Horton | bradfieldrh@sbcglobal.net | This law is Ana's idea at best. | Dallas, TX 75205 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:32:42 | William J Lytle | wlytle@bouverassoc.com | Please do not split the sectors! Thanks | Merritt Island,Fl 32952 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 11:32:52 | CHARLES A RICHARDS, SR | CHARLIE@CARICHARDS.COM | I am a boat owner, own a home in Rockport, Tx and love my fishing. I am very opposed to any action that would take away from redcreational fisherman an give to commercial enterprise regardless for pay or free. | HOUSTON, TX 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:33:17 | Charles Gray | charles.gray402@hotmail.com | sector seperation is a very bad idea. Why should I have to pay someone else to fish? | houston,tx,77471 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:33:22 | Robert gomez | Warrior5794@gmail.com | This is a horrible plan that benefits only a few | Houston, tx 78018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:33:27 | Catherine Carlock Simpson | brprpro@yahoo.com | As the owner of a recreational fishing boat, I am writing to say that my family and friends and I all vehemently oppose the proposed allocation of a portion of the quota for recreational anglers to owners of charter and for-hire boats. Doing so would allow business owners to make money while unfairly restricting the already limited catch of recreational fishers and doing absolutely nothing to conserve these precious fishery resources. We strongly urge all members of the Fishery Management Council to vote against this ill-conceived proposal and nip this VERY bad idea in the bud! | Grosse Tete, LA 70740 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:33:46 | Jack Krueger | jack.krueger@ubh.com | This appears to take adavantage of the casual recreational angler that only gets a few opportunities a year to go fishing and it gives preferred treatment to commercial ventures, more fish for them less for the rest of us. Also, will probably create limits on fish that the commercial ventures target | Woodlands Texas, 77381 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:34:05 | Lynne A Marwick | lynrichmar@stx.rr.com | NO to sector seperation! Sirs | Corpus Christi TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:34:09 | Mark Hancock | mahancock@spectraenergy.com | Please reject any efforts at sector separation. It is a terrible idea for both private and charter fishermen alike. And also a terrible idea for resource management. PLEASE REJECT SECTOR SEPARATION FOR ALL FISHERMEN. BAD IDEA. Thank you Mark Hancock | Fannin, Texas, 77960 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:34:24 | Reid Harrell | rharrell@thetrustcompany.com | Sector Separation between recreational and commercial fishermen is a very bad idea not based on scientific facts. Please reject it. | | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:34:26 | David C. Bershire | dabe@earthlink.net | The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. This is a very bad idea. | Houston | Other |
| 8/7/2012 11:34:27 | Lee Hohnson | Vljohnson@mindtalent.cl'm | Please DO NOT vote for sector Seperation. This looks very much like a "lobbied" deal for a few and a BAD Deal for the many. | San Antonio, TX 78255 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:34:31 | Edward L. Camnetar, Jr. | ed@camcocpa.com | I am against the assignment of recreational catch quotas between charter boats and private anglers. I am 63 years old and have invested over \$250,000 in a boat and camp in Venice, LA I hope that I can use my boat as I see fit to legally catch fish at my own pace as I have for the last 40+ years. | Gretna, LA, 70053 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:34:34 | Robert Neal | bneal@stx.rr.com | Stop sector separation | Corpus Christi, Texas 78411 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:34:38 | David Todd Mulford | Todd@southnhuntqndfish.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | Baton Rouge, LA 70806 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 11:34:39 | ken norris | kenric@suddenlink.net | Reject separation | montgomeryb tc 77356 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:34:42 | Clay Theard | ctheard@gibraltar1.com | Seperation is a horrible idea. Who comes up with this stuff? Recreational anglers make everything happen starting with conservation first and foremost. | Lafayette, LA 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:34:47 | Edward L. Camnetar, Jr. | ed@camcocpa.com | I am against the assignment of recreational catch quotas between charter boats and private anglers. I am 63 years old and have invested over \$250,000 in a boat and camp in Venice, LA I hope that I can use my boat as I see fit to legally catch fish at my own pace as I have for the last 40+ years. | Gretna, LA, 70053 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | Dear Gulf Council, As a life long fisherman and Texan, I am deeply concerned that the council would consider an amendment that limits the rights of the public and has a negative impact on the largest segment responsible for job generation (recreational sector). I encourage you to vote against sector separation, preserve the rights of the public, and keep our conservation plans focused on the environment and not on corporate America. Sincerely, | | |
| 8/7/2012 11:34:57 | Jeremy, Purvis | jeremy_purvis@hotmail.com | Jeremy Purvis | Austin | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:35:02 | James Ray Hill | jrhill@westlake.com | Please do not allow sector seperation to be approved. Please protect the recreational angler. | 70663 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:35:15 | Ross Byrley | rossbyrley@gmail.com | We do not need to seperate the recreational anglers and the commercial anglers.. Also the snapper count needs to be increase because, as a recreational angler, there is far too many snapper out there to only allow two per person. We don't need to take any more fish away from the recreational anglers. | Lake Charles, LA 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:35:16 | Thomas Hays | Tjjjhays@gmail.com | This is a bad idea. Say no. | League city, Tx, 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:35:22 | Casey McLaurin | cmac23@cox.net | I am against sector seperation. Please throw this nonsense out!!!! | Maurice, LA 70555 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:35:56 | Jeff Standiford | jftx98@hotmail.com | I have my own boat and I frequently hire charters for business entertainment. I will be buying a charter vessel very soon to assist a friend in his dream to be a guide. When will government finally realize nothing they interject upon produces good things? Do not divide water, do not waste our time and money. Focus on something constructive. | Houston, TX, 77096 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:35:57 | YAMIN ZAFAR | SWEET_GUY20040@YAHOO. | I reject separation Sector. separation is a bad idea that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations PLEASE STOP. THANK YOU | PASADENA,TX 77503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:05 | Richard Jenkins | rjenkins@williamskherkher.com | I am strongly opposed to the Sector Separation plan. My experience with guides and charter boat captains is that they try to maximize their catch any way they can, including their clients taking home the guide's quota. If you give them an avenue to keep more without encouraging conservation of the resource I fear the privilege will be abused even more. I am a 99% catch and release fisherman but support anglers who want to take home some of their catch. Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback. | Houston, TX 77005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:06 | Richard D Marwick | lynrichmar@yahoo.com | Vote no on sector separation. | Corpus Christi TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:17 | Kenneth McKnight | Mcknight2@peoplescom.net | Sector fishing would be unfair to ALL recreational fisherman. | Arroyo City, Tx | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:20 | Allen Shields | mas.3@live.com | The proposed idvision of "catch share" between recreational fishermen and commercial headboat operators does not make sense. It would make more sense to take part of the commercial fishing share and share it with the commercial head boat operators. There are already too many concessions to the commercial operators on a use benefit analysis than can be imagined. Don't take more away from the recreational fisherman who contributes so much more. Thanks- Allen Shields | La Feria, Tx 78559 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:24 | Ronald Kennedy | ronnie@kccenviro.com | Reject Sector Separation | Grandview, Texas 76050 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:24 | Don E Bumgarner | ebum@att.net | Government picking winners and losers with my natural resources is not acceptable. This is not well thought out and the results are not well understood. | Midlothian, TX, 76065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:25 | edward james kubecka | james_kube@sbcglobal.net | The private recreational angler already have enought regulations and fees imposed on them. Seperation of the sectors is truly a bad idea. | tomball, tx 77377 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:27 | Thomas Mullenix | Tcmullenix@aol.com | Its time for recreational angler to be considered first when it comes to our fisheries. | Corpus Christi,tx, 78410 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:32 | GARY MIZE | GARYMIZE@INGMANMARINE | DO NOT SEPARATE GULF INTO 2 ANGLING SECTORS !! | PORT CHARLOTTE, FL 33953 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:32 | Derek Nance | derek.nance@williams.com | Reject seperation please. | Blessing, TX 77419 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:38 | Dennis Clark | dennis-frontier@sbcglobal.net | I have heard that the Gulf Council is considering seperating recreational anglers and for-hire boats with different limits. I am asking you to please reject this seperation. | Sealy, TX 77474 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:53 | Roy Schaufele | roys@division7.com | Stupid rule and another governmental over reach to benefit the few and not the many. | Converse, TX 78109 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:36:56 | Robert Boudet | bobboozm@aol.com | Don't do it !!!!!!!!!!! | Myrtle Grove, Louisiana 70083 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:37:19 | Jon Russ Vincent | jrv@centurygrp.com | I would request that the Gulf Council not separate the recreational and guide quotas for gulf fishing. Both parties work together and I feel that this would be a negative impact on all entities across the board. Many recreational anglers and guides fish together and work together. Please do not separate the quotas. | Sulphur Louisiana 70663 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:37:22 | Ben Zotyka | ben.zotyka@gmail.com | No separation of fishing...period! | Fulshear, Texas 77441 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:37:31 | Alan J. Balladares, Sr. | qas1@aol.com | NO SECTOR SHARES.... Keep Your Hands OFF! You guys can't manage crap! You will not take my resources from me! This is still the USA! | Metairie, LA 70005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:37:32 | Michael Bissett | bissetm@stthom.edu | I believe that it is a mistake to hand any sector of this economy the exclusive right to any resource. It is the sport fishing industry and conservationists who are stewards of the fisheries. The commercial sector of the fishing industry has never been devoted to the preservation of the resource. They have no more right to gain a profit from the hard work of those who choose to catch and release, replenish wetlands, and establish artificial reef habitat than anyone else. Do not allow this proposed legislation to be inacted. | Houston, Tex. 77006 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:37:49 | benjamin m peters | benjaminpeters@bellsouth.net | I generally use a guide and I am opposed to this amendment separating recreational from for hire in fish allocation. | monroe, La. 71201 | Other Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:37:53 | James Raley | jimralay@sbcglobal.net | I oppose sector separation | Dallas TX 75243 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:38:01 | Candace Sargent | csargentmanagement@gmail.com | I believe Sector separation is not just a bad idea but totally unfair to the recreational fisherman. I plead with you to REJECT this insane program idea. Thank you | Rockport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:38:13 | William B Staggers | wstaggers@wwscca.com | Sector separation is a bad idea in my opinion. All anglers should be subject to the rules. | West Point, MS 39773 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:38:23 | Don Motlow | donmotlow@aol.com | If it's not broke don't fix it | Slidell La 70461 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:38:42 | Blake Gill | blakefgill@gmail.com | DO NOT divide recreational anglers into two sectors. It is a decision that needs more research and more supporting information before it is confirmed. | New Orleans, LA, 70119 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:38:51 | Thomas H. Noble | thnoblexx@aol.com | As a very active Gulf of Mexico recreational angler for 50 years, I am totally against Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. | Beaumont, TX 77706 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:39:04 | Michael D. Buehrer | mike.buehrer@sagemontchurch.org | NO Sector Separation! | League City, Texas, 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:39:31 | Mark S. Nemeth | mark@escapees.com | Please do not proceed with this insanity... recreational fisherman provide 70-80 percent of the economic support for conservation in the gulf.. do not punish them in favor of a tiny number of for-hire fisherman. Do Not allow sector separation, in any form to come to pass. Thank you | Livingston, TX 77399 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:39:35 | morton w. baird II | mbaird@bairdlaw.com | As a long-time Gulf Coast fisherman, I feel strongly that the proposed sector separation for Gulf fishing is a terrible idea and should be rejected outright. It aggregates power, encourages corruption, and diminishes one of the great recreational rights of Gulf Coast fishermen everywhere. Morton Baird San Antonio, Texas | san antonio, texas 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:39:37 | Jeffrey D. Sinda | return2sinda@sbcglobal.net | I oppose the Council's proposal, which would take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, with no compensation to private anglers, and with no tangible conservation benefits identified. Furthermore, the sector separation has been proposed without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations. Such impacts should be studied and identified prior to advancing any such agenda. | Houston, TX 77095 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:39:48 | Robert Scott Gullick | sgullick@bergeriw.com | It is not in the best interest of any recreational angler, or future anglers for you to "give away" our natural resources. Commercial and "for hire" boats should have no special rights to our fish. This is a terrible proposal. You people must not be fisherman! | Spring, Texas, 77388 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:39:59 | Floyd E Appling, Jr. | biminybabe@aol.com | Any type of sector separation is a terrible idea. Please make sure this does not happen. | El Campo, Texas 77437 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:40:00 | Stuart Ernst | stuart.ernst@charter.net | Vote against dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. Keep fishing open to all specialty to the recreational anglers! | 70454 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:40:07 | troy w sunkel | tw sunkel@gmail.com | I don't think that 'allowing' charter boats to use for free some of the fish tonnage set aside for recreational boating is a good idea. Please vote against it! | Dickinson TX 77539-6784- | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:40:11 | John Stipanovich | Mckager@fowlerwhite.vom | I ask that you not implement separation of recreational fishing quotas between privately owned and operated vessels and charter vessels. To give this advantage to the charter vessels that are relatively few in number and relatively small in terms of economic impact when compared to privately owned and operated vessels is fundamentally unfair and an unjustifiable example of the tail wagging the dog. Don't do it. | Destin FL 32541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:40:20 | Mack Graham | mack_604@msn.com | It "STINKS" | Mobile, AL. 36609 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:40:21 | Kathryn R Cunningham | chris_cunningham@sbcglobal.net | I am AGAINST the sector separation that is being considered. It is just another way that greed takes away the enjoyment for everyone. Please vote NO or remove the issue completely and forever. | Huntsville, TX 77320 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:40:31 | Ivan Kopecky | trekopecky@gmail.com | The fact that the Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. Is absolutely ridiculous. Please do everything within your power to keep this from happening.' Regards, Ivan Kopecky | 78735 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:40:55 | patrick seidensticker | pseidensticker@gmail.com | this a bad idea. it will just make all the non-regular anglers who fish with guides to think it is ok to keep as much fish as they can. | austin | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:40:56 | william sciba | bsciba@eereed.com | i think it is a very bad idea to separate sports fishermen and for hire and owners of their own charter boats. the limits should be the same across the board. Sector separation is a bad idea. I urge you to reject this plan. | columbus, texas 78934 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:41:04 | Colin kalinowski | Colinkalinowski@gmail.com | Thanks, Colin | New braunfels tx 78130 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:41:22 | William Brand Kingman | billkingman@msn.com | I oppose sector separation. | San Antonio, TX 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:41:31 | Bruce Lockhart | lockhart@txwinet.com | Please don't split up the recreational anglers so you can screw us out of fishing. | Kyle, TX 78640 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:41:33 | Manuel Fernandez | mafer@statoil.com | The Reef Fish Amendment 39 – Sector Separation is a fiasco. I'm disagreed with the amendment. | 77373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:41:36 | James Garry Cate | garrycate@hotmail.com | I am very much against "Sector Separation". Separating those who own there boat for themselves and having them work under as separate set of rules than those who pay someone else to take them fishing is crazy. This only benefits those that are chartering fishing trips. All recreational fishermen should be treated the same. | Rockport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:41:43 | billy powell | bip35@msn.com | no! to sector separation! | bay st. louis ms 39520 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:41:44 | Wallace McKeehan | wlmckeeh@swbell.net | Sectored fishing grounds separation between recreational and for-profit fishing is a bad idea, impossible and costly to enforce with potential unforeseen negative effects on the Gulf Coast economy. I urge you to throw out this bad idea. | Galveston, TX 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:41:45 | RAY GALINDO | rayg657@aol.com | I AM 55 YEARS OLD AND HAVE FISHED THE GULF COAST ALL OF MY LIFE FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERMENT TO DISCRIMINATE THE PUBLIC LIKE THEY WANT TO IS A SLAP IN THE FACE FOR ALL OF US I WILL STOP FISHING ALTOGEATHER AND SPEND MY MONEY IN OTHER COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT DISCRIMINATE. | HOUSTON TEXAS 77013 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:41:45 | Jack Vogel | vogel1010@aol.com | No seperation! | alvin, texas 77511 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:41:47 | PILAR LEONARD AGUILLON | AGUILLON@FERGUSON.COM | PLEASE REJECT SEPERATION | SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, 78218 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:42:08 | Jerald Breaux | gerald.breaux@tnmp.com | This is a bad idea because for several years the only way the fish and game knew how many fish are being caught is they guessed how many charter boats left the docks. The rulling would hurt the recreational fisherman more than any. We have already been restrained from going fishing with last years new rules of which stopped us from catching amber jack and snapper at the same time. If they want to do something stop the illegal fishing from other countries in our waters. | Angleton Tx 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:42:22 | Kyle Jenning | Burtonjennk86@gmail.com | Sector separation is simply put dumbfounding. There isn't enough resources to catch the droves who keep undersized and too many sport fish, and that's maybe 2% of fishermen and women. How can you expect to regulate a righteous rule abiding 90%. Texans will simply tell you no if you do separate, and if youre not lying to yourself you know you cannot do anything to stop us from ignoring your sectoring. Nothing. | Austin, Texas, 78704 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:42:31 | Michael Williams | bucstreak69@gmail.com | Please reject the amendment 39, sector separation. | 34212 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:42:34 | William J Jones | bigjim326@gmail.com | The idea to spilt recreational angers into 2 catagories is just another divide and conquer strategy by a bunch of bureaucrats. | Medina, TX 78055 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:42:39 | Rene Ritchie | rene@tktowing.com | REJECT THE SEPARATION AMENDMENT | Thibodaux, LA 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:43:03 | T L Littleton | tll-pal@sbcglobal.net | Stop the Red Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. | Nacogdoches, Texas, 75961 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:43:15 | eugene grant | egrant713@gmail.com | We don't want this just another way for government to control us | la marque tx 77568 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:43:18 | Tommy Teal | tommyteal898@gmail.com | Do Not Punish the Recreational Angler!!!!!! | Blanket, Texas 76432 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:43:29 | eugene grant | egrant713@gmail.com | We don't want this just another way for government to control us | la marque tx 77568 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:43:38 | Andrew F. LeBlanc | afleblanc@bellsouth.net | Please do not separate the reef fish fishery as in Amendment 39. This amendment is not thought out well, and does not serve Conservation. | Metairie, LA, 70005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:43:43 | James King | jamesking64@gmail.com | Hello, I think that sector separation is a fundamentally bad idea, and shouldn't even be considered, ever. James King, Galveston Bay | pearland | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:43:52 | Tim Lott | tlott@rfoods.com | I am not in favor of this amendment and implore you to reject Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation! | New Orleans, LA 70124 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:43:55 | Conrad Rolling | conrad.rolling@gmail.com | I am commenting to encourage this council to reject the sector separation plan, it is a bad idea and past time for it to be thrown out. | Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:44:15 | Sam Gerace jr | sam@thundercountry.net | I'm not in favor of Amendment 39. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:44:36 | Victor Mozisek | victor@mozisek.net | Please vote to reject Sector separation | Hochheim, Texas, 77967 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:45:04 | Mark A. Wilson | markawilson@cox.net | Please OPPOSE sector separation - the recreational sector should remain fully accessible for the recreational sector!! | Baton Rouge, LA 70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:45:05 | Melvin Leroy Rudd | lrudd@reagan.com | Do not seperate the fishery. Sector seperation is a terrible Idea. | Spring Branch TX 78070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:45:12 | Glenn Leisey | gleisey@gmail.com | I do not favor separation. Please do not do anything that will harm the reef fisheries. Segregating the recreational sector in to two different groups is illogical. Recreational fishing's contribution to local economies is well documented. Please continue to treat the Recreational Sportfishing sector as a single entity. | Spicewood, TX 78669 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:45:18 | Edward Stone | ecodepot@aol.com | Capt. Edward (Ned) Stone | 2012 Coral Shores Drive, Ft Lauderdale FL 33306 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 11:45:30 | Jack Russo | Jackanthonyrusso@gmail.com | I can't believe the senseless, discriminating laws that continue to be forced upon recreational fishermen and hunters. This is another example of government overreaching its bounds with laws based on little to no common sense. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:45:36 | WILLIAM J. FAULKNER | JEFF. FAULKNER@INSPECTORATE | I AM AN AVID RECREATIONAL ANGLER AND I HIGHLY OPPOSE SEPERATION. | HITCHCOCK, TX., 77563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:45:49 | John Gump | johngump46@hotmail.com | Very bad idea and unfair. | Austin, Texas, 78749 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:45:52 | Michael | mfross1@satx.rr.com | Sector seperation is a very bad idea! Don't take my rights away. | San Antonio, Texas 78247 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:46:23 | David E Cordell | cordell6@bellsouth.net | To: The Gulf of Mexica Fishery Management Council Dear Sir/Madam: Sector separation is a very bad idea. I am asking that you REJECT any and all propositions that would enact sector separation in any way, shape, or form. Thank you. David E. Cordell Gulf of Mexico Life Long Recreational Fisherman (225) 921-5080 | Port Allen, LA 70767 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:46:25 | Dale C Wofford | woff1@hotmail.com | I do not support dividing recreational fishing into for hire & not for hire. This is a bad idea. Thanks, Dale | Elgin, TX 78621 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:46:28 | James H. Robinson | jrobinson@slb.com | I have been purchasing a state fishing license for years and have always followed the law on limits and species. Why would anyone want to take away my right to any public body of water and assign it to be used as commercial? PUBLIC means just that, open to the public! I would ask that you vote NO on this issue. With all the important things in this world that should be discussed, why in the world is this being introduced? There simply is more to this story than "we the people" are being told. | Spring, Texas 77386 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:47:05 | Michael Bergeron | mlbergeron2@gmail.com | Please do not separate recreational anglers into two sectors. | River Ridge, La, 70123 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:47:11 | Donald Piwonka | donevon@verizon.net | I think sector separation is a bad idea! | San Angelo, TX 76904 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:47:46 | Barney H Corbin | bcorbin78@sbcglobal.net | We do not ned sector separation!! | Tiki Island Texas 77554 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 11:47:57 | Lucy white | Moscaboatslw@gmail.com | I'm against sector separation in the gulf of Mexico | Corpus christi ,Tx 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:48:02 | Roy J Geesey | rgeesey@gmail.com | I oppose. It appears that a further dwindling of recreational opportunities for fishermen is likely to ensue. | Crowley, LA 70526 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:48:03 | Amy B | amb6284@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple | Kingwood TX 77657 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:48:05 | Jim Hightower | jimhightower3116@sbcglobal.net | The proposal to allow charters a better deal than private angler's should be defeated. Don't let the headboats wipe out the good fishing spots; they will do it in an instant. If there is a problem with overfishing, the solution should apply to everyone, not just private anglers. | Midland, TX 79705 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:48:06 | Gil Guidry | gilguidry@att.net | I strongly oppose sector separation in the Gulf of Mexico. | BATon Rouge, LA 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:48:11 | Michael L. Woodward | woodward@hslawmail.com | Please reject sector separation. | Austin, TX, 78701 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:48:25 | Ricky Dinot | dinotsc@bellsouth.net | Please leave the rules like it is. | Baton Rouge, la., 70818 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:48:52 | George H. Mazzarantani | george@mazzarantani.com | NO SECTOR SEPARATION! | Sarasota, FL 34236 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:49:01 | palmer r long jr | plongjr@aol.com | Do not place 3 groups into law. This would limit the rights of americans to fish. You have already favored the commercial interests to the detriment of the rights of americans to fish. Wake up. | boca grande, Fl, 33921 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:49:06 | Joel Marshall | joel.marshall@earthlink.net | I am opposed to sector separation. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:49:14 | William Pipes | wrpipes@hcpllp.com | Sector Separation is a TERRIBLE idea. Not only does it not serve any real, effective conservational goal, but it merely creates additional friction among the user groups (commercial, recreational charter, and purely recreational). | baton rouge louisiana 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:49:29 | Joe Welch | jmwelch@pdq.net | Please do not give my fishing rights away to someone else. | Houston, Tx, 77095 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:49:52 | Chuck Urban | curban@urbaneng.com | I am opposed to the idea of the Gulf Fisheries Management Council using Sector Separation to shift a portion of the recreational harvest over to charter and for-hire boats. I strongly encourage a vote or discussion against Sector Sepaaration at the next Gulf Council meeting. | Corpus Christi, Texas 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:50:08 | Kathleen Rocha | pat_kathyrocha@earthlink.net | I believe that commercial or for hire fishermen do not need an allocation of fish. This is a danger to the fisheries that we have worked so hard to conserve. | San Antonio, Texas 78255 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:50:11 | john flanagan | jflanagan@fj-cpa.com | It would be totally unfair to the private recreational angler to divid the catch totals between rec. and chareter boats. Reject the idea. | sarasota fl 34237 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:50:16 | Carl Brock Harrison | b-rock9839@sbcglobal.net | These regulations are getting ridiculous. Please stop before good law respecting anglers just give up and start keeping everything. This is getting out of hand. We know you only care about certain entities and not rec. fisherman. Your making this more obvious with consideration of this type of amendment. | Houston, TX, 77045 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 11:50:26 | Carlos Jones | jcj1@gvtc.com | Please do not enact this Separation measure!! I have fished the Gulf in both private and charter boats abd do not believe this measure serves either catagory in a sportsman like manner. | Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:50:30 | Mark Guillory | markguillory@eatel.net | Please do not support bill. | 70737 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 11:50:38 | Jeff Charron | jeff.charron@att.net | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | The Woodlands, TX 77381 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:51:09 | Eric Lundgren | eric@ericlundgren.com | As a lifelong avid fisherman of the gulf coast region and South La. in particular I urge you to oppose the sector seperation efforts. | Carrollton, TX 75007 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 11:51:14 | Scott Baker | sbaker10040@verizon.net | Reject sector seperation in the Gulf of Mexico. There is no reason charter and for hire boats should be able to harvest fish when the recreational angler can not. | Palmetto FI 34221 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:51:14 | alberto trevino | albert.trevino@bakerhughes.com | Sector seperation is a Bad idea. Reject seperation. | Harahan,La.70123 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:51:36 | Steve Martin | steve.martinAatkinsglobal.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. Please consider my position at the next Gulf Council meeting, August 20-24 in New Orleans. | Apopka, FL 32712 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:51:37 | Jerry Holmes` | jmjjholmes@netzero.com | Reject Sector separation | Harlingen, TX 78550 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:51:42 | Geoff Lochausen | geoff_lochausen@bmc.com | Reject seperation | Dallas, TX 75225 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:51:52 | Jeffry Stout | jeff@angletonisd.net | There are no tangible conservation benefits. Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. Gulf Council, please reject "sector separation"! | Angleton, TX 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:52:01 | linda pollock | lindanmp@gmail.com | No. No. Sector separation is a bad idea & I am strongly against it. | cedar park texas 78613 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:52:13 | Pat Kucera | pkucera@brauerharper.com | SECTOR SEPARATION MUST BE REJECTED. US PRIVATE ANGLERS BRING MORE DOLLARS TO THE FISHING INDUSTRY!!!! | Clearwater, FL 33765 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:52:22 | Ronald Bilar | rbilarfl@gmail.com | As a recreational angler and the originator of the Florida Conservation now the C.C.A. I oppose any splitting of the bag limits.STOP making any new rules you have done enough damage to the recreational anglers! | Valrico 33594 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:52:48 | Bucky | buckyhebert@gmail.com | Ronald J. Bilar I would like to state my dislike for the separation. It seems like more and more the recreational fisherman are being limited on the amount of fish we can keep. Please do not pass this rule or law | Youngsville | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:53:10 | Robbie Fuller | cfcap10@yahoo.com | Please do not pass any new rules about sector separation without proper information being givin to all people involved with these fisheries. Do not pass any new management plans without proper vetting of the pros and cons. We must know how these measures will affect us all... Not just to give a select few charter and party boats allotments of fishes to use at their discretions. Please make any and all new rules fair and equitable to all users both commercial and pleasure! | Panama City F132405 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:53:19 | Thomas Dunavant | thomas@tdunavant.com | Vote no for sector separation. | Katy, TX 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:53:31 | Keith Chase Mcneill | chase@mcneillplumbing.com | Thanks. Please do not consider the seperation of the recreational harvest. This would be detrimental to the fishing industry and would cost thousands of jobs. There seems to be no sound data to back up any decisions made in the way of fishing regulations these days and this would furthur prove this point. Please do not consider dividing the recreational catch in to two sectors. Thank you for your time. | Tallahassee | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:54:09 | D. R. Pierce | capt468@verizon.net | Sector separation is a bad idea. | Kemah, TX 77565 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:54:17 | Lisa Pilcher | lpilcher@vai-houston.com | Please Reject Separation. I love fishing and respect the rules and regulations set before me by my government. But, to lose what little flexibility we have by giving it to those who already profit and benefit from the existing laws, makes no sense to me. I see no tangible conservation benefits to this amendment! Thank You | League City, Tx | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:54:26 | Les White | catdaddy129@gmail.com | <p>I strictly oppose the sector separation between recreational anglers and for hire charters in regards to creel limits diminished for recreational anglers and increased for the charter for hire business.</p> <p>I strongly support the Charter for hire sector but why do they get an advantage over the average weekend warrior for increased catch limits.</p> <p>I feel this will breed a level of contempt between the two types of anglers and can strongly result in unnecessary conflict and confrontation. I don't have the data but I'm sure it's a safe bet that the income Louisiana enjoys from the recreational fisherman far outweighs the Charter industry. Let's make a fair playing field for everyone,,,,if this passes, as far as I am concerned,,just another black eye for the state,,and once again we become the tail that wags the dog.</p> <p>Charter skippers need to investigate other means of fulfilling their income besides fishing. I charter occasionally and feel for their demise however, I work 8-10 hours a day just like most other folks. After 35 years of committed service, my new young aggressive management team decided to eliminate the senior staff of the company I worked for,,including me! . Yes,,it was and still is a struggle for me to support my family,,I am working but,, for a third of the income I had enjoyed previously,,so yes,,,,I feel the Charter captains pain because of lack of public participation due to low economic conditions and coupled with imposed creel restrictions. However,,when I fish the coast and see them arrive at the dock at 10-11am with limits for the customer,,most of them clean the fish, the boat, prepare for the next charter and then sit around and drink beer the rest of the day. I'm not saying all do that, but just go hang out at Grand Isle docks for a weekend and see for yourself. My point,,go find something else to do to supplement your income or make serious adjustments to your lifestyle,,I'm doing it, why can't they,,,, Don't take away my fishing limits,,,,shame, shame,shame,,,,</p> <p>I tried downloading the proposal but was not successful. With that being said I am at risk for not having all the information to make any correct comments. I can only comment based on the limited information I have at hand</p> | Pierre Part LA, 70339 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:54:27 | Timothy R Thomas DDS | TRTDDS@aol.com | <p>Please accept my input on the subject of Separation of recreational anglers. I see no possible conservation advantage to separate recreational anglers and charter anglers into separate categories and ask that you do not allow this to occur. As it is, our fishing has been repeatedly curtailed, and, as the biggest financial and habitat supporters of fishing and coastal fisheries, this measure will negatively impact the recreational fisherman and reduce an all ready diminishing resource.</p> <p>Sincerely, Tim Thomas</p> | Broussard, LA 70518 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:54:31 | Hunter Arceneaux | hsa1201@yahoo.com | <p>Sector separation is truly a terrible idea to say the least. This movement is so radical that it will surely not go through. DO NOT mess with the people of the gulf coast concerning recreational fishermen.</p> | Louisiana | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:54:54 | Lewis Henderson | lphranch@lhagency.com | <p>Only a very small percentage of the catch goes to the recreational side of the limits. These moves could even lessen the catch for the pure recreation fisherman. Please do the right thing for a change. While you are at it, the removal of the old oil platforms from the Gulf is also a bad idea</p> | Hurst, TX 76053 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:55:01 | Stephen Elliott | spe_elliott@msn.com | <p>Please vote against sector separation</p> | Flower Mound, Texas, 75022 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:55:02 | Thomas R Morris | rmorris141@sbcglobal.net | <p>I am totally opposed to Reef Fish Amendment 39.</p> <p>This sounds like another ill-conceived governmental plan and is extremely unfair to the recreational angler who provides millions of dollars to the local economy's.</p> | San Juan, TX 785879 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:55:06 | Mark Hall | mhall01@live.com | <p>I beg you to reject dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. These businesses would pay nothing extra for this minfall and there are no tangible conservitive benifits.</p> | Pearland, Tx, 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:55:10 | alafair hotze | alafair.arendale@gmail.com | Opposed to sector separation | houston, tx, 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:55:12 | Kevin John Kipina | kevin.kipina@ineos.com | I oppose the Sector Separation proposed in Reef Fish Amendment 39 as written. This current proposal is more evidence of the unjust behavior of those who promote favoritism for the few versus equal access for all. Those few are typically already in a favorable position (already wealthy, and/or those who will benefit financially, and/or close connections to the influential,). It's just not right. If sector separation is what is preferred, then lets revise the separation to favor the private recreational angler over the "for-hire" fishermen and women. | 405 Valley Brook Dr, La Porte, Tx 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:55:46 | Alex Stangl | alex@oliveraconstruction.com | Reject seperation. Enough is enough. | lakeland | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:56:05 | Matthew J Seese | mseese@gmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. I am opposed to the idea of sector separation and do not want my fisheries mismanaged any longer. | Mobile, AL 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:56:05 | Matthew J Seese | mseese@gmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. I am opposed to the idea of sector separation and do not want my fisheries mismanaged any longer. | Mobile, AL 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:56:45 | Rob Ligon | ligonlawrob@bellsouth.net | Please accept this as my opposition to Sector Separation. The current system certainly needs to be examined, but I can't see how sector separation will help balance managment of the resources with utilization of the resources by recreational anglers. | Clinton, LA 70722 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:57:01 | Carole C. Cauble | carole.caublehotmail.com | This is just to much federal control and recreational angler are not catching the largest amount of fish as it is. | San Antonio, Texas 78263 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:57:04 | Brad J. Fife | fifeb@mcneary.com | Please reject Sector Segregation. This would truly be unfair to recreational fishermen who do not have a business interest. Seems like way to much consideration is being given to commercial fishermen lately and now trying to segregate the "true" recreational fishermen even more is as bad idea. | Baton Rouge, LA, 70827 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:57:06 | Bradley Richard Beaulieu | bradrat@swbell.net | I am against sector seperation. The mis-managment of the Gulf resouces by the council has gone on too long and this would be just another mis-step in what has been a long road of mistakes. | Winnie, TX 77665 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:57:49 | Stephen Peltier | peltier@cajun.net | I am against sector separation. Please vote to keep the recreational and charter fisheries together. | Thibodaux, La. 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:57:55 | Ray Reeves | redfishray@my grande.ney | Please keep the gulf oil rigs in tach. Do not remove them. Maybe just cut the top off only for boat clearence.They are a great fish habitat. I've been fishing the gulf since 1968. | Corpus Christi TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:58:11 | John griffin | Johngriffin007@gmail.com | They should take charter and for hire out of commercial limits. | Tallahassee,fl, 32309 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:58:20 | Steven L. Gainey | sgainey@tampabay.rr.com | It is my understanding that the Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. As a recreational fisherman, I would like to take this oppourtunity to submit my position AGAINST the plan for Sector separation. Steve Gainey | Tampa, FL 33615 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:58:27 | Eric Paul Elias | megalodon45@yahoo.com | Please reject separation if recreational sector and make red snapper season longer for crying out loud they are over populated | 70517 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 11:58:40 | Lester Francis Thomas | lfthomas93@gmail.com | Dear Council members, I am 19 years old and i have only been fishing for 2 years. I joined the CCA very recently and I along with many other CCA affiliates (sp) are very concerned about the proposal to divide the fish in the Gulf of Mexico between commercial fisherman and Recreational fisherman like myself. I do not know how many of you members have ever participated in angling but what if some one just decided that it would be a good idea to take a large portion of the fule available for every one and give a large portion of the supply to just a few people. the fish are wild. and no one person or few persons has any more right to them than some one else. the choice to draw lines all over the fish populations is imperialist and wrong. I think that if you are hell bent on robbing the populations of the coast from a classic american pastime than at the very least the non commercial recreational anglers are entitled to compensation. i know that you all will make the right choice god bless you all. | Houston TX 77098 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:58:42 | Chris dodd | dodd75@gmail.com | When do we quit losing as tax payers. Business owners should not have more rights than recreational fishermen. Recreational fishermen support way more as a whole than any group of guides. We love, live and invest in this sport. I've seen guides that could care less about the fish. Even try to squeeze in an extra trip for more money. It would be a big mistake to separate guides, and recreational fishermen. | Victoria, tx 77905 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:58:48 | Jerry Y Burks, Jr | jyburks@hotmail.com | I trail my 20' center console boat to Freeport, Port Aransas and Port Isabel for offshore and for bay fishing at least once a month. I stay in motels, eat in restaurants and buy fuel, bait etc. If I have to charter a vessel to fish, I will give up salt water fishing. Jerry Burks, DDS | Lago Vista, TX 78645 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:58:56 | Dwane Harrison | Redfisher99@aol.com | No sector separation. | Webster, TX 77598 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:59:00 | Kelly Brock | brockk@bayltd.com | Reject Sector Separation and increase the Red Snapper limit. | Aransas Pass, Tx., 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:59:23 | John Robert Vriesenga | jrvidm@gvtc.com | I am oppose to dividing the quota and giving it to the charters~!!!! | Boerne, tx 78006 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:59:39 | Gary Reicherzer | gary.reicherzer@sbcglobal.net | The idea of separating the recreational angler catch into two components - private boats and business enterprises is not a good idea. We have too much governmental interference in our lives already. We don't need another ill-conceived rule that would govern our leisure time activities. | Houston TX 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 11:59:47 | CONLEY UTER | CONLEY@BLADECONSTRUC | PLEASE DON'T SEPARATE OUT CHARTER & INDIVIDUAL LIMITS. FISHING IS A BIG PART OF OUR FAMILY'S LIFE & IT'S UNFAIR TO GIVE MORE TO CHARTER BOATS, WHO TAKE OUT NOVICE FISHERMEN, THAN TO THOSE WHO LOVE & INVEST IN THE SPORT & LOOK FORWARD TO EACH SEASON & TEACHING OUR CHILDREN HOW TO FISH & AT THE SAME TIME PROTECT THE OCEANS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. | FOLEY, AL 36535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:00:01 | KYLE DESHOTEL | kyle.deshotel@perrypitreford.com | I AM A WEEKEND FISHERMAN AND DO NOT SUPPORT SECTOR SEPARATION ON OUR FISHERIES | EUNICE, LA, 70535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:00:10 | Jack Lehman | jklepomis@sbcglobal.net | In theory, I could be in favor of separating recreational and Charter boats when dividing the catch limits. But in practice - NO. I'm afraid that commercial interests would use their influence to unfairly set the dividing line. I don't believe an accurate catch survey exists to know how the catch is currently divided. I don't see the current swings in government funding to provide for accurate counts and enforcement. The party boat industry will underestimate their catch and end up with a virtual monopoly on the existing PUBLIC fishery. | Austin, TX 78750 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:00:11 | david boyles | boyles_david@hotmail.com | As a longtime fisherman I am against the Reef Fish Amendment 39-Sector Separation as it can be detrimental to our well established fisheries that we have strived to improve. | houston,tx 77055 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:00:12 | Nelso Potier | potier_nelson@bellsouth.net | This is just another power play by the greed of the socialists that have plagued our entire nation. It is very disheartening to see this kind of force battering the lives of private citizens and so close to home. It must stop and hopefully stop sooner than later. | Erath,La, 70533 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 12:00:20 | David Francis Dares | dave@aamechanicalinc.com | It is obvious this is politically motivated but the bottom line is who has a greater monetary impact charter industry or the recreational industry. I think if you ran the figures the recreational s would far and away outspend the charter industry. | perkinston miss39573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:00:27 | Paul L Lalande | plalande@amig>.com | I oppose recreational fishing sector seperation between boat owners and for-hire fishing entities. Although for-hire recreational fishing entities may attract fee based income to the state and surrounding community, it should not be at the expense of the local recreational fishermen who supports the the fisheries resource year end and year out. Charter operations come and go as does their customer base. But local recational fisherman are hear for the long haul. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:00:45 | David Fry | cdfry@sbcglobal.net | No seperation! | Belton,TX 76513 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 12:00:52 | George Gammon | george.gammon@statebank1898.com | Please do not change the current fish limits for recreational fisherman due to non-marine resource reasons. Politics and business interests should not come ahead of the voting public. Thank you | Madison, MS, 39110 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:01:10 | Pratt Thomas | pratthomas@yahoo.com | I do NOT support sector separation! | Mobile, AL | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:01:27 | Keith Doty | k_doty@sbcglobal.net | This seperation of classes of anglers DOES NOT in any way help the situation. The resource is a PUBLIC asset and allowing any group special consideration is NOT ACCEPTABLE!! | Houston, Tx 77081 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:01:37 | Jim Thompson | jt@hwinn.com | To formally split existing and future recreational sector allocations of harvest into separate private boat and charter / for-hire / head boat sector portions is void of all logic. This Sector Separation and Catch Share Proposal is a bad idea and takes fisheries management in the wrong direction. Please respectfully note my strong objections. Thanks, Jim Thompson, JD | Birmingham, Al. 35243 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:01:39 | Maurice Enderle | menderle@yahoo.com | Please reject the sector separation idea for anglers. | Cypress TX 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:01:40 | Jeff Lowery | jeff.m.lowery@gmail.com | I'm writing to ask that you REJECT the "Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation". It's not good for the Gulf Coast Fishery and NEGATIVELY impact the recreational anglers like myself who through Licenses, Taxes, Product Purchases, etc..., contribute to Billions of Dollars of Revenue in the Gulf States and actually stimulate job growth, businesses profits, and the overall economy. Please reject the Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. Thank you for your time and consideration in advance. Sincerely, Jeff Lowery Cypress, TX | Cypress, TX 77433 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:01:40 | MARVIN BUCKNER | mbuckner-de@sbcglobal.net | Sector seperation bad idea for me and my kids.... | WALLER TEXAS 77484 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:02:36 | Charles Thomas Brackett | Charles.t.brackett@gmail.com | With absolutely no conservation benefit it seems this measure is purely business inspired and provides no benefit as far as conservation is concerned. A bad idea inspired by improper/questionable motivation. | San Antonio, Texas 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:02:39 | Charles Thomas Brackett | Charles.t.brackett@gmail.com | With absolutely no conservation benefit it seems this measure is purely business inspired and provides no benefit as far as conservation is concerned. A bad idea inspired by improper/questionable motivation. | San Antonio, Texas 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:02:42 | Charles Thomas Brackett | Charles.t.brackett@gmail.com | With absolutely no conservation benefit it seems this measure is purely business inspired and provides no benefit as far as conservation is concerned. A bad idea inspired by improper/questionable motivation. | San Antonio, Texas 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:02:48 | Charles Thomas Brackett | Charles.t.brackett@gmail.com | With absolutely no conservation benefit it seems this measure is purely business inspired and provides no benefit as far as conservation is concerned. A bad idea inspired by improper/questionable motivation. | San Antonio, Texas 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:02:49 | Charles Thomas Brackett | Charles.t.brackett@gmail.com | With absolutely no conservation benefit it seems this measure is purely business inspired and provides no benefit as far as conservation is concerned. A bad idea inspired by improper/questionable motivation. | San Antonio, Texas 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:03:04 | jeff kudla | jeff@kudlaarchitect.com | i want to share my thoughts on what a terrible idea sector separation is. here goes the Gulf Council again taking drastic action without any scientific basis in the name of who knows what! clearly, the gulf council is no friend of the recreational fisherman. what a shame! i suppose stating that wont get me anywhere with the council but why not, we are not friends anyway.. i will send my congressman another letter. the council is out of control. jk | Lake Charles | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:03:11 | R Wayne Lewis | rwmarlin@ail.com | I own a private boat and fish out of Destin, FL I feel it would be an extremely unfair practice to give charter boats more catch limits and less rules to follow than a private boat owner. It accomplishes nothing but will effect the economy in a very negative way. | Destin, FL. 32541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:03:25 | Weems D. Turner | wturner@ducommun.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, please do not adopt it. | Sugar Land, TX 77498 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:03:25 | chad chapman | cchapman@brownwatermarine. | Vote no to sector separation. It is un American and just plain wrong. | Rockport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:03:37 | Dennis Lala | ddlbigfish@sbcglobal.net | Please, reject the separation of anglers. This idea is total bogus and will serve no purpose. | Victoria, TX. 77904 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:03:54 | Jason Cohen | Jason@cohensalesllc.com | Please vote NO to the new amendment | 75209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:03:54 | Boyd T. Collier III | boyd@collierandassoc.com | This separation thing is a reeally bad idea and smack of the same stupidity that now governs the White House in Washington, DC. In fact I wouldn't be sdurprised if the Charter Boat lobby wasn't in bead with Obama. I say NO to the separation. Sector Separation is a bad idea and is unfair. | Tyler, Texas 75703 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:03:59 | Myrden J Pellegrin | mertpell@hotmail.com | Please note my strong objection | Houma, LA 70360 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:04:02 | Monty Hahn | Montylhahn@gmail.com | The commercial fisherman as a general rule do not conserve our fisheries. I have seen the waste of small and unwanted by catch left behind by commercial snapper fisherman and they waste more in one trip than I will in a lifetime as a sport fisherman, it is truly disturbing to watch and not regulated and or inforced. I do not want my rights taken over by a few for profit fisherman. Monty Hahn | Kerrville Tx. | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:04:19 | Chris Harbuck | chrisharbuck.com | Please quit punishing recreational bottom fishermen because you cannot count our fish. If you will provide a mechanism to count our catch, we will comply. | Shreveport, LA 71106 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:05:19 | tom patterson | tompatterson.sa@gmail.com | This is a bad idea for everybody except the money makers. Who's pockets are getting lined on this? | Boerne, Tx 78015 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:05:22 | David Brent Manuel | daviid.manuel@axa-advisors.com | Please do not let this happen. This is the worst ideal I have ever heard of and cannot believe it is even being considered!!!! | Sunset, LA 70584 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:05:23 | Dwayne Troutman | dwayne.troutman@uvlogistics.com | Sector separation is a bad idea and not fair to us who foot the bill. While I understand Charter boats have their place and deserve to make a living, they still need to follow the same rules as everyone else. They already charge a premium price for their service and also charge a fuel surcharge. They can not be allowed to get our fish too. We have the same expenses of boat, bait and fuel. | Spring, TX 77373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:05:25 | Tomas Tellez | tomas.tellez@valero.com | This proposal to split recreational anglers into two categories is utterly ridiculous. Why do you give one preference over another, that is not the way to help anything. Fishing belongs to everyone and not a select few. | San Antonio, TX. 78258 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:05:40 | carmen reynolds | journalist@bellsouth.net | Reject sector separation! | 32566 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 12:05:42 | Mike Wilson | mwilson@wilsonsurvey.com | I am writing to request that you reject sector separation. I disapprove of the manner in which proponents and NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect my Gulf fishing for generations. Get all the facts and make recommendations based on what is best for the fisheries and not special interest groups. | Pearland, Texas 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:06:12 | Jeremi McGee | jeremimcgee@gmail.com | Can we please stop all this nonsense and find some common ground, sensible solutions? | Orlando, FL 2839 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:06:15 | David Michiels | michielsd@aol.com | Marine fisheries are for all and all should have to abide by the same rules. Since first becoming a salt and brackish water fisherman I have had to sit back and watch my legal limits dwindle. I think that those that fish with guides should not be given any preferential treatment Yes I do fish with guides but I also fish with my own boat. Keep the game fair for all. | Alexandria | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:06:19 | Stephen Molaison | stephenmolaison@bellsouth.net | none | Thibodaux La 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:06:20 | Kevin P Yancey | kpyan@aol.com | I am wholeheartedly against the idea to divide the allowable catch between charter boat operators and private boat owners. As a private boat owner, it is an affront to me that an idea such as this would even be considered. Vote NO. Thank you, Kevin P. Yancey | Nederland | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:06:41 | John David Coleman | Jdcoleman1@gmail.com | Please reject sector separation. It is a horrible idea. | Santa Rosa Beach, FL. 32459 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:06:45 | Duncan Matheson | dfm4dds@gmail.com | I am opposed to the separation of recreational fishing sectors | Diamondhead, MS 39525 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:06:59 | Gordon L. Lee II | leegl@cpchem.com | DO NOT LET THIS BILL PASS!!!! ALL THEY SHOULD WORRY ABOUT IS THE HEALTH, QUALITY & QUANTITY OF THE FISHERIES!!!! | Baytown Tex. 77523 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:07:06 | David H Matthews | dmatthews2@tampabay.fl.gov | This is a bad and totally unfair idea. The fish in the gulf, as well as in every other body of water, belong to all men and cannot be allocated to one group! | Ellenton, FL,34222 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:07:06 | Milton Bryan Day | Mbryanday@bellsouth.net | Sector separation is a very BAD idea. Please vote no. | Baton rouge la | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:07:19 | Brad Colin Zimmerhanzel | b.zimmerhanzel@sbcglobal.net | Please reject separation! | Smithville, Texas 78957 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:07:20 | Roger E. Moore . Ah.D. | RMOORE010@SATX.RR.COM | It appears to me that this new allocation of giving to the Charter Boat Owners a section of the allocation to do with as they please will be to the detriment of the Mom, Pop and Children -- Family Fishermen -- which is one of the basic family traditions, and now it is given to those that can afford to hire a Charter Boat for their fishing pleasure, leaving the Family Fisherman high and dry on the bank. | Converse, TX 78109 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:07:30 | Bill Schwer | wfschwer@gmail.com | Please vote against separation of fish in gulf. Not fair, in fact criminal to most of us. | Richmond, TX 77406 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:07:36 | Randall J Broussard | rbroussard@merchantsfoods.net | I am totally against the Sector Separation, I do not see where this will do anything. Please do not approve this. | Biloxi, Mississippi, 39530 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:07:41 | Kevin Smith | KevAustin1@gmail.com | For those that have dedicated their own resources for the love of the sport need the protection to keep the lifestyle alive. If the private angler sector slows in the gulf then it will in turn slow the charter business due to the dream of the client to live the life of an angler for a day is gone. The charters need the private lifestyle dream to survive. Respect the life long hunter, we do it because we love it. | Austin, tx, 78727 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:07:49 | Stephen Molaison | stephenmolaison@bellsouth.net | Do not allow sector separation. | Thibodaux La 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:07:55 | Doug Walsworth | dw.walsworth@gmail.com | We operate our own 58ft Viking for personal use. We do not charter, but we do use it for entertaining our customers. While I do feel the pain of the charter boat operators and the limited opportunity for their customers, I think that our segment (those that own the boats they fish in) provide an overall greater economic impact. | Houston, Tx 77070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:07:59 | David E. Brown | qhrunner@gmail.com | Please reject Sector Separation. | Giddings, TX 78942 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:08:15 | Christopher M Wilke | chriswilke@cox.net | I am against separating recreational and for hire fishers catch allowances. For all purposes, for hire captains are recreational fishers. They are employed to transport private recreational anglers. It is the recreational angler still making the catch. | New Orleans, LA 70122 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:08:27 | Michael J Buras | mikeburas@cox.net | VOTE AGAINST SEPARATION, PLEASE !!!! | Metairie, La. 70002 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:08:35 | Allen Pride | Tamupride@gmail.com | I am disturbed at the notion that the council may change the fishing quotas to help the charter fishing boat captains at the expense of the recreational fisherman. I think the decision to reallocate the quota system to the benefit of charter captains would make an already expensive past time more expensive. It would mean that to get a good catch of fish, I would have to hire a charter boat versus taking my own boat. I don't think I should have to hire someone else to enjoy fishing. I've seen a similar set of circumstances with how hunting tags are allocated in the Western United States. The state wildlife offices have allocated a large percentage of hunting tags to outfitters. These outfitters then resell these tags at a high profit, placing the hunt within the reach of only the wealthy. This practice makes the sport more expensive as a whole and decreases the availability of hunting for the common man. In summary, I believe that by classifying charter boats differently from recreational fishermen, and reallocating fishing quotas would increase the average cost of fishing, and decrease the accessibility of the sport. I am against it and hope the Gulf Council concurs with my argument. | Beaumont, TX 77713 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:08:49 | Richard D Linn | ricklinn@mmaequipment.com | Privatizing public wildlife resources through sector separation and catch shares is wrong and should be illegal. As an avid Recreational Angler the season is far too short and your plan would make it even shorter and also possibly eliminating Recreational fishing for some. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management proposal is straying away from conservation and turning it in to a for profit privatized Corporation and should not be done. Spend this money eleswhere. | katy, texas. 77493 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:08:51 | Russell Brhlik | rmbrhlik@gmail.com | I have been notified that the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is getting ready to vote on "Sector Separation" soon. I am opposed to this measure. As a recreational fisherman, I do not believe that this plan is fair or equitable. As I see it, there are no benefits at all with this course of action. Please reconsider!! | Sugar Land, TX 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:09:15 | Jules Albert III | jay@jaymarconstruction.com | Please don't take quota's from recreational anglers. | Slidell, LA 70458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:09:32 | Mike Sands | mikesands1884@sbcglobal.net | Please. No separation. | Fort Worth, TX 76116 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:09:36 | james a tompkins | jtompkins@appmach.com | do not pass this law | cypress texas 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:09:39 | Larry L.McDonald Jr. | l_mcdonald@att.net | REJECT THE SEPERATION!! | Freeport,Texas 77541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:09:49 | Capt. Stephen Boriskie | onemorecastfishing@gmail.com | This sector separation designation is a bad idea and would be a detriment to the plight of the general public fishing waters and will set a terribly dangerous scenario for waters all over the world. Gulf Counsel, | Texas | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 12:10:15 | Greg Kalb | Gregkalb@gmail.com | I an a concerned recreational angler on the Texas gulf coast. I read recently about the vote being taken on separation of recreational anglers into two, those with boats and for-hire boats, for the purpose of gulf fisheries management. I believe this is a bad idea and would urge you to vote against this decision to split the two. Thank you. | Austin, tx, 78757 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:11:24 | Alan Mikes | alan.mikes@bakerhughes.com | I totally disagree with the Sector separation. Bad Idea. | Houston, Tx. 77049 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:11:49 | Trey Sawyer | tsawyer@cdcltd.com | The sector separation in our coastal waters is an extremely bad idea. Most anglers respect the limits set up and want to pass the sport down to following generations. Adding more rules and regulations that cost money to inforce is not what our country needs now or forever. | Needville, TX 77461 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:12:04 | Robert J. Pullin | rpullin288@aol.com | This idea of the separation of the waters to give fish from me (a vacationing, private angler who may go on a charter, or may go out on my own), is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard of. I am not sure of what I was actually reading until I read it twice. To take fish from the recreational angler wheter he charters a boat, fishes by wade fishing, takes his own boat, etc, and then gives to business to take as they please. Are we a free country or all we going to go back and me a third world one. Do you not understand we pay for licenses, bait, vacation spots, hotels, etc and also pay taxes already on the items we use to support the sport of fishing and also we pay to eat at the restaurants. So you want me to catch the fish, give to the businesses to do as they wish, and then possibly pay again to eat the same fish I or others may have caught. I have now seen ignorance at it's best or maybe worst depending on how you look at it. | Burnet, Texas 78611 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:12:04 | patrick mulvey | pmulveysr@gmail.com | I am against separation of resources as described in the proposal. To whom this may concern: | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:12:41 | Guillermo G. Trevino II | will75024@att.net | As a private angler who fishes recreationally, I urge you to reject Sector separation. This plan is unfair and is a bad idea! | Plano, TX 75024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:13:37 | Dan Edwards | dan_edwards@sbcglobal.net | Reject sector separation. There are no tangible benefits to anyone but the charter for hire businesses. Improve the fishery, not the financial benefits for the charter for hire boats. | Seadrift, Texas 77983 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:14:11 | Kenneth G. Williams II | WilliamsKG@aol.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. Reject sector separation. | Davie, FL 33324 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 12:14:12 | Richard Garison | richard@shellyhomecompany.com | Please reject the idea of dividing Gulf of Mexico fishing into two sectors. Recreational fishermen and Charter and for hire fisherman. This would potentially have a negative effect on the recreational fishermen. | San Antonio, Texas 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:14:17 | R. Michelle Beale | mchllbeale@aol.com | The idea of separating the anglers into two categories and "giving" fish to one category is a really stupid idea and also highly discriminatory. Please don't do it. | Houston, Texas 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:14:21 | george rau | grau@stevensrau.com | I am opposed to sector separation and catch shares. please reject this idea. | angleton,tx., 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:14:39 | Luke Harms | lharms13@sbcglobal.net | Reject separation | San antonio, TX 78255 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:14:39 | James V. Courtney | jvcmnd@me.com | I find this idea to be a very bad idea. I see no reason that charter boats are given preferential access to fish compared with the recreational angler with his or her own boat. I am strongly against this amendment. | Mobile, AL 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:14:49 | thomas c vidrine | cvidrine@cox.net | Please reject the sector separation amendment. Recreational fisherman are the life blood of Marina s tackle shops and tax payers | baton rouge la 70817 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:14:57 | Robert Steven Wilson | swilson@woodforest.com | Sector Separation is a bad idea. Dividing our natural resources between boat owners and charter (for hire) boats is not only unfair but nobody wins under these circumstances. The playing field should be level and equal to everyone. Please vote against Sector Separation? | Spring, Texas 77388 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:15:06 | John Palmer Hutcheson | phutcheson@gardere.com | Charter and for hire boats should not be treated any differently than private anglers who have their own boats and have to pay for their own gas and should not be allowed separate limits on fish that can be caught and kept. There is no demonstrable benefit to the fish - this is just taking something from equally deserving people and giving it to someone else without a valid or scientifically supportable reason. Vote against this proposal. | Houston, Texas 77002 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:15:22 | Don Wilkinson | wilkieiii@msn.com | Reject the separate allocation for charter head boats and recreational anglers. Have you stopped the pulling of old rigs from the gulf yet? As a retired biologist, I can't see how you can allow this destruction of essential fish habitat as long as the rigs pose no environmental hazard. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:16:25 | Kevin Crozier | texascrozier@gmail.com | This is a patently unfair separation penalizing individuals. | Bellville, TX, 77418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:16:48 | Gary Lee Landgraf | garylandgraf3@gmail.com | This is why I joined the CCA to give my support to fight this craziness! | cypress, texas, 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:17:19 | Dr Robert J McCreery | AlaskanSeafarers@gmail.com | Please do not separate recreational fishermen and charter boat fishermen! Thanks, Bob | Corpus Christi, TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:17:19 | Josh Griffon | j.griffon@ttu.edu | I reject separation! | Friendswood, Texas, 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:17:35 | Duncan Smith | ds49@mac.com | I am against sector separation and request that you reject this idea. Dear Fishery Management Council: | Orange Beach, AL 36561 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:17:52 | Kevin Lucas | kevinlucas3@gmail.com | I am writing in regards to the notion of Sector Separation you are considering. In short -- This is a BAD IDEA. It does not support the conservation of fish, is bad for the economy, and flies directly in the face of gulf coast tradition. I hope this measure is not only unsuccessful, but that future attempts to separate sectors is also unsuccessful. | Deer Park | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:18:00 | Mickey McMorris | mickey.mcmorris@gmail.com | I am opposed to the separation policy | Denham Springs, LA 70706 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:18:07 | Lester Knupple | vknapple@aol.com | I am absolutely opposed to dividing recreational anglers into 2 sectors, one for those like myself and one for charter boats. There is no good reason for this. Giving away my portion of fish caught arbitrarily to a select few businesses is a very bad idea and I am very much against it. There are no conservation benefits to this idea, and as such this should NOT happen at all!! | Baytown, TX 77521 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:18:08 | jerry borden | jborden@schmidt-electric.com | Leave well enough alone! We do not need any more regulations from beauracrats that have no idea of what they want to impose on the rest of us. If they feel like they need to set standards on something , how about foreign fishing boats operating in our waters and who have little to no regulations imposed on them. The sportfisherman as usual bears the brunt of any legislation pressed onto them. | houston texas 77064 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:18:27 | norman vaughan-birch | normanvb@kirpinkerton.com | The assets of the sea belong first to all citizens who in turn must be shepherds of those assets. Recreational anglers are not driven by a profit motive while commercial fishing entities are. To arbitrarily grant to commercial interests the ability to take our fish stocks in greater numbers than those who fish for enjoyment is not fair, not reasonable and capricious on the part of the regulatory body. Bluntly speaking, in today's political environment, money talks. The commercial interests influence over the MFC was the direct cause of the gill net amendment to the Florida Constitution. Please reject this concept of favoring the commercial interests. | sarasota | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:18:56 | Gail Murray | gam0606@gmail.com | No separation equal rights for all | La Vernia, TX, 78121 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:19:17 | Robert L. Haeuser | bhaeuser@haeuserinsurance.com | Sector separation is a bad, poorly conceived idea being promoted by charter/for hire interests. It will serve no useful purpose other than to line their pockets. No conservation goals will be accomplished by its enactment. I urge you in the strongest terms to reject separation. Thank you, | Robert, LA 70455 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:19:19 | Chris Peterson | chris@hellsbayboatworks.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, recreational fishing is recreational fishing, dividing into separate groups does nothing but give an advantage to one group in future regulation. | Titusville, FL | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:19:26 | Joe Centofanti | josephcentofanti@cox.net | It is a bad idea to utilize the Sector Segmentation scheme. All facets of fishermen in the gulf should have an equal opportunity to use the resources the Gulf provides. | Gonzales , La, 70737 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:19:27 | John W Williams, Jr | w.williams@wiltew.com | I am opposed to the recreational angler separation that is being proposed. There are at least 125 private boats to 1 charter boat in Alabama. it is not fair to take away from the individual boat owners that represent the majority of the tax payers!!!!!! | Mobile, AL 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:19:43 | victor k flynn | vkf123@msn.com | please reject this seperation thanks victor k flynn | n.o.la. 70131 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:20:09 | glenn arthur vance | GGDV@ATT.NET | leave things alone. if its not broke,don't fix it. | Harlingen texas 78552 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:20:22 | Randal Bonham | bonham1@peoplepc.com | Separation is not the way to go. Please reconsider, better yet, go find another planet to save. Leave the fish alone. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:20:36 | David H. Fisher, Jr. | dfisher@fishervisionsource.com | To date, the decisions the management council have made re: fishing in the gulf (particulary snapper and amberjack) make little sense to me. This seems to be yet another one of those mindless decisions. It is my hope that the council comes to its' senses and begins instituting management protocol that has some some sort, any sort of logic. | lafayette, LA 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:20:41 | Roberto A. Lugo | robertoalugo@gmail.com | As always the little people are getting shafted! | Lake Worth, FI 33460 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:21:16 | Harl VanDerHeck | harl67cp@gmail.com | Sector separation does not make any logical since. What good will this do for the rec Angler and the community. Many small towns will lose money if there is no reason for the anglers to go fish anymore. We are regulated to much as it is. This will not help fish populations so why do this and take away from the rec fishing community. | floresville, tx, 78114 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:21:22 | Richard A. Lipsey | lipsey@lipseys.com | As an ardent salt water fisherman, and having served sportsmen for over 50 years, I strongly feel that recreational fishermen and fisherladies carry the load of supporting conservation in all aspects. Commercial interest should never outweigh those of recreational sportsmen. Respectively, Richard Lipsey www.lipseys.com | Baton Rouge, LA 70710 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:21:44 | Ricky W. Kunz | rkunz@poha.com | The division of recreational anglers into two sectors - those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats is a bad idea with no tangible benefits. The fish belong to all anglers. To set aside fish for a few businesses is unacceptable. This is a bad idea - period. | Friendswood, TX 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:21:57 | scott schwob | sschwob@schwob.com | The proposed amendment is unfair and unrational and without reason. You must reject seperation of our resource. Thank You Scott | DAllas, Texas, 75229 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:22:31 | Terry Macha | terry.macha@konecranes.com | Reject it. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:22:35 | B T Collier IV | taylorc4@hotmail.com | As a recreational angler, I currently charter boats for almost every fishing trip to offshore. However, we are soon to be boat owners. I am strongly opposed to sector separation as a management practice for our beloved Gulf of Mexico. Please consider this during your next meeting in August. Thank you, BT Collier IV Houston, TX | Houston, TX 77019 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/7/2012 12:22:38 | Chelsea Tillman | ck_1420@hotmail.com | The manner in which proponents and NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations has drawn the opposition of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus. The CSC, with more than 300 members in the U.S. Congress, promotes and protects the rights of anglers and hunters and is one of many groups opposing this issue on behalf of Gulf Coast anglers. Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. I also oppose seperating sectors. Reject sector separation! | Spring Texas 77373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:23:17 | Dana F. Irby | irbyd@zhi.com | I do not support sector seperation. I am concerned this strategy will further limit my access to this fishery. To all Gulf Council Members: | Corpus Christi, TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:23:32 | Rad Trascher | rad@ccalouisiana.com | Please reject the implementation of Sector Separation. It is a bad policy that is unfair to anglers and citizens but also harmful to fisheries management. You should not be able to give away portions of a resource for only certain individuals to make a profit especially when the recreational sector creates a much larger economic impact to the sounding communities. If you want to help everyone out, consider a reallocation of quota, not separating it into smaller pieces. Thanks, Rad | Baton Rouge, LA, 70809 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:23:48 | Phil Johnson | johnson@ncc1701.mv.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. Please reject separation. | Bonita Springs fl 34134 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:24:00 | William B. Stringer | billstringer@ausvestinc.com | The ideal of dividing the Gulf into two recreational sectors, boat owners and charter companies is not an acceptable way to address the allocation of our natural resources. We are all boat owners, some doing it for profit, thus not recreational fishermen. | Austin, Texas 78734 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:24:35 | Bruce Jones | Makowish @ AT&T.net | No separation | Ormond beach fl 32174 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:24:46 | Robert B Juul | rbjuul@aol.com | I completely disagree with segregation of resources and arbitraryly handing a portion of it over to select groups for their personal gain and benefit. These resources are available to the public who pay taxes and not to select few who have connections. I am sure the private recreational fisherman pays more taxes nad spends more money on associated fishing resources than charter operations. Charter operations in fact should be limited in their catch because of the intense pressure they can put on some limited defined areas. I believe if you pay someone to take you fishing the limits should be half of that of individual private fisherman. Do not pass this legislation. PLease do this right..... | Covington, LA 70433 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:24:56 | David M Zuniga | davidmzuniga@hotmail.com | Sector separation is just one more encroachment on the powers of the American People over our own lives, activities, and resources that should be respected by our public servants unless We The People request that government take action to address a problem that we cannot address as individuals. There is no benefit to the average citizen, to sector separation. You should vote to kill this special interest lobby's plan. | Boerne, Texas 78006 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:25:15 | Jack Johnson, Jr. | jayjohnson3088@sbcglobal.net | I reject separation that would take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. Recreational anglers deserve better and in no way be restricted other than what is mandated by the current law to fish and catch the current limit of fish; giving more to businesses and charters is not the way to go, it flat out STINKS....STOP THIS MADNESS | 77077-6827 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:25:21 | Don C. McAlister | don6822@sbcglobal.net | Not a good for RECREATIONAL ANGLER | Dallas, TX, | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:25:41 | Gary Hough | hough@q10kdhco.com | I am very much opposed to sector separation and potentially offering our resources to the "highest bidder". Also, I will do everything possible to prevent Marine Protected Areas from being deployed in the Gulf of Mexico. Only a 40 day Red Snapper season is grossly unfair to the fishermen and the economy tied to offshore recreational fishing. Please make the right choices. Gary Hough | Houston, TX 77042 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:25:53 | Mac Guarino | mac.guarino@cls-us.com | Please do not vote to implement sector separation!!! If passed, it would be the most radical decision ever made by any agency against the rights of fisherman and outdoorsman!!! This will be your legacy!!!! This council should be embarrassed to have even ever considered such a vote!!! Shame on you!! You can try all you want, but you will never take away my freedom to fish!!!! | Lafayette, Louisiana 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:26:00 | Patrick Langlinais | patrick.langlinais@gmail.com | Please do not consider dividing recreational anglers into two groups. Don't add more corruption in our great state.. | Lafayette, La. 70506 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:26:06 | MAC SANDEL | MAC@MACNAN.COM | reject separation!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! | MONROE LA 71201 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:26:10 | Don Joffrion | don@joffrionconstruction.com | I think it is utterly obsurb the way NOAA is screwing with recreational fishing! I was targeting Amberjack this past weekend and struggled to get past the Red Snapper to catch an Amberjack! There needs to be science behing management, not whims like divide the recreational catch share. | Baton Rouge, LA 70808 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 12:26:14 | ladd hey | heyladd@bellsouth.net | Please do not separate the charter boats from the recreational fishermen. The charters kill more snap[per than they bring in. Recreational fishermen bring more tax dollars to the state than a few charter boats can. When snapper season was open from spring until fall i went down to my camp almost every weekend Rain or shine. I even got off shore when the weather permitted. It cost me between \$500 and \$1,000 per weekend which were taxed dollars spent in LA. (I live in MS) I made three trips this spring and summer and have none planed until November. That's about \$8,000 to \$16,000 that LA taxes are not paid on. | Flowood, MS 38232 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:26:21 | Ronald Layne McWilliams | ron.mcwilliams@sbcglobal.net | This is probably the dumbest idea I've ever heard of since its so very difficult to even catch 3 keeper size fish of any type. What are you idiots thinking? The average fisherman goes to the coast w/expectations of catching a few fish for his family to eat & rarely has the opportunity to keep a few for later. When you figure the cost of fuel, bait, equipment,& lodging, you can hardly afford to even go to the coast. What your thinking about would probably devastate those coastal communities that depend on fisherman to shop in their town for things they need to try to catch something to eat. So actually you are promoting fish brought in from China and other 3rd world countries. I think its time for these individuals that are on this council to be investigated &/or kicked out of any decision making pertaining to the Gulf of Mexico. That is by far the very worst idea I've heard in my 56 years of going to the coast for recreational fishing. Sounds like somebody is getting some under the table \$\$\$\$ to support an idea that will be fought by every man, woman, & child whoever baited a hook. | Cameron,Texas, 76520 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:26:48 | norman vaughan- burch | normanvb@kirkpinkerton.com | The assets of the sea belong first to all citizens who in turn must be shepherds of those assets. Recreational anglers are not driven by a profit motive while commercial fishing entities are. To arbitrarily grant to commercial interests the ability to take our fish stocks in greater numbers than those who fish for enjoyment is not fair, not reasonable and capricious on the part of the regulatory body. Bluntly speaking, in today's political environment, money talks. The commerical interests influence over the MFC was the direct cause of the gill net amendment to the Florida Constitution. Please reject this concept of favoring the commerical interests. | sarasota | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:27:13 | Adrian Arzola | adrian.arzola@sbcglobal.net | This is a terrible idea. Everyone should have the same limits throughout the coast. In some areas, charter boats will run 2 parties a day. The last thing you need is to give them the ability to put more pressure on the fish population. The recreational angler may go out once or twice a month. If you start to limit them too much, they will take their dollars to other activities. You must remember, the recreational people are the ones that pay full price for their boats, rods, reels, bait, etc. If you start driving them away, you will have an economic impact on several industries. | Missouri City, Texas, 77459 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:27:25 | William Parker | Danparker34@hotmail.com | I should be able to fish where I choose as long as it is not private or protected land without having to hire a charter. | Houston, TX | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:27:27 | Curtis Connell | cconnell@wholesaleelectric.com | 90% of the recreational fisherman would have to hire a charter to catch the affected species. How will the Gulf Council take away from the recreational angler? Again, 90% of the recreational anglers have to hire a boat to catch these species. Please forward a breakdown of current restrictions and the proposed alternate. Thank you, CHC | Friendswood, TX, 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:27:29 | Shane White | swhite848@austin.rr.com | Vote against sector separation. I am against any group being allotted ownership rights to wildlife resources to use for profit at the expense of the public. These are public resources FIRST. Please send me a copy of the Bill. | Austin, Texas , 78739 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:27:48 | Peter Mitchell | pmitchell@earthlink.net | Thank you very much. Shane White To Whom It May concern....I find the Sector Separation issue which you are considering to be extremely discriminatory. I purchase fishing licenses, fuel, etc., in order to enjoy salt water fishing. Commercial fishermen do the same. The only difference between us is they sell their harvest. Commercial fishermen provide a needed product, but please consider the economic impact that recreational anglers have upon their state and this nation. Forget about Sector Separation. Such a decision is probably unconstitutional and all you will be doing is clogging the Court system. | Tallahassee, FL 32309 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:27:56 | Brandon Wallace | bwallacevc@aol.com | Please stop the sector separation. I have been an avid fisherman and member of CCA and GCCA my entire life. This is not a good idea and will not promote the welfare and conservation of the Gulf Coast. | McAllen, TX, 78504 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:28:04 | Terry de waal | Terrydewaal@sbcglobal.net | I am firmly against reef fish amendment 39 | San Antonio, Texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:28:24 | John W. Hall | jwhall@johnhallappraisals.com | Please consider CCA's stance on this issue as CCA serves the best interest of all fishermen and women. | Victoria, TX 77904 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:28:36 | Matthew Morin | morinmatthew1@gmail.com | I am a recreational fisherman who uses charter boats to access the deeper waters of the gulf and I am opposed to separation. | Bastrop, Texas, 78602 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:29:06 | David H Owens | dowens@owensbusinessmachi | Sector Separation is the worst idea ever. If you want to start a war pass this horrible idea. | Purvis, Mississippi 39475 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:29:11 | Ed Mashburn | edmashburn@aol.com | To whom It May concern: The proposed resource allocation plan is bad- please do not adopt this proposal. Recreational anglers have equal right to fisheries access as large commercial concerns. No to the proposal- thank you- Ed Mashburn | Bay Minette, Alabama 36507 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:29:11 | Adam warren | Aww0113@hotmail.com | Vocing my oposition to the seperation of rec angling and charter/for hire fishing quotas!!!! | Victoria tx 77904 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:29:12 | Clint Osteen | costeen@graniteprop.com | Please, please reject Sector Separation. This takes away from recreational anglers and the potential risks to wildlife conservation far outway any potential benefits. Regards, Clint Osteen | Plano, TX, 75024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:30:17 | LueAnn Walter | lueann.walter@amec.com | Reject separation | Houston, Texas 77041 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher, NGO |
| 8/7/2012 12:30:35 | Engel Schmidt | eng.schmidt@gmail.com | Please do not add any more segregation in regards of the fisheries. Adding restrictions by segregating recreational vs charter boat is a bad idea. As it is the concept of no restrictions on commercial fishing vessels but then strongly restricting the recreational creates an imbalance in the way we deplete the fisheries. Further segregating the fisheries from charter to private would only restrict the individual who spends more in gross \$\$ for fishing when adding the boating, and tackle industry sales. if anything the restrictions should be on both the commercial or charter allowing individuals to catch more. In all less fish would be harvested and the economy would benefit more. | Houston, 77098 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:30:36 | Michael C. Carter | michael.c.carter@lyondellbasell.com | We do not need Sector Separation. It has no value for our fisheries. | Deer Park TX 77536 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:30:59 | Douglas B Ritchie | kajunbr@yahoo.com | Sector Separation is a bad idea. This will lead to further damage of the recreational fishing industry. | Thibodaux, LA. 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:31:05 | Luke Difulco | lukedifulco@gmail.com | Sector separation is not only a bad idea, but is an unjust distribution of a public resource for the financial gain of a few private businesses. The private recreational anglers have faught hard to protect and ensure sustainability of our fisheries for more than a half century. Do not compomise our right to a sustainable recreational harvest with no scientific or management validation. | Alexandria, La, 71303 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:31:13 | WESLEY E. OWENS | GOWENS@OWENSBUSINESS | I REJECT THE CONCEPT OF SECTOR SEPARATION | HATTIESBURG MS 39401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:31:21 | Cadmus Kilgore Lawson II | lawson@portfoliosinc.com | Sir: CCA has today informed me that the Gulf Council is considering transferring a portion of the fish available to all recreational anglers to charter boat operators at the expense of recreational anglers with a vote to be taken on the issue as early as later this month. On the surface the allocation to commercial operators seems like a very bad idea. If, in fact, there is a good reason for such a transfer, there should be public discussion making the case for the transfer and a broad consensus reached before any decision on the allocation of fish is made. | Dallas, TX 75230 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:31:51 | Steven A Moffitt | stevemoffitt0@gmail.com | I think separating the recreational from the charter and for hire fisherman on creel limits and species is a bad idea. While I know our charter captains and guides are under pressure to produce fish for their clients, I think all fishermen should be under the same rules. The laws are hard enough to keep up on now. Separating us would further confuse the situation, not help it. There should not be one faction of the sport that has different rules or creel limits because of who they are. Bad idea. Sincerely, Steven A Moffitt | osprey, Fl. 34229 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:32:27 | Bryant Gould | fbg58@att.net | Please don't pass admendment 39 to the Fishery Management Plan for Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico. | Houston Texas 77079 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:32:29 | Travis Land | landt@vmcmail.com | The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. And what would those businesses pay for this windfall? Nothing. What are the tangible conservation benefits of this course of action? Nothing. THIS IS A BAD IDEA!!! | Seguin,Tx 78155 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 12:32:48 | Charles Stockton | cestockton@msn.com | I have worked for over 35 years to save enough money to own my own boat for off-shore fishing. Now every time I turn around some government agency is trying tell me I have just wasted my time on dream I'll never realize. Now you want to take away my opportunity to catch and keep a modest crill of reef fish while head boat operators can haul the lions share. How is that fair? Not to mention you intend to protect reef fish species while the Dept of the Interior is devistating habitat and killing those same species by forcing platform owners to blast and remove idle iron. Where is the intigence of that strategy? Please reconsider sector separation. | SAn Antonio, Tx 78254 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:32:51 | Joe Breeden | jbreeden@montalbanolumber.com | The whole idea of sector separation needs to be rejected ! | Willis, TX 77378 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:32:56 | Thomas Salais | tsalais1@att.net | I can't believe there is consideration given that I might not be able to take my family fishing due to a "Quota" being filled. BUT I can spend a lot of money and have a charter take me out because they have a seperate "Quota". This is a large injustice for the average Fisherman. | Pearland, Tx. 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:33:02 | John Crank | johnpcrank@gmail.com | Please do not segregate the recreational quota or mgmt system. | Austin | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:33:06 | William D McBayer | bm102245@gmail.com | I am against amend 39, sector separation | raceland la 70394 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:33:19 | John W. Williams III | jwwau66@gmail.com | Sector Separation is a terrible idea with no benefit to conservation at all. I totally reject the idea of sector separation. | Mobile, Al, 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:33:31 | Robert Ceyanes | peshmode2@sbcglobal.net | I am strongly opposed to dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. I do not understand the rational behind one group of fisherman having a unfair advantage over another group especially if it does not generate more money for fishery management or otherwise improve fishery management. Robert Ceyanes | Los Fresnos | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:33:48 | Troy Wayne Tullos | twtullos@dow.com | Do not seperate the quota. | Danbury Texas 77534 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:34:01 | kenneth vestal | kvestal@riverwaypp.com | This would be very unfair to recreational fisherman and not required to share the resources of our fisheries. Getting very tired of government agencies giving special interest groups special treatment and favors. Phone number-713-962-8715. Respectfully, Kenneth Vestal | rockport, tx 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:34:18 | David Purdon | davepurdon@aol.com | What are you thinking, the Sports Recreation Anglers pay the bills . Havent you done enough ! give ous A break ,The commercial Fishermen Is the trouble with Gulf fishing !!!!! David Purdon | 76002 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:34:30 | Chris Bryant | cbryant@ecoconsultants.net | The concept of allocating of a given resource based on who's boat you are on is absurd. Division of the recreational components of a fishery so that it is weighted toward charter boats is un-American, for lack of a better term. If I work hard and buy a boat and work hard to learn how to fish, why should I have less opportunity than someone who just shows up and pays someone to do it for them? | Palmetto,FL 34221 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:34:48 | Walter L. Brothers | wlbrothers1@aol.com | Sector separation is a "bad" idea!! | Corpus Christi, TX 78411 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:35:06 | Manley Cummins, III, esq. | cumminspch@aol.com | I fail to see how further separation of the recreational catch into sectors can benefit the resource or the economy which relies thereon. Further accurate data on landings by both sectors is crucial, as well as an accurate assessment of the stocks, with proper consideration of the enhancement to the populations due to man-made reefs. Once we "see the cards" more clearly, perhaps a better management tool will be developed. In the meantime sector separation should be put on hold. | spanish fort, al 36527 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:35:15 | Kent Cavender | Kdc@sbcglobal.net | Please do not support this approach. Scientific data indicates it is not effective and does not have a good return on investment. | Stafford, Texas, 77477 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:35:26 | Henry Hull | hhull@satx.rr.com | Do not separate the commercial for hire fisherman from the private boat owning fisherman. All should have equal interest in maintaining a good fishery. | New Braunfels, TX 78130 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:35:35 | mike ainbinder | mhainbinder@gmail.com | As a recreational fisherman, I am asking you on my behalf, to REJECT sector separation in the Gulf of Mexico | freeport, TX, 77541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:35:41 | michael nall | nallmichael@aol.com | no on sector separation and should have longer red snapper and trigger season there are too many big red in alabama | mobile al. 36606 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:35:42 | warren broussard | warbrous1@bellsouth.net | please do not take my fish and give it to the for hire people ,let them get their own. | 70510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:35:55 | Ralph Marx | bmarx48@sbcglobal.net | Numb-skull idea! | Houston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:36:10 | Brian Quintinsky | bquintinsky@gmail.com | No to the amendment | buda,tx 78610 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:36:44 | Jimmy Quint | james.quint@univarsa.com | Please don't divide the recreational fishing sector into two parts. | Dauphin Island AL 36528 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:37:13 | richard cockrell | riopga@gmail.com | No sector needed. No special deals for charter boats, etc! | kountze tx 77625 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:38:00 | Robert P. Blanche | blanch@cox.net | I am against any proposed regulation that would impact , or adversely affect recreational fisherman . We pay our dues and follow the rules . The proposed rule to move part of our take exclusively to the Charter and head boat industry is just wrong , and should not happen. | Baton Rouge ,La. 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:38:25 | Bobby Klatt | bobbyklatt@mac.com | Reject Sector separation | Victoria tx 77904 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:38:42 | Carl Rutkowski | Carlrutkowski@gmail.com | No separation No separation No separation | Helotes tx 78023 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:39:09 | Katherine L Phillips | kat.phillips@hotmail.com | Please do not separate the fishing sectors. There does not appear to be any benefit to the fish or quantities of what is taken, so why do it? Thank you, Kat | Friendswood, TX, 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:39:10 | Jay Potter | Jpotte3@gmail.com | I am the media rep and blogger for KC Kayaks, a fishing kayak company, and I am also a recreational angler. I am stunned by this news and am ready to act. Not being a commercial fisherman, I won't have the necessary permits to even go catch redfish in the products I represent? I would not be able to take people on PR trips and send them home with fish? I will do whatever it takes to stop this legislation and encourage my representatives to do the same. | Baton Rouge, LA 70808 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 12:39:40 | Robert Wallace | ub89rew@gmail.com | No on "sector separation." | Coldspring Tx 77331 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:39:46 | mary hoehne | mhoehne1@sbcglobal.net | I am totally against this sector separation. It is in no way any conservation benefits at all just a benefit for the business charter boats to make more money. Please reject this ideal. | galveston texas, 77551 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:40:31 | Robert Neubrand | bobneubrand@sbcglobal.net | The rules should apply to everyone the same. This is a terrible idea. Government should enforce the laws that are already on the books and forget about more laws. Especially laws that discriminate. I can't believe this is even under consideration. | Dallas, TX 75218 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:40:41 | Bill Kowalski | billkow@sbcglobal.net | I am vehemently against sector separation being proposed by the Culf Council! | Plano TX 75093 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | All fishermen should be held to the same standard. All fishermen deserve the same opportunity. We all share a limited resource, and the opportunity to profit from our resource should not entitle one to separate standards. Perhaps the professionals among us need to "man up" and charge their clients sufficiently so that they can continue to do business with the resource that is available to them. More money per trip, and less trips would seem to be something they could do for themselves. Sell the sizzle, Florida's fishing grounds should be highly prized by those who love to fish, and do not have that opportunity at home. We do not need to "Wal Mart" our beautiful and rare fishing tradition. Those who count success strictly by the numbers of fish they possess would do much better to visit one of our fine grocery stores. | | |
| 8/7/2012 12:40:55 | greg rossini | agrossini@hotmail.com | The | clermont fl. 34711 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:41:25 | ray reznicek | rezniceks@aol.com | Why would you try to deprive the regular fishing Joe any more opportunity to fish in these tough times unless you are beholden to the commercial fishing industry. Do not take from the small fisher and give to the large. | santa fe, tx. 77517 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:41:32 | robin l stoddard | robins@hookercontracting.com | Please decline the sector separation, there are alot more voters that are recreational fisherman than there are business charters. Thanks, Robin Stoddard | Seguin | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:42:12 | wally farge | wfarge@cox.net | please reject amend.39 - thanks,wally | met.,la.70002 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:42:28 | Durwood Keith Dodson | keith.dodson@sbcglobal.net | Please vote against sector separation. It is terrible idea promoted for the benefit of commercial interest not the fish | Houston, TX 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:42:34 | Christin Royko | cfroyko8@aol.com | No separation! I use charters and private boats, we all have the same rights to the same fiish! | San Antonio, TX 78261 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:42:34 | Merl Schexnaildre | merlschex@hotmail.com | Amendment 39 is a really bad idea,please vote against. Thanks , Merl | Baton Rouge , La. 70809 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:43:14 | Timothy Scott Dement | tdement@gandhtowing.com | I belive very strongly that Sector separation is a bad idea. As far as I can tell the research is not there to support the benefits, if any, to us current fishermen, and our kids who will fish long after we are gone...! HOPE. | Portland,TX., 78374 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:43:36 | John R. Toliver | jtoliver@soft-spec.com | Sector separation between private recreational anglers and charter/headboat for-hire is a bad idea, plain and simple. There is no logical reason or for that matter positive economic benefit to doing so. Please do not pass such a bad idea. | Many | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:43:42 | Gary Beran | gberan48@gmail.com | Stop discriminating against the private recreational anglers to put more money in the pockets of the commercial fishing for hire boaters. Our fishing license continue to increase each year and you are trying to cut the amount of fish we can keep for our own consumption. This is not fair and I urge you to vote NO on the bill. | HUTTO | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:44:09 | James Morton | james.morton21@gmail.com | Please reject separation | Pasadena, Tx 77505 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:44:28 | Stephen Jacob | smj@wildblue.net | As a Louisianian by birth, salt water fisherman and avid outdoorsman I demand that you cast my vote against the division of natural resources that is now being considered. Fisheries are for all not to be divided between the haves and have not's. | Clinton. La 70722 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:44:56 | Michael I. Verner | m-verner@att.net | Slow down. More study needed. | Dayton, Texas 77535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:45:05 | Blake Salle | blakesalle@gmail.com | pls do not approve sector separation! | Austin, TX | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:46:06 | davis mcphillips | dcmcpheil@gmail.com | NO, REJECT, HELL NO | mobile, al 36606 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:46:10 | Jesse Ramirez | jesse.ramirez4@gmail.com | Think about it first. Really!!!! | Pearland, Texas, 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:46:13 | Michael Scaffidi | Noncurrent@aol.com | This is absurd. Leave well enough alone. | Biloxi, MS 39532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:46:17 | james musil | jmusil1@verizon.net | leave the regs as they are already | flower mound, tx, 75022 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 12:46:21 | Julius Green | jmgreen@detaildesigninc.com | After all of the work that recreational fishermen have done to help with the conservation of our fisheries. Between volunteer work for actual in the water and on the water efforts, fundraising and our monetary contributions. These efforts benefited the recreational fisherman whether he was on his personal boat or a boat for hire, as long as the fisherman took the fish home with him or her. I do not agree that boats for hire should have any more rights to any portion of our fisheries than private boats. It is both unfair and wrong to show this bias. We took up the conservation banner when the fisheries had no allies and we even imposed restrictions on ourselves for the good of the fisheries. Every bit of a kick in the groin to recreational fishermen to even consider this undue bias. | Houston, Texas 77065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:46:39 | William Farris Ferguson | idared@grandriver.net | This is an extremely partisan idea and is not fair to anyone. This is plainly a give away and can't be justified for anyone. Please vote no to this plan. | Port Mansfield, TX 78598 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:46:59 | Peggy Koepke | peggykoepke@swbell.net | Sector separation is a BAD idea. Do not take away this right of all citizens to commercial and for hire fishing. | San Antonio, TX 78230 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:47:09 | Jackson Hooper | jacksonh@sbcglobal.net | Breaking up recreational anglers and charters for allocations is wrong and will not help the resource. The council should make decisions based upon science and facts, not lobbying and corporate pressure. When are you going to start being part of the solution instead of part of the problem? | Houston, TX 77079 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:47:19 | Richard dwayne Wilkins | dw0959@wilkinsinspection.com | Please vote to reject separation. | San Antonio, Texas 78257 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:47:44 | Larry Nelson Hafford | lhafford4@spillwaycable.com | Please reject any plans for separation of anglers quota system regarding private recreational angler and Charter Boat Owner for Hire anglers. I believe that all anglers should have the same quota system to follow whether or not Private or Charter. There needs to be a better means of data collecting regarding quota amounts. Regards Larry | Livonia, La. 70755 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:48:40 | Kenneth Kingdon | kppingdon@hotmail.com | There is no question that individual recreational sport fishing generates more economic return from our limited fishery resource. Regulations that favor a relatively few commercial operators that have repeatedly shown reluctance to support conservation programs of any type clearly ignore the council's obligations to taxpayers. Say no to sector regulation that discriminates against recreational fisherman. | Port Alto, TX 77979 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:48:47 | Jeffrey Adams | z71jja@bellsouth.net | Please reject the seperation. | Baton Rouge, La. 70817 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:49:02 | David L O'Donnell | d_donnell@sbcglobal.net | Please do not vote for this separation issue. | Houston, TX 77095 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:49:08 | Wanda Sue Thomas | sthasmas6@gt.rr.com | No to Sector Separation! | Vidor, Texas 77662 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:49:33 | William VanBuskirk | drew.vanbuskirk@gmail.com | Please do not pass the sector separation of the offshore fishing resources, these should be open to everyone. Gulf Council, | Angleton, Texas 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:49:37 | John M. Delchamps | johndelchamps@aol.com | Please reject amendment 39 sector separation as I believe this is unfair to me and all other recreational fisherman. I support for hire charter boats and understand clearly the struggles they face with todays set seasons and creel limits. However, I do not think it is fair to create a special classification just for their benefit. Sincerely, John M. Delchamps | Mobile, AL 36606 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:49:46 | Glenn Davis | davis2322@sbcglobal.net | I had no idea what impact commercial fishing vessels were having on the GOM snapper fishery until I saw for myself a boat tied up to an offshore platform out of Matagorda, Texas a few years ago. If the public saw those vessels, with their yo-yo fishing reels and hundreds of hooks, throwing literally throwing hundreds and hundreds of juvenile snapper over the side, and saw a half mile long line of those small snapper on the surface with their bladders out of their mouth floundering on the surface, they would be outraged. To know commercials get 51% of the take and kill tens of thousands of juveniles is just ludicrous. Now the council is considering a sector separation and once again screwing the recreational fisherman who spends 5 times what the commercial and for-hire vessels combined spend. I think an investigative report along the lines of 60 minutes to expose all council members and their ties to the commercial/for-hire vessels would be appropriate. If this passes, and quota is once again taken from the recreational fisherman, I will do everything I possibly can to contact the investigative news media and enlighten them on a great story of corruption that exists in the council who makes decisions without any scientific basis but obviously for monetary reasons for themselves. | Spring, Texas 77373 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:50:19 | Brandy LeBlanc | brandy@cordell-ins.com | I am strongly opposed to Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. In order for you to have accurate data to produce the licensing charts, you would have to first ascertain the percentage of Private Recreational Anglers who fish the reefs. The majority of PRAs who are known by me only fish the inland marshes. Your data is skewed and is heavily weighted to benefit charters and harm PRAs. Perhaps you should consider splitting saltwater licensing for PRAs into inland / coastal and deepwater fishing. | 70719 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:50:21 | Philip Stanaland | Phillip@wishfarms.com | This idea of separating fishermen by charter vs private is bull crap, you people are on your way to making normal law abiding citizens into criminals with your jackass ideas. You would serve the fishery well by backing off and taking a few deep breaths | Sarasota fl 34246 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:50:41 | Rich Donaldsohn | donaldsonrich@cox.net | I am stunned that the Gulf Council would take time to create a problem between people who have shared our bountiful gulf in harmony. I believe the Gulf Council has better things to do than to try to muscle some new rules on the backs of recreational anglers when the Gulf Council has failed for so many years to deal with existing rules. Need an example? Try Red Snapper!!!!!!! Rich Donaldson. | Baton Rouge, LA, 70806 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:51:41 | Robert E Hylant Jr | hylanro@gmail.com | Sector seperation is a very bad idea. Taking away the rights of the recreational angler at every turn seems to be a theme. The charter boats get paid to take people fishing. No body but, me is paying for my boat, gas, tackle, taxes or fees. Alot of which go back to fisheries management. As a group we pay a lot more taxes and fees than the charter boats and put a lot more into our local economy's. Why do you want to discourage this sector? Closing access and limiting catches, now you want to "give" our fish to the charter/head boats. What will this accomplish? Less recreational fishing, which equals fewer boat sales, fewer services shops, few bait and tackle stores, etc. There are not enough people to hire charter/head boats to make up for the loss of revenue and taxes. There has to be a hidden agenda in this plan other than propping up the charter industry. Don't do it! Bob Hylant | Bokeelia, Fl, 33922 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:52:00 | Steven K. Titus | titusgroup@centurylink.net | It is morals and getting back to doing what is right and not selling out to profit at any cost that will guarantee a fishery our kids and grandkids can be proud of. Don't sell out! | Clermont, Fl. 34714 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:52:23 | Jeffrey A. Stevens | jkstevens0882@bellsouth.net | Do not approve this ammendment! | Slidell, LA 70461 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:52:42 | Troy Wallace | troy.wallace@brockgroup.com | I think this is a bad idea. | Tickfaw, La. 70466 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:52:53 | Janie Zajicek | janiezajicek@att.net | We've had our limits dwindle over the years and to now hit us again with this kind of separation is deplorable. What will this do to the mom and pop bait camps also? There is NO reason to do this except to upset the common folk of this US of A because someone in Washington doesn't have enough to do but make our lives miserable AGAIN! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:52:56 | Pamela Moore | pmoore77@tampabay.rr.com | Do not vote for separation of fishing for private anglers and for hire anglers!! Keep it the way it is now. Thank you | New Port Richey, Fl34652 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:53:20 | Charles Frederick Cludius | cludius@hotmail.com | <p>I have just become aware of the proposal to separate recreational anglers into two "sectors" depending on whether they own their own boat or have to use a charter. From this recreational angler, this is a bad idea and will only lead to limiting recreational anglers when there is no showing this will accomplish any good. It is one of those "solutions in search of a problem."</p> <p>Instead, the proposal favors one group over another and helps guarantee a profit to the charter operators.</p> <p>I am in favor of businesses making a profit. However, why should you take away something from recreational anglers so you can guarantee a profit to charter operators? In other areas of government such a move would be an unacceptable intrusion on individual rights.</p> <p>Imagine limiting the amount of gasoline people could buy so the taxi operators would have enough?! Imagine limiting television sales so movie theatre operators would get more business?! Those proposals would be laughable and quickly drummed out.</p> <p>Don't let the commercial interests trump the recreational angler. It is a bad precedent and does not deserve your time.</p> | New Braunfels, TX 78132 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:54:00 | Donald Vlasek | djvlasek@gmail.com | <p>Crazy! If anything lower the fish limit on the boat for hire and keep the same limit on the owner boat who only fish occasionally.</p> <p>Don</p> | Areansas Pass, Texas 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:54:01 | Eric Rathke | ejr@seahusa.com | <p>Please do not support this ammendment.</p> | Pinehurst, TX 77362 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:54:19 | Doug Wheeler | fsuwheeler@aol.com | <p>I respectfully request that you OPPOSE this amendment. I believe efforts to divide recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats will adversely affect the "average" recreational fisherman. I can not envision a successful management plan that would allocate a portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. I'm not even sure I can even see any real tangible benefit to this plan at all.</p> <p>In summary, sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple and I ask that please OPPOSE this ill-advised plan.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Doug Wheeler</p> | Tallahassee, Florida, 32312 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:54:47 | Todd Matherne | toddmatherne@toddmatherne.com | <p>The fishery is a resource for all citizens. All fisherman should abide by identical rules. Preserve the habitat and the resource using good science. Thank you.</p> | Humble | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:55:18 | Kenneth M. Cox | kckc1234@verizon.net | <p>WOW!!! Nothing to say here except this is just another bad idea!!! Texas is already starving when it comes to fishable days for the rec guys and now this. Basically you would be shutting it down for the rec guys all together!!</p> | Santa Fe, Texas 77510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:55:36 | Charles A. Watts | txcwatts@hotmail.com | <p>To the Gulf Council,</p> <p>Please reject the bill that will separate anglers into to parts. I feel this bill is unjust and should not pass.</p> <p>Thanks for all you do,</p> <p>Charles A. Watts</p> | Victoria, TX, 77905 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:56:15 | Taylor Morrissette | taylor Morrissette@gmail.com | <p>REJECT Sector Separation</p> | Mobile, AI 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:56:16 | Kevin Rothbauer | kevin_rothbauer@hotmail.com | <p>I do not feel that it is a good idea to let charter type boats reep the benefits of this and get paid for the charter on top of it. I own a small boat and enjoy going off shore on a calm day. It would be a shame for me and my buddies to spend all that hard earned money for fuel and bait just to find that the rigs and reefs are all fished out.</p> | Victoria, Texas, 77905 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:56:30 | Brian A. Stepchinski | step3@netzero.net | This is not sound management practices, the for hire bosts should pay for the resources they harvist, there gitting paid. The rec. guuys are not out there every day!!! Council Members: This letter opposes bisection of the recreational fishery into recreational and recreational-for-hire groups. The result of sector separation is a divestment of resources to which all recreational anglers have a reasonable expectation of continued interest. This decision is not based on any sound science, and cannot reasonably register as an effective management tool. While your actions are undertaken in an administrative body not directly subject to immediate ballot-box reaction, please realize that at some point, the impact of your actions will be reverberated back through the political process, and the voice of recreational anglers will be heard. Please count this as opposition to sector separation. Thank you, | Leander TX. 78641 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:56:40 | Morgan P. Lynch | mpl6038@gmail.com | Morgan Lynch | Tampa, FL, 33604 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:57:16 | Brian E. Steib | bsteib@bankfpb.com | I DO NOT support the sector separation and feel that it is a terrible idea! | Ponchatoula, LA 70454 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:57:51 | Robert F Krouse | rfkrouse@sbcglobal.net | Do not Devide | Houston TX 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:57:58 | Dale Purpera Jr | Dpurpe1@cox.net | Bad idea for sector separation. If its not broke, don't fix it | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:58:20 | Michael Raindl | miker@boedeker.com | Stop!!! Vote "NO" to sector separation, its a bad idea, plain and simple. Recreational fishing is a boom to our Gulf Coast cities and towns and any cut into allowable limits, will surely reduce the amounts of money available to these small fishing communities, you will turn them into Ghost towns. You have already ruined the entire offshore fishing industry for recreational and charter fishing boats with your un-acceptable limitations on Red Snapper and to do the same for bay fishing would be devastating. Don't ruin a good thing, you have already done so for offshore fishing, so don't make the same mistake. | Shiner, Texas 77984 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:58:26 | Dale S. Beaumariage | beamads@comcast.net | As a seafood consumer and occasional fisherman I advise against creating more sectors to squable over sharing a portion of a common property resource which should be managed according to prudent conservation oriented fishing regulations rather than by access limiting allocation regulations. These resources are being wasted rather than conserved due to sector political struggles for dominance. | Golden, CO 80401 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 12:58:28 | David Jordan | dwj1944@sbcglobal.net | We don't need more control by anybody. | Deer Park, TX, 77536 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 12:58:31 | William R. Meyer | bill@cincopipe.com | Segregating anglers into two groups, those private recreational anglers and those for-hire is a very poor idea with regards to setting limits or seasons on offshore fisheries. What could the possible benefit be? One must wonder what the Council's true intent is since this will only drive a wedge between two groups that have to this point remained cooperative with one another. This is another example of why the council is so widely distrusted and regarded as a bureaucratic entity with little common sense. regards, Bill Meyer | Huffman, TX 77336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:58:32 | John R. Hansen | mesalogistics@sbcglobal.net | Please cast my vote in opposition of sector separation. This is a bad idea/proposal for recreational fisherman. | Dallas, TX 75230 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:58:37 | Mickey DuVall | librarydude1@gmail.com | Sectoring is a bad idea. Please reject this amendment. Please uphold everyone's right to equal access to fish. Just because someone owns a business, it is not reason to give them an advantage over someone who doesn't. | Bastrop, Texas 78602 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:58:48 | Carl Bohn | cbohn@naireocpartners.com | This idea of segmentation and allocation between recreational and charter fishing segments is a very bad idea, and I believe unprecedented in management practice.. and I see no reason to do so now..very bad precedent ..trust you will have the good judgement to turn this proposal down quickly Thank You; Carl Bohn | San Antonio, Texas,78258 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:59:01 | Mark L Johnstone | mark@sanbornstravel.com | No to separate rules | Corpus Christi, TX 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 12:59:14 | Billie G Baker | bgwork@sbcglobal.net | Sports fisherman/women/kids accidentally put more revenue to society while having a far less impact on fish populations. Punishing recreational fishing again for the benefit of lobbyists-the people putting monies in your pocket under the table-is not only dishonest, deceitful and disgusting, its against our constitutional rights as citizens of our states and this great nation. | 77020 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 13:00:15 | Martha Allison | marthaoturner@sbcglobal.net | And this kind of behind the back business causes me and others to wonder who on the council has a tie to fishing for hire fisherman and would be getting a 'kickback' for the separation. I and I'm sure others enjoy being able to fish where they please and when they please. I don't think giving fishing charters a special to fish. They are NO BETTER, than anyone else. There's a whole lot of water out there. Since they suppose to be so knowledgeable, why they need to be separated from everyone else. They suppose to know where to go fish. If a private fisherman is in a certain area, there's ENOUGH fish and water for everyone. | Houston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:00:24 | Tim Gallagher | timg@wg-cpas.com | PLEASE Reject Separation | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:00:33 | Gary W Krouse | 1rangerangler@cox.net | I wish to voice my opinion against dividing recreational fishing between charter captains and private fisherman. There is enough division amongst gulf fisherman already | Baton Rouge, La 70818 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 13:00:53 | James M Grady | jgrady@fugro.com | I am total against dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. This is unfair and prejudicial idea. | Scott, LA, 70583 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:01:19 | Albert J. Isacks III | ajisacks@centurytel.net | Please do not separate the allocation for redfish between anglers and charterboats. We are both recreational anglers. | Dauphin Island, AL, 36528 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:01:53 | Patrick Fleming | pfleming82@hotmail.com | Do not divide between the two sectors without research on what it would cost the recreational angler with the fisheries all of us share!!! | Houston Tx 77077 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:02:21 | scott wyatt | wyatt7@aol.com | Bad idea! | victoria, tx 77901 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:02:25 | gerard laborde | gerard_laborde@bugmanonline | I am totally against The Reef Fish Amendment-Sector Separation. There are enough restrictions concerning recreational fisherman. Enough is enough. Thanks Gerard | baker, la. 70714 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:03:22 | Duane lyssy | duane.lyssy@gmail.com | I reject amendment 39. | falls city tx 78113 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:03:41 | jim schumacher | jimcarla2008@hotmail.com | Recreational anglers like myself spend more money per person than any charter service. I own 3 boats, one offshore and two bay boats, do the math on ownership, maintenance, fuel, insurance etc. To allocate resources that are public to just for hire or charter boats is not only unfair it is immoral. I used to charter a boat and have a 50 ton master captian license with the USCG, I quit because of the waste of resources just to fill the cooler with fish. You don't care about resources, you care about a precious few who can pay lobbyist to sway you. You ought to be ashamed. I sure hope I never meet any of you on the water. | kerrville texas 78028 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:03:44 | Quintin Greco | qgreco@linbeck.com | It is imperative that the Gulf Council REJECT the Sector Separation. This will kill the recreational angler. | Arlington TX 76013 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:04:14 | John Barry Teare | Jbteare@gmail.com | A very bad idea. On its face it makes no sense. No one should have more access to our resources because they charter trips. What is the logic? | Tiki Island, Texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:04:56 | terry burleson | burlarts@earthlink.net | NO! Don't give away my fishing rights. | austin texas 78759 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:05:07 | Joe E Tyner | tynerjet1@aol.com | Don't take any more resources from our tax paying, license buying recreational fisherman. Recreational fishermen add more to our economy per fish than any commercial, or charter operation.. Nuff said.. | Ft Walton Bch, FL, 32548 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:05:09 | Russell Thompson | rtthompson17@tampabay.rr.com | I recommend that there is no separation. I see no benefit to this. | New Port Richey, FL. 34655 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 13:06:06 | Karl Kulp | karlkulp@live.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. I want to reject separation. | Tampa, FL 33634 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:06:14 | Matthew Peterson | mattplsumba@gmail.com | Please reject separation. As a recreational fisherman I do not support the taking away of natural resources from myself and other recreational fishermen. Although there may be economic incentive to do so, our country was not founded on the mere pursuit of wealth, rather it was founded on the principles of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" as defined by our Declaration of Independence. Furthermore I would also argue that this would not result in the greatest good for society as a whole. It would only serve to benefit a few while detracting from the rights of the greater recreational fishermen society. | Metairie, LA, 70001 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:06:22 | C. Ted Beaulieu, Jr. | tedbeau@bellsouth.net | I am AGAINST sector separation. I am a boat owner and operator and I do not feel it would be right to have some of my fish allocation taken away that would affect my ability to take my family out on fishing trips when I am able. Charter boats are not always available when my schedule allows for me to fish. I feel I would be losing another freedom of choice when there is no reason to do so except to benefit a handful of people. | Lafayette, LA 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:06:25 | Lindsey Torbett | lt@torbett.com | <p>As a sportsman, boat owner, and customer of charter boat and guide, I see no benefit to separating the sectors.</p> <p>As a CPA, I am concerned about the possible unintended consequences for citizens and marine life. the government should not be in the position of giving our resources to specific groups (ie charter operators) especially when there is no benefit to the general public or government.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration.</p> | Alexandria, LA 71303 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:07:28 | Phil Patterson | phil@lhrs-services.com | Please reject Sector Separation!! Thanks. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:08:19 | Henry Engelking | henry@engelkinghunting.com | Sector separation is a bad idea and would like for the Gulf Coast Council to reject separation | Premont, Tx. 78375 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:08:42 | James E. Bradshaw, JR | jeb.bradshaw@gmail.com | <p>The manner in which proponents and NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations is ridiculous.</p> <p>Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple.</p> <p>It is important to defeat this measure now.</p> <p>I don't want to discover the details of a radical new federal program after it is approved!</p> <p>Thank you.</p> | 76109 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:08:44 | James T. Boswell | boswell5@mcia.com | <p>James Bradshaw</p> <p>I respectfully request that you vote NO (reject separation) on any differentiation/sector segmentation in limits/quotas for charter/headboats and individual, recreational anglers.</p> <p>Sincerely: James T. Boswell, Ph.D. Aquatic Ecologist</p> | Montgomery, TX. 77356 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:09:17 | Paul Anthony suir | Kriskuin@eatel.net | I do not support this bill | Saint amant la. 70774 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:09:44 | rocky goodman | rgoodman@worthamsa.com | it is my belief that section separation is a bad idea . i have a large following of sportsman friends that feel the same. Rocky Goodman | san antonio tx. 78216 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:09:49 | Joe Hoffman | Joe.J.Hoffman@Shell.com | <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Please consider the separation of recreation and business anglers as bad idea. This would only further limit scarce resource available to the recreational folks as is.</p> <p>Thanks You,</p> <p>Joe Hoffman</p> | Pearland, TX, 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:10:02 | jerry findley | jerryfin43@aol.com | Dont give our recreatinal fishing to commercial, and charter fishing. I dont understand the idea that one secter can own the sea for profit.We still live in the USA dont we ? | pae, fl.32571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:10:05 | mike young | youngbev2@cox.net | Recreational fishermen are the back bone of our economy, tourism, property values, and JOBS.. .. these fish belong to all of us.. not just a few commercial fishermen.. red snapper are over populating.. running off other species !! No Sector Separation | Miramar beach, Fl. 32550 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:10:58 | Rusty Scholl | aviator@zochnet.com | Sector separation is a terrible idea. It does nothing but create class warfare and bad feelings among the fishing community. | Lincoln, TX 78948 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | To Whom It May Concern: As a long time recreational angler and tax paying US citizen, I am adamantly opposed to the proposed Reef Fish Amendment 39-Sector Separation. This amendment has no reasonable justification for being inacted other than to favor a specific group of anglers(commercial and charter/headboat anglers). There is no scientific justification and no financial justification for this ruling. In fact, the number of private recreational anglers by far out number and out spend on maritime resources than the comparatively small group of charter/headboat and commercial anglers. I urge you to oppose this proposal. | | |
| 8/7/2012 13:11:17 | Charles Moore | cmoore1953@aol.com | Respectfully, Charles Moore | Baton Rouge, LA 70879 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:11:37 | patrick bourgoyne | pwbourgoyne@gmail.com | I do not support the idea of having sector seperation | humble, tx 77396 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:11:40 | Joe Burke | jmwb63@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Charter fisherman, who cater to out-of-towners, should not be given greater rights than the local recreational fisherman who recognize and appreciate the tremendous value that fishing adds to their lifestyle and their community. | Port Allen, LA 70767 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:11:55 | Gary J Gautreaux | gary@ddintlcorp.com | The idea of catch shares sounds good, but what will be left for the recreainal angler like me. I was only able to catch red snapper on 3 trips this year. I work so I can only go when I am off. I caught a total of 6 red snapper. We need some common sense in the management. Thanks Gary | houma, la. 70364 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:12:02 | Dennis Lea Evans | evans_dennis@hotmail.com | I do not support the proposal to separate the Gulf Coast fisheries between recreational anglers and charter / for hire operators. The separation does not seem to be directed toward benefitting the resource. It would however create another layer of regulation and bureaucracy. After that, the recreational angler and the charter / for hire operators would competing and in conflict over allocations. What problem is the proposal intended to address? How will the separation solve the problem? What new problems and unintended consequences will it create? Thanks Dennis Evans | Lake Charles, LA 70611 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:12:08 | Matthew Carroll | matt@fsbobr.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | Baton Rouge, LA 70816 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:12:29 | David S Johnson | dsjohnson@sparklingclear.com | Rather than pit one group against another seems logical to have everyone working together. The main reason for the improved fishing in Texas coastal waters is the effort of CCA so why change something that is working for all parties? Reject seperation it is a bad thing for fisherman. | Houston,Tx. 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:12:32 | Matthew J Padon | matthew.padon@sbexp.com | We do not want this to happen. I am a family of 4 and have 6 siblings who all fish in the Gulf of Mexico. Please do not accept this horrible devision for the benfit of a few. Matthew Padon 281 686 4374 | Houston, Texas 77057 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:12:35 | Byron Swartzendruber | masterofthefish@gmail.com | I am absolutely AGAINST sector separation and the abuse of power that has been displayed against our ocean's natural resources. There is no sound scientific data that supports such actions and this needs to be STOPPED IMMEDIATELY! A commercial / charter / headboat captain should not have more rights than I do to harvest the oceans resources. Please do not attempt to force through radical measures that the people DO NOT WANT! | 78255 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:12:47 | Thomas | tjdred@sbcglobal.net | We should all play by the same rules. | Spring, TX 77379 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:12:51 | Greg Harrison | gregharrison@remax.net | Sector Separation is a bad idea for Florida. Fishing licenses provide much needed funds for resource management. Charter boat clients do not buy licenses. Please do not consider it. Thank you!! Greg Harrison | Orlando, FI 32806 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:12:54 | Leo Cormier | lcormier@camtel.net | Please do not go forward with your plans to divide the recreational fishermen into two classifications and thus alter the fishing structure as it now stands. There is no good reason for doing so and those that gain through it, give nothing back to the recreational fishing industry as a whole. Thank you, Dr. Leo Cormier | Lake Charles. LA | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:13:14 | Benny Black | benny.black@tide.nocoxmail.com | Without any noted benefit to the fishery, why is there an effort to divide recreational anglers into two categories; those with their own boat and those who own charter and for-hire boats. Separating the allocation of fish given to recreational anglers and assigning specific quotas to those operating charters doesn't make sense as it allows charter and for hire boats to fish when other can't. This will require additional monitoring for enforcement personnel, therefore driving up costs for everybody. I'm sure these vessels would be allowed to fish while recreational are fishing, but would not face the same competition from recreational during these other 'allocated' fishing periods. It doesn't appear to offer any benefit to the fisheries and therefore this measure shouldn't be passed. | New Orleans, LA 70131 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:13:21 | David Lawrence | tlservice@yahoo.com | Do not think that the Sector Separation idea is a good one. I do not support that idea at all and think that it is not fair! Please don't pass it!!!! | New Waverly, TX 77358 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:13:22 | Mike Simpson | msimpson@vaughnconstructor | I am opposed to Amendment 39 regarding Sector Separation | Houston, Texas 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:13:27 | PAUL R. WIMBERLY | WIMBERLY.PAUL@GMAIL.COM | BAD LAW, BAD IDEA | CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:13:36 | don twomey | dontwomey@aol.com | sector separation is a horrible idea | austin, texas 78704 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:13:38 | bryant see | bryant@gracomechanical.com | do not allow the commerical fishmen the ability to catch a portion of the available fish thanthe recreatioal fisherman | houston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:13:55 | Milton Charles Chapman, MD | miltoncchap@ aol.com | As a recreational fisherman who travels to the LA Gulfcoast six to eight times each year I am flabbergasted at the insanity in the considerations before the Gulfcouncil. There is no justification in splitting the catch away from the recreational angler in the manner proposed Please do not something that is working well. Nothing is broken that needs fixin. | Shreveport, LA 71106 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:14:09 | Benny Black | benny.black@tide.nocoxmail.com | Without any noted benefit to the fishery, why is there an effort to divide recreational anglers into two categories; those with their own boat and those who own charter and for-hire boats. Separating the allocation of fish given to recreational anglers and assigning specific quotas to those operating charters doesn't make sense as it allows charter and for hire boats to fish when other can't. This will require additional monitoring for enforcement personnel, therefore driving up costs for everybody. I'm sure these vessels would be allowed to fish while recreational are fishing, but would not face the same competition from recreational during these other 'allocated' fishing periods. It doesn't appear to offer any benefit to the fisheries and therefore this measure shouldn't be passed. | New Orleans, LA 70131 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:14:10 | Ronald E marsh | Baytexx@gmail.com | Not a good idea to limit areas to commercial only. | 77586 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 13:14:26 | Kathleen Talley | adtkat@verizon.net | I reject sector separation! | Baytown, TX 77523 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:14:41 | Chris Vaughn | vsughcl@sbcglobal.net | Please do not allow this to happen. I am an avid outdoorsman, and enjoy hunting and fishing. I understand people make a living providing services to other fishermen/women and only wish them the best of luck. However, I do not agree with taking away from those that fish for recreation. Let's not start this snowball rolling down a steep hill. If this goes through, where does it end? Am I going to have to hire a guide every time I want to go fishing? Please take this into consideration when making your decision. | Lake Jackson, TX 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:14:46 | Baron A. Graham Sr. | baron.graham@cmaaccess.com | I request the Gulf Council to: Reject Separation | Waynesboro, Ms. 39367 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:14:47 | Trey Bennett | rfb3@bellsouth.net | Sector separation is a bad idea that needs to be rejected. While you're at it, tell NOAA to leave the reef fishery in the hands of the state agencies. We don't need snapper catches in TX affecting limits in AL. Let them manage the fish that migrate. | Mobile, AL, 36607 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:14:53 | Alex Menkhaus | Alex.Menkhaus@gmail.com | While I do understand the importance of sustainable fisheries, please reconsider taking this action which will only limit ordinary people from enjoying a great natural resource belonging to everyone and no one. | Naples, FL 34114 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:15:02 | PATRICK A. HOPKINS | PATCO@DELCAMBRE.NET | I SEE NO NEED TO SEPERATE THESE RECREATIONAL SECTORS. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:15:08 | Paul A. Giordano | Pagjd1999@msn.com | Sector Separation is not fair to recreational fishers...don't do it! | Fort Myers, Florida, 33901 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:15:37 | Harold Teel | Hteel2010@yahoo.com | Reject separation! | Helotes, Tx, 78023 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:16:06 | Mark V. Knighten | mark@knightenlaw.com | <p>I am appalled that the Gulf Council is even considering the proposal of dividing recreational fishermen into sectors. As an attorney who is an avid fisherman, such a regulation is arbitrary, capricious and unlawful.</p> <p>This Council has a history of passing regulations concerning our fisheries based on limited data, faulty data or no data at all.</p> <p>If this Council continues on this path, including a regulation separating recreational fishermen into sectors, I will take whatever action necessary, including an action in the United States District Court to stop this matter and limit whatever authority the Council perceives it has in its future deliberations. This privatization of public resources should stop. Vote NO to the proposed sectoring of recreational fisherman.</p> <p>Mark V. Knighten Attorney at Law Pascagoula, MS</p> | Pascagoula, MS 39567 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:16:18 | Chris Cormie | Cormie1@att.net | That is the stupidest crap I have ever heard!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I'm gonna quit paying federal taxes!!!!!! | Lake Charles,La 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:16:34 | Richard McMahan | rad91@att.net | k Sector Separation is a bad idea. Please do not accept this measure! | Woodsboro Texas 78393 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:17:16 | Thomas Ward | tom.ward@keystoneconcrete.com | Best Regards, Thomas Ward | Wallis, Texas 77485 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:17:24 | Johnny Conrad | jpconrad@conradindustries.com | Please reject the seperation of commercial and recreational fishermen. | Morgan City LA 70380 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:17:32 | Lawrence Svendson | Lawrence.Svendson@marlinenergy.net | <p>Dear Gulf Council, I have read that the Council is to consider dividing the recreational anglers into two sectors thus lowering the private angler limit and transferring the balance to charter boats.</p> <p>I believe this is a bad idea and my comments are meant to encourage you to dismiss this concept.</p> <p>The basis for it being a bad idea is thus: 1) the sportfish limit is already very low and lowering it will discourage the gigantic amount of commerce associated with sportfishing (which overwhelms the commerce generated by charter fishing). The reason so many people have recreational properties and have developed coastal areas by built homes/camps, docks, marinas, fuel docks, supply stores, sport fishing stores, bait stores and on an on is because of the opportunity to use their boat for sportfishing recreation. 2) if this decision is not dismissed it will ultimately serve no purpose in that it will lend itself to private sportfishers "pretending" to be charter fishers (legally getting licenses and meeting requirements) and continuing to fish and thus creating another set of problems. 3) A decision in favor of sector separation smacks of a small group of people lending themselves to picking winners and losers and not allowing personal freedoms and market conditions to dictate commerce, 4) if the charter fishermen are complaining about how bad business is maybe it is because the economy is bad and people are not spending money on that luxury when on vacation. Does it make sense to take away from private anglers to supplement a very small group of anglers who are not making a good go of it nor are they making much of an overall contribution to the overall commerce of sportfishing.</p> <p>We as citizens see too many regulatory body decisions which end up not making a lot of sense and which cause people to make adjustments resulting in a "no point" rule. I respect your interest and willingness to serve on the council but it certainly is a frustration to see boards and councils, as a group of 15 people or so, who believe then can out think or out smart the hundreds of thousands of people their decisions affect.</p> <p>I have sportfished in the Gulf of Mexico for the past 49 years. I beg of you as a council to allow wisdom to prevail and to leave well enough alone for all recreational anglers. You have made it difficult enough to keep sportfishing.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lawrence Svendson Lafayette, LA</p> | Lafayette, LA 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:17:39 | Leon Macha | jjmacha@swbell.net | <p>There must be No separation between recreational anglers and the charter boat fishing businesses. This spends money and enforcement while accomplishing nothing.</p> <p>The Gulf is One Pool of fish for individual, private anglers whether in a boat, on shore, or on a charter boat.</p> | El Campo, TX 77437 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:18:02 | jimmie d redburn | pepper@communicomm.com | i do not like this | westlake,la.70669 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:18:06 | thomas d murray | dannymurray@bellsouth.net | Leave the fishing just like it is. | gulfport ms. 39503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:18:25 | Ronald Rose | rrose@grindsize.com | Please vote no for segregation of pleasure fisherman | Lufkin, texas 75925 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:18:44 | Nicholas Peterson | nicholasryan.peterson@gmail.com | Sector separation is a terrible idea and should not be allowed to happen. Yet another example of bloated government. | Houston, TX, 77005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:19:02 | Frank Chase | fchase@frankchase.com | I own a 33' sportfish moored in Point Clear, AL. I spend a great deal of money every year on mooring fees, insurance, maintenance and fuel to have a boat that I can take friends and family fishing on. I believe that private recreational anglers, like myself, spend far more money on fishing than a small number of charter fishing boats. Unlike charter boats, I don't charge my fisherman to offset my expenses. To give preferential treatment to for-hire fishing boats is the wrong way to go. I urge you to vote NO for sector separation. | Brandon, MS 39047 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:19:05 | Charles Keillor | cmkeillor@hotmail.com | I do not want you to approve sector separation. I think this move would hurt the resource and have a negative impact on the average recreational fisherman over time. Please don't do this. | Lake Jackson, TX, 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:19:10 | Joshua Thompson | joshuakainthompson@yahoo.com | This is not right! Please stop this from happening! | Livingston, La, 70754 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:20:24 | Philip Luetckens | pluetckens@tampabay.rr.com | I am against Sector separation! The Gulf Council's consideration and effort to implement a dividing of recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats is an unconscionable and senseless proposal. Consideration of the Council's recommendation that would take some portion of the fish now available to all recreational anglers and give them or make them available to a selected few charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, is simply an unacceptable recommendation. | Brooksville, Fl. 34604 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:21:11 | Charles S Lowrey | chuckl@mysacpa.com | Reef Fish Amendment 39 is an infringement on our rights as US citizens and most certainly infringes on our GOD Given Rights. Please vote down this amendment and make a statement in favor of all outdoor enthusiasts. Thank you for your consideration. | San Antonio | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:21:23 | Kelly Parks | bucksdelucks@yahoo.com | Kelly Parks | Boerne, Tx 78006 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:21:52 | Matthew Webber | matthew.b.webber@gmail.com | Please stop this nonsense! Leave the fishing regulations alone! you have already done enough damage! | Shoreacres, Texas 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:21:56 | Edward Mathews, Jr. | m2@mathewslawfirm.com | Sector separation is illogical and unfair. It, in a similar fashion as commercial fishing, allows selected persons to harvest a PUBLIC RESOURCE and "sell it" back to the public that already owns it. The resource should be available to the public and everyone should be subject to the same limitations necessary for good management. | Tallahassee, Florida 32303 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:22:14 | Leroy Joseph Gonzales | ljgonzales53@yahoo.com | I am against sector separation. I do not feel commercial charter fishermen should have more rights than I when it comes to catching a limit of fish. We should all follow the same rules. | Amelia, LA, 70340 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:22:28 | Patrick Patten | patpatten@gmail.com | I would like to voice my opposition to the reef fish amendment 39 to separation of sectors. Please vote to reject this measure. | Houston, TX 77054 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:23:25 | Wayne Crader | wpcrader@aol.com | I am opposed to Amendment 39, Sector Separation. Please vote against it. | Lake Charles, LA 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:23:43 | Kerry Keller | comanche71@aol.com | Sector separation is another dumb idea out of Federal Government agencies who do not or rarely have any good ideas, and with the current administration, almost always politically based. | 78734 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/7/2012 13:24:13 | Dana Martin | themartins1@earthlink.net | To Whom it May Concern: Please do not support this "Robinhood" Plan of taking fish away from private anglers. Why would you want to interfere with this wonderful sport? There are no good reasons for it. Just more big brother interference in the lives of U. S. citizens. Is anything sacred? Not even your own personal catch? He who buys the license, drives to the waters, baits the hook, casts the line and reels in the fish should be the one to enjoy the catch. Anything different than that is absurd. I could say more, but why? Isn't it just common sense? If not, then anything else I say will be meaningless to the reader. Respectfully, Dana Martin | Sugar Land, TX, 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:24:33 | Mabry Robins | mabrytrobins2austin.rr.com | This an abomination of our fisheries. | Lago Vista, TX 78645 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:24:53 | Bryan Williams | lsuwilliams@gmail.com | Sector separation is not the answer to your problems. Please employ the use of current, relevant, and scientific data in your decision making process. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:25:08 | Philip E. Breaux | philip@mecom.cc | Charter Boats are a commercial operation and their fishing quota's should be attributed the commercial fishery. | Lake Charles, LA 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:26:31 | Harold Eubanks | eubankshm@aol.com | Not Fair to all usa people | Houston Texas | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 13:27:09 | Kevin Lawrence | kclawrence8@hotmail.com | Please reject the sector separation, it in no way will help the fishery in our state. | Saint Amant | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:27:13 | Mark Stephen Giroir | biggshrimp@aol.com | I am asking you to please reject this amandment 39. Please just leave it as it is. Thanks Mark S Giroir | LaPlace, LA. 70068 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:27:22 | james johnson | jjohnson2049@sbcglobal.net | I vote no for the seperation and or dividing up fisheries. What will the Feds do next???? | dayton, TX. 77535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:27:33 | Burt Jebousek | bjebousek@yahoo.com | Reject seperation. | Austin, Tx 78737 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:28:44 | Joe Seltz | jcseltz@aol.com | Please reject sectoe seperation. Recreational anglers should not be short changed. | 77384 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:29:46 | jeremy kauffman | icheckmyspray86@yahoo.com | seperating anglers into different sectors is the worst idea ever and it is in my opinion is a ploy to allow charter/ commerical fishers to haul in more fish by paying off n putting money into dirty greedy blood sucking politicians pockets who will do anything for a buck. leave the fisheries to the experts whom are now doing the best job in the history of the gulf coast in managing and growing the numbers of sport fish avaiable year in and year out. Please do not approve the seperation of anglers. | texas city, tx, 77590 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:29:56 | Julia Lucksinger | julw@hotmail.com | Thank you, Julia Lucksinger | Katy, TX 77494 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:30:07 | Albert Lujan | Albert.lujan@exhibitplant.com | This is absurd...Either someone is not thinking, or they are on their way to the bank. | Houston, Texas 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:30:28 | THOMAS ARCHER | thomas.p.archer@gmail.com | Completely unfair to take what little catch rights us recreational anglers have. We already can only catch two red snapper per trip for a six week season...add that amberjack season closes the day red snapper season opens. It is obvious to those who can put 2 and 2 together to see that this was ultimately the next step. The regulations point that private recreational anglers with boats are trying to be ran out from fishing offshore. Do you all realize the impact that will have on coastal cities AND boat companies? It's a ripple effect. | Houston, TX, 77079 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:31:04 | Howard B. Bolton | beehoward@cox.net | It is ridiculous to have separate regulations and limits for classes of fishermen. | Baton Rouge, La. 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:31:10 | Stephen Schwartz | svs2@charter.net | I have a camp w/boats for the summer. Government should stay out my recreation. I fish to get away from all the regulations and insanity of a bruracy in businss. This is just another senseless measure to infringe on peoples freedom. | Mandeville, La 70471 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:31:16 | elo myers | elomm@suddenlink.net | vote no to sector seperation. | willis,tx 77318 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:31:22 | Elizabeth Gail Mullinax | emullinax@grandecom.net | Please reject the separation of dividing recreational anglers into two sectors. | Corpus Christi, TX 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:31:25 | Richard Andrew Kanost | akanost@hotmail.com | We recreational anglers pay the taxes and fees that maintain our resources. I do not want the resources I have paid to maintain to be handed over to a for-profit venture of any kind. | Galveston, TX 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:32:07 | Aaron Thomison | wthomison@aol.com | to much gov. in our fishing let up | Round Rock | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:32:49 | russell godwin | rusltn@aim.com | to divide fish resources or give fish resources from the rec. fisher to the for hire is a bad idea that would force sale/abanden boats and their sale which would reduce the tax income and reduce the sale of license for fishing which would put a greater burden on the fish management of said resources and force many fishermen to fish ilegally for what is now normal regulated fishing. Rethink your assinine quest. | katy texas 77449 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:33:07 | Walter Sayers | bubbasayers@gmail.com | The government needs to leave the fishermen alone. Do your job and fix the government . | College Station, Texas 77845 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:33:10 | Sonny Orillion | sorillion@hotmail.com | Defeat this proposal. It stinks. | 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:33:53 | J.B. Davenport | jbdavenport@sbcglobal.net | Do not allow. | Matagorda, Texas, 77457 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:34:18 | Thomas Solari | tsolari@woodleywilliams.com | I am very much against any "sector seperation" which divides the recreational quota between the private recreational angler and the charter boat industry. 1) Charter boats are a commercial enterprise and any "sector seperation" should require the commercial fisherman and the charter boat industry to share the commercial quota leaving the recreational quota to true private recreational fisherman who take the least from the resource while putting the most dollars back in the community. 2) I fish out of Cameron LA. There are ZERO charter boats operating out of Cameron for red snapper. Yet, my ability to catch fish will depend on how much of the quota is left after it is split up between the charter fleets in Destin, Orange Beach and Port Aransas. The fish I am fishing for have nothing to do with the fish being caught in these areas, but I can't fish in a healthy area of the Gulf because of the fishing pressure elsewhere. 3) The snapper fishing is better than it has ever been. So much so that the season gets shorter and the number of fish is reduced each year, not because there are too few fish but because the fish are so big, the pound quota is reached sooner and with fewer fish. Instead of touting this as a sucess story, the Managment Counsel apparently continues claim the fishery is in crisis because to claim success would mean funding cuts and lay-offs Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done and leave use alone. Thanks. | Lake Charles, LA 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:35:02 | WILLIAM BRYSON | wildbill347LA@att.net | ARE YOU PEOPLE OUT OF YOUR MINDS? This is the most ridiculous proposal I have ever heard from "supposedly" educated people with the public interest in mind. How can you cow-tow to the charter fishing industry like this? There can't be ANY logical basis for this proposal other than greed and/or self-interest. SCRAP THIS IDEA!!!!!!! | LACOMBE | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:35:20 | J. T. Dibble, PhD | Dibblejt@att.net | This seems like bad policy. The fish do not distinguish who catches them, and it perpetuates an us vs. them division. It could also be viewed as a subsidy or protection for the for profit fishers. Recreational fishers spend more money (and taxes) per pound of fish. | Spring, TX 77386 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:35:22 | Roque | bsg@bizlaredo.rr.com | I believe that sector separation of the fish for different groups is a very dumb and irresponsible idea. LEt think a lot more about this decision. Roque Hines | Laredo, Texas 78041 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:35:35 | mike golla | clearview-1@sbcglobal.net | Reject separation, | tx | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:35:43 | Ray Roberson | ray_roberson@att.net | I am against dividing any fish quota's between any groups without sound reasons and a benefit to the individual sport angler. There are already unfair limits on red snapper for us anglers!! | La Porte TX, 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:36:11 | Bradley Thomas Haygood | bhgood@hotmail.com | Please vote against Sector Separation. | Houston, TX 77009 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:36:16 | marc wulf | marc_wulf@dell.com | g | san antonio texas 78261 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:36:31 | Rod C Keller Jr | rod.keller@gmail.com | Making a decision to allow commercial anglers to harvest more gamefish and fund the increase in allowed catch by reducing the allowed catch from recreational anglers is wrong. If you want to protect our fisheries | Austin, TX 78738 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:37:18 | Bill Mullinax | bmullinax@carnestimes.com | This has got to be one of the most brain dead ideas I've ever heard of; it is a big take away for recreational anglers and offers them nothing but more harrassment. GYHOOYAAT!!! | Corpus Christi, TX 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:37:26 | john w. paul | jp46832@gmail.com | If I understand this amendment, the plan is to sector the fishing into commercial and recreational and allocate between the two groups for all reef fish; I do not like this proposal and ask that it be dropped; in fact, the fishery management and council is dominated by commercial interests and I am advocating transferring the entire fishery management over to USFW and out of the commerce department--which has done a totally unsatisfactory job of managing our fishery resources. John Paul Lumberton, Tx | Lumberton, tx 77657 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:37:48 | DALE MADDOX JARVIS | dale@scott-electric.com | To hopefully someone with common sense, I have fished for nearly five decades inshore and offshore along the texas coast. Over the years i have witnessed good and bad things from regulations. The feds need to pull there heads out of their asses and do the right things to protect the recreational anglers rights. The destruction of near shore oil rigs is one way the feds are decimating a proven rich marine ecosystem. I don't see how these idiots can conjure up there regulations to benefit everyone, so they are trying to screw the recreational angler. The majority of us work for a living and only get to fish on our boats on the weekends. When it comes to going offshore we are also limited to mother nature. I believe the majority of boaters have boats less than 25' long so we average around ten trips a year. That is 20 red snapper per angler in federal waters if the season was year round, but it's not. I could go on and on so e-mail me back and i will do what i can to help. Please reject the current fisheries separations proposal. | CORPUS CHRISTI TEXAS, 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:38:42 | Michael | Langlianis | Thanks Mike Langlinais | Youngsville, LA 70592 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:38:45 | Milton Sayre Holcombe | Miltonholco@aol.com | It is not a smart idea to take away from the segment of the sport that supports it and give to those who profit from it. PLEASE REJECT SECTOR SEPERATION!!!!!!! | Ridgeland, MS 39157 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:39:35 | James Gordon Faulk | gfaulk69@gmail.com | Please allow me to add my name to those opposing the division of recreational quotas into segregated categories. Whether I charter or haul my own boat, I still contribute to the overall demand on the fisheries. By the way, I catch and release either way also. Let's not further complicate a complicated situation. Thank you for letting me comment. Gordon Faulk | Autaugaville, AL 36003 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:40:25 | Thomas Robertson | Deltapilot767@att.net | How about going to a tag system. When you purchase a fishing license you get so many tags to catch fish. Then after the tags are used up you can purchase more tags from the state or other fisherman that haven't used theirs. Then you will know how many fish are actually being caught. You could have reef fish tags, inshore tags etc..... | Moss point, MS, 39563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:40:50 | Larry D Johnson` | ljohnso1@stx.rr.com | Please reject the separation. It is absolute nonsense! | Corpus Christi | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:41:29 | jonathan handy | jhandy@austin.rr.co, | Why does the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council continue to hurt the recreational fisherman? In my opinion, you are being bought off buy the commercial fisherman. Additionally, I believe you are just like the a&^holes in Washington DC. You have a hidden agenda (class warfare) and continue to find ways to make the little person (boat owners - those with) fight against the other little person (non-boat owners - those without). I am unsure what the goal is but it is clear to me that as a government agency you want to keep your jobs by making more rules and pitting those who have an interest in the same resource chose sides. Government is supposed to be equal and fair for all people. If you pass this rule, your actions will not be what this country was founded on. | austin, texas, 78759 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:41:36 | Steve Lark | slark@centurytel.net | Do not allow sector seperation it is a bad idea! | grand coteau | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:42:00 | Thomas E. poche' | tpoche@shelfenergy.com | Please protect the rights of anglers to continue as it is now. Separation and limits to recreational anglers does not make sense. When I charter a fishing boat they are held by the same limits as recreational anglers. They just have more people in the boat. If anything limit the charter boats as they catch the majority of the fish. They are professionals. | 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:42:51 | Melvin P. Crissey | crisseym@sbcglobal.net | Separating recreational anglers into two sectors, those who own their own boat and fish from it and, those who own charter boats and for hire boats, i.e. guides. The charter boat owners and for-hire boat owners getting an exclusive portion of the recreational fishing just for their own, at no cost, will surely destroy the angling for those of us who don't make money from fishing. Each time that I go to the Gulf to fish in saltwater, which is about 6 to 7 times per year, I have calculated that I spend approximately \$350 in the local economy. That is at least \$1,800 annually. Multiply that by thousands to account for all of the other recreational anglers who do the same in the Gulf fishing towns for the economic impact we have. What the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is proposing is to virtually assure that recreational anglers will disappear from the Gulf. Shame on all of you. How ridiculous is your thinking. LTC (Ret) Melvin P. Crissey, San Antonio, TX. | San Antonio, TX 78247 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:42:52 | Victor Huerta | vichuerta@grandcom.net | Separation is a BAD IDEA!!! Please do not pass this. | Corpus Christi Tx 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:42:58 | Gerald Pullen | jcprbp@gmail.com | Thank You | Beverly Hills, FL 34465 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:43:02 | Rex Goodman | rexgoodman@sbcglobal.net | I encourage the rejection of the Gulf separation program. Please stop putting the recreational fishermen into a continual second class category!! Sector separation is a horrible idea and takes away from the recreational fisherman who contributes much more to the fishery than any other sector! Sounds like Obama Care with the fishing industry! | Missouri City, TX 77459 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:43:15 | Daniel B Barden | dbbarden@mindspring.com | As usual the government wants to tax us at outrageous rates and redistribute our hard earned and paid for assets to others. This is another bad idea which reduces our rights as set forth by our forefathers and founders of the constitution. They are taking away our freedoms and independence little by little, year by year. | Boerne, TX 78006 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:43:21 | James Nardone | jimmardone@gmail.com | Vote no on sector separation its a bad idea ! | Houston, TX 77019 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:44:12 | Ronald A Gabler | gabler@swbell.net | If it ain't broke, don't fix it, and it AIN'T BROKE!!!! SECTOR SEPARATION IS A BAD IDEA. | Houston, TX 77083 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:44:14 | BUCK SPARKS | buck@americanhydrosupply.com | PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS THANKS | NEW ROADS, LA70760 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:44:30 | Chris Francis | cfrancis@excelfirepro.com | I am against sector separation. It is a bad idea based on bad information. | Opelousas, LA 70570 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:44:55 | ryan annoot | ryan.annoot@yahoo.com | i strongly oppose the sector segregation that is currently being proposed. | fulshear, tx 77441 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:44:56 | Dr. James D. Sandefur | optla@bellsouth.net | I am opposed to sector separation. It has no conservation value and has not had sufficient study. Please vote against it. Thank You | Oakdale, La. 71463 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:45:03 | Q E Kingery | 13specialk@embarqmail.com | Please reject the separation of fish takes in the Gulf of Mexico. | Punta Gorda, FL 33950 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:45:04 | Carl F. Immore | cfimmore@att.net | Private recreational fishing is one of the few things a normal retired person (I am retired) can afford on a regular basis. Please do not limit or take away this freedom. | Pearland, Tx. 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:45:08 | Steven N Jones | Stevejones21@aol.com | Please do not enact/allow sector separation. The daily catch limits should be per sportsman regardless of their status. In this case equality equals fairness. Thank you. Steve Jones. | Pearland, TX, 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:45:28 | steve fernandez | steven@adlync.com | I vote no for sector separation. | friendswood | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:46:05 | Corey Rome | coreyrome@hotmail.com | Reject Sector Separation in the Gulf of Mexico | Luling, LA 70070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:46:10 | Jimmie J. Schexnayder | jschex@kaplantel.net | Sector separation I have serious concerns with the current concept know as "sector separation". As a recreational sportsman I understand the potential that this has to seriously decrease funding to state fisheries and state based conservation programs. I hope the Gulf Council agrees that this concept is the wrong direction to take. | Kaplan, LA 70548 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:46:12 | dwight pugh | ddpugh@hotmail.com | do not seperate fishermen...who's brother-in-law is a charter fisherman ? | alvin, tx 77511 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:46:35 | John Barry Fry | barryfry@mail.com | Please do not divide recreational anglers into 2 sections in the Gulf. | Bay City, Texas, 77414 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:46:45 | Len Kahle | lenk41@verizon.net | Please no sectional fishing. Do not split recreational anglers with commercial charte fisherman. Len Kahle | plano TX 75025 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:46:49 | ed ercanbrack sr. | I_ercanbrack@msn.com | dear sirs; please reject separation. it will not work, or help our gulf fisheries. as a fisherman with 40 years on the water, i have seen a steady decline in the number of fish in our gulf waters. i believe that reducing the daily bag limit and reducing the size limit on ALL game fish would help increase the number of fish in our gulf waters. regards, ed ercanbrack sr. sinton texas. | sinton texas 78387 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:47:22 | Thomas B. Rodino | tomrodino@att.net | There is no justification for the proposed separation. I own only a kayak ... sometimes uses that ... sometimes go with private boat owners ... sometimes with professional guides. It makes no sense at all to try to separate recreational fishermen into differnet categories. | Bayview, TX 78566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:47:26 | Gibbs L. Warley Jr. | gibbswarley@sbcglobal.net | Keep the Gulf open to private Recreational anglers. | Richmond,Tx 77406 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:48:24 | Felix Murillo(Jim) | jimmurillo@hotmail.com | Reject seperation. | Crosby Texas, 77532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:48:33 | Walker smith | Smith.walker@sbcglobal.net | In no way should this be considered; it is ridiculous to think that it would be a good idea | Harlingen, TX 78550 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:48:53 | Samuel E Caldwell | sam@samcaldwell.com | If this change is implemented, 25 years of progress in offshore conservation will be destroyed overnight. I have no idea of the inner workings of the Gulf Council, but this smells of political cronyism, rather than any attempt to enhance the Gulf's resources. I hope this sudden and drastic change goes down in defeat, and the 'experts' who have promoted it find themselves unemployed. | Kingwood, TX 77339 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:48:54 | Alexander W. Maass | amaass@maassflange.com | I do not think that Sector Separation is acceptable in any way or fashion. | Houston, TX 77092 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/7/2012 13:48:55 | Dr. James R. Dunn | james.dunn@mgccc.edu | <p>I'm opposed to dividing an already small quota of fish resources, like red snapper and Greater Amberjack, between the recreational and charter boat industry. Although this separation might have some benefit to our charter boat operators, I can't see much advantage provided to the recreational sector.</p> <p>Shortening an already curtailed red snapper season and reducing catch limits further, for instance, could depress the purchase of blue water boats and related accouterments. This wouldn't help Gulf marine economies. Being able to catch only small number of red snapper during a short, 40 day season is bad enough, without further subdividing what is already a miniscule quota.</p> <p>For these wild fish stocks to really be protected from exploitation, they should be designated as gamefishes, therefore banning their harvest by the commercial sector. Otherwise, you risk these species following in the path of the passenger pigeon, great Auk, Atlantic Codfish and very nearly our American Bison. Whenever a wild stock is harvested for profit, it's numbers always plummet. Thank Heaven there's no commercial largemouth bass and deer season or there wouldn't be any of those species left either. I guess we'll never learn. jim dunn</p> | gautier, ms 29553 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:49:02 | Chad Nolan | cnolan5@tigers.lsu.edu | Reject separation! | Denham Springs, LA, 70726 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:49:07 | R. A. Smith | pappy_smith@att.net | do not give away MY ACCESS TO FISHING, OR ADD NEW LAWS LIMITING MY RIGHTS as now regulated | 77530 | |
| 8/7/2012 13:49:08 | Tim Kane | tkane@epcoco2.com | Please do not allow this to happen. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:49:21 | Dennis Loth | l.uv.tofishandhunt@hotmail.com | I disagree with separation, all should be available for all concerned. | Fredericksburg, Tx 78624 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:49:21 | Larry W. Hall Sr. | lwh123@att.net | I fish recreationally often and pay boat registrations, License Tax/fishing,trailer/auto and buy many fishing related items such as tackle, boats and ect. i do not support any Amendment 39 are sector separation. The current laws are fine and dont need a bunch of non sportsmen deciding this issue. | Waller Tx 77484 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:49:32 | travis blount | travis.blount@spawglass.com | we do not need any one trying mto change mthe way we fish | san antonio,texas 78259 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:49:36 | Randy Edwards | edwards.randy@gmail.com | <p>As a long-time private recreational fisherman, and as a fishery scientist with over 40 years of professional experience... I strongly support sector separation between private anglers and for-hire (for-profit) sectors.</p> <p>As it stands now, we have no idea of how much of the allowed recreational catch is taken by private, individual fishermen, compared to that which is taken for profit by the for-hire sector. My experience tells me that the for-hires are taking the lion's share of the allowable catch.</p> <p>Without sector separation, we will never know for sure.</p> <p>However, sector separation should not involve separation of allocation, unless it is done conservatively. By conservatively, I mean that a very large portion of the allocation should NOT be given to the for-hire sector, just because they claim that their sector is of greater economic value and impact.</p> <p>Many problems with fisheries being fished at rates that are greater than sustainable are probably due to the large take by the for-hire sector.</p> <p>To immediately allocate a large share to the for-hire sector will perpetuate these problems, and will do so at the expense of the private, individual recreational fishermen -- who in any true analysis will almost surely be found to have much greater economic impact -- AND -- political clout over the long run.</p> <p>YES, separate, but NO, do not give away recreational fisheries on the basis of profitability for a few individuals.</p> | Bradenton, FL 34208 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 13:49:42 | Gary Little | REDDRUM401@GMAIL.COM | DO NOT SEPERATE THE FISHERIES IN THE GULF THE PROFESSIONALS TAKE MORE THAN THEIR SHARE NOW | LEAGUE CITY TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:49:54 | Herman Taylor | jr_herman82@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. This should be rejected upon the next vote. I vote to Reject separation | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:50:34 | Lana R Shelton | Lshelton@sheltonsplumbing.com | <p>I want to voice my opinion against the proposed split regulations and fish limits between recreational anglers and commercial anglers. All Texans should have the same fishing guidelines and regulations!</p> <p>Sincerely, Lana Shelton</p> | 76542 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:50:56 | jeanne newberry | jeanne_newberry@dell.com | The sector separation is not a good idea for our coastline as it may negatively impact our recreational tourism industry. | austin, tx 78704 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:51:00 | Kenneth Trochta | bigguy76@sbcglobal.net | not another bad law. this would effectively kill conservation efforts by all the sportsmen that have worked for years to bring back the fisheries in our respective states. | El Campo, TX, 77437 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:51:05 | Peter Violand | pedrov23@gmail.com | Let it be known that I reject the current plan to create separate sector fisheries. | AUSTIN | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:51:07 | bobby hester | thatbman9@aol.com | As a weekly fisherman and disabled vet, I am very disturbed that a private business owner would be allowed more fish than I myself am allowed. I fought in wars for this country please don't take my fish away from me. I love the great outdoors and thats a big reason that I joined the marines and served our country to the best of my ability until I was medically discharged. I have enough problems without businessmen and women getting involved in how many fish I can catch. There are many more average fishermen out there than commercial or charter fishermen. I have slowly seen a decline in the fish limit and now it may be affected again so that business people can make more money at America's expense. | vidor | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:51:17 | Charles Vincent Kardos | mbkardos@gate.net | Sector separation is a bad idea and I hope, that you will vote, to reject separation. I am a lifelong resident and private recreational angler with two boats. I, my sons and now 16 month-old grandson would like to be afforded, the same pleasures as commercial charter operations. | Brooksville, Fl 34610 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:51:31 | Yura Galvez | ymgalvez1969@gmail.com | Please vote against sector separation of private and charter/headboat for-hire fishermen. | San Antonio, TX 78250 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:51:36 | ed ercanbrack sr. | I_ercanbrack@msn.com | dear sirs; please reject separation. it will not work, or help our gulf fisheries. as a fisherman with 40 years on the water, i have seen a steady decline in the number of fish in our gulf waters. i believe that reducing the daily bag limit and reducing the size limit on ALL game fish would help increase the number of fish in our gulf waters. | sinton texas 78387 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:51:37 | Gary Maly | gmaly@sbcglobal.net | Please do not divide the recreational anglers. Recreational anglers put millions of dollars into the economy every year. | Houston TX 77070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:52:00 | Kirby Gauthier | kirby2145@internet8.net | Please reject Sector separation, on behalf of the private fishermen! | Basile | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:52:17 | Chris Bilar | chris.bilar@verizon.net | These fish belong to the residence of Florida first. | Lithia FL 33547 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:52:56 | Leddie Davis | captaintrout@hotmail.com | I oppose the ratification of Amendment 39 - Sector Separation | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:53:08 | Bill Skinner | billskinner@sbc gloobal.net | Need Your Help | Conroe Texas 77385 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:53:25 | Tommy J Littlefield | trappertom@me.com | Pleas vote no on sector separation. | Hondo,Tx,78861 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 13:54:49 | Stephen Eugene Tanner | helisales@aol.com | <p>NO! I've said this time and again - the people who are making these sorts of decisions have ZERO idea what is actually going on in the Gulf of Mexico!</p> <p>Follow a "Snapper Boat" around for a couple of days and count the HUNDREDS of "under sized" Red Snappers thrown back to become a banquet for predators - they ALL die, in pursuit of the "Legal" fish.</p> <p>Walk the Beach in Matagorda opening day of Shrimping Season, and see the literally MILLIONS of "by-catch" thrown overboard. Immature Flounder, Speckled Trout, Reds, you name it - if it's not on the Shrimpers Tag - over it goes, to be eaten by crabs and birds on the Beach.</p> <p>It is simply Criminal - yet these self-same people who ignore the harm done by "Commercial" fishermen are now once again targeting the Sports Fishermen, the VERY PEOPLE WHO REBUILT THE GULF OF MEXICO after it was decimated by overfishing by "Commercial" fishermen.</p> <p>For SHAME!!!</p> <p>Stephen Eugene Tanner Phone: 979-358-0613</p> | East Bernard, Texas 77435 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:55:41 | Monty hodges | monty.hodges@att.net | vote no | shiner, tx 77984 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:56:23 | Thomas Gaines Zarzour | tgzarzour@gmail.com | <p>Please REJECT separation. This is a horrible idea.</p> <p>As a long-time private recreational fisherman, and as a fishery scientist with over 40 years of professional experience... I strongly support sector separation between private anglers and for-hire (for-profit) sectors.</p> <p>As it stands now, we have no idea of how much of the allowed recreational catch is taken by private, individual fishermen, compared to that which is taken for profit by the for-hire sector. My experience tells me that the for-hires are taking the lion's share of the allowable catch.</p> <p>Without sector separation, we will never know for sure.</p> <p>However, sector separation should not involve separation of allocation, unless it is done conservatively. By conservatively, I mean that a very large portion of the allocation should NOT be given to the for-hire sector, just because they claim that their sector is of greater economic value and impact.</p> <p>Many problems with fisheries being fished at rates that are greater than sustainable are probably due to the large take by the for-hire sector.</p> <p>To immediately allocate a large share to the for-hire sector will perpetuate these problems, and will do so at the expense of the private, individual recreational fishermen -- who in any true analysis will almost surely be found to have much greater economic impact -- AND -- political clout over the long run.</p> <p>YES, separate, but NO, do not give away recreational fisheries on the basis of profitability for a few individuals.</p> | Spanish Fort, Alabama, 36527 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:56:49 | Randy Edwards | edwards.randy@gmail.com | <p>YES, separate, but NO, do not give away recreational fisheries on the basis of profitability for a few individuals.</p> | Bradenton, FL 34208 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |

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| 8/7/2012 13:58:07 | Robert E. Fondren | rfondren@trenddevelopment.com | <p>Dear Council Member(s),</p> <p>I am writing to express my opposition to your consideration of dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The concept of the Council taking some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally giving it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own is a bad idea which will ultimately benefit a few businesses at the detriment of all recreational anglers.</p> <p>These select businesses would receive a tremendous benefit at no cost to themselves but at a cost to all recreational anglers with no tangible conservation benefit.</p> <p>The manner in which proponents and NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations has drawn the opposition of many people and organizations including myself.</p> <p>Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. I respectfully request you not support this poorly thought out idea.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Robert E. Fondren CCA Board Member IGFA Board Member</p> | Houston, Texas 77056 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:58:59 | RONALD EDDINS | ron@newsouthwestla.com | <p>Please vote against sector separation at the next gulf council meeting this is a bad as well as unfair measure</p> <p>Thank You Ron Eddins</p> | DeQUINCY | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:59:03 | Margaret Sembera | pssembera@gmail.com | Stop the regulations that limit us private anglers already. Vote against separation! | Freeport, TX 77541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:59:04 | Alan Furnish | bigtrout@earthlink.net | Vote against sector separation | 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 13:59:06 | Terry Gatlin | terrygatlin@gmail.com | I am opposed to the idea of Sector Separation for any reason, if I were to support any such idea it would be in favor of private sector vs commercial. This whole idea has NO merit whatsoever and is one of the dumbest idea I have ever heard of. I do not fish in the GOM but nor do I feel any agency or council should have any such authority or nerve to even propose such an idea. The only reason something like this has even been considered is someone stands to profit and I think the Fishery Management Council should be investigated. | Crestview Fl, 32539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:00:05 | Dean Schellhase | dschellhase@eatel.net | Please reject sector separation regarding fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. Segregating the recreational angler from the "for-hire" charter captain serves no purpose in conservation of the targeted species. It only further burdens and restricts the freedoms of the recreational angler. Effort should be put on conservation of the fisheries and not on picking special interest to benefit from this natural resource. | Prairieville, LA 70769 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:00:08 | Lynn Sembera | lwsembera@gmail.com | Vote against Gulf separation. | Freeport, TX 77541 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 14:00:09 | Juan E Ozuna Jr | juanozuna@satx.rr.com | Please REJECT Sector Separation regarding the Gulf of Mexico Fishery!!! Juan | 78130 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:00:14 | Craig Mitchell | craigmkrep@earthlink.net | We are over regulated NOW! There are more and bigger Snapper in the Gulf now than I have seen in over 20 years. It is time to back off and loosen up the Regulations. | Spring, TX 77379 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:00:15 | Jose G. Cavazos | wallycavazos@sbcglobal.net | If your interest is in conserving fish numbers these guys take many more than we do. WE are already limited to a few fish. Limit us more and the sport fisherman will quit costing a great number of individuals a bunch of income from less hotel and fishing supplies revenue. | McAllen, Tex 78504 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:00:33 | Larry Phelps | reddognsdq@gmail.com | Please don't pass this unnecessary and unwanted regulation. Fishermen are all in favor of regulations that bear fruit for the environment or for our conservation efforts. This does neither. | Belton, Texas 76513 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:01:12 | Ryan Williams | Ryan_williams@us.afac.com | Sector separation has taken no real data into account with concerns of long term effects on Louisiana's fisheries. It is my opinion that this amendment be totally removed. | Baton Rouge, LA 70816 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:02:09 | Mark A. Malacord | pocfisherman@aol.com | Sirs: Reject separation of the fishery in the Gulf of Mexico. | Richmond, Texas 77406 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:03:05 | Terrill Hooks | thooksntex@gmail.com | Separation of recreational anglers? Really? That is the most egregious misuse of power you have ever demonstrated. Recreational anglers, whether they are paying for their own equipment, fuel, bait and associated costs of fishing or are paying a premium for someone else to take them in order to avoid all of the responsibilities of boat ownership are still recreational anglers. To award those who choose to avoid the responsibility of boat ownership a lion's share of the catch is preposterous. You are placing a de facto tax on private boat ownership. While making charter operators and their lobbyists very happy you will eventually be making another sector of the equation feel the pain in their pockets. Who employs more people; boat manufacturers and retailers or charter operators? | Spring, TX 77382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:03:37 | Tom J. Miller | tomiller@cebridge.net | Private recreational anglers are a significant part of the fishing community. We are interested in keeping the activity a part of the family entity that will provide for a positive future for all of us. Tom Miller | Montgomery, Tx. 77356 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:04:46 | Jacob Flint Braddy | Fbraddy@gmail.com | Don't try to fix what isn't broke! The government has their hands in too much stuff as it is, go fix something that really is an issue! The purpose of this e-mail is to urge the GoM Fishery Management Council to reject the proposal of Amendment 39, sector separation. The amendment has the potential of greatly limiting the opportunities of recreational fishermen while having no impact on overall fish conservation. | Corpus Christi, 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:04:54 | Andrew O'Neill | awoneilltx@att.net | Thank you for considering this request. Regards, Andy O'Neill | 77055 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:04:57 | James C Towers | jctowers@jcti.biz | Please vote against the proposal dividing of the recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. This is a form of discrimination and therefore should be illegal. | Port Alto, TX, 77979 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:05:04 | Clint Tetrick | superwash51@yahoo.com | How could you think about voting for the separation. Think about the boat dealer, marinas, and other businesses that would be affected. I like to fish from my boat and not with a guide. Don't take our rights to fish away! | Osyka, MS 39657 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 14:05:08 | Roger Daniel Cook | danny.cook@lusfiber.net | Sector separation is a bad idea. I don't want any of my rights as a fisherman changed by a new law. | Lafayette, La. 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:05:14 | Ryan Elliott | Rpelliot@sbcglobal.net | Reject sector separation. | Pearland, Texas, 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:05:43 | Michael Rachhunek | michaelrchnk60@gmail.com | I say NO! To sector seperation. | Angleton, Texas 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:05:59 | Jackie Borchgrevink | barkawink@gmail.com | I reject sector separation. I do not see any tangible conservation benefits for this course of action. | Metairie LA 70002 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:06:07 | Anthony J Deptula | ajdept@gmail.com | <p>I am against the Gulf Council dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats with the intention of the Gulf Council taking some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally giving it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish.</p> <p>I am totally against this action and seriously question the actions of the Gulf Council as being biased towards a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats. What other reason would you have for even considering this action except to possibly receive some sort of compensation or benefits from the businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats.</p> <p>I urge you as a private angler who enjoys fishing every week in the waters of the Gulf to reject this action and be on the side of the private anglers like myself.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration to do what is right for a majority of the private anglers who use the Gulf for pleasurable fishing rather than receiving payments from the people that hire the charter and for-hire boats.</p> | Houston, Tx 77059 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:06:18 | Patrick Ryan Finkbohner | rfinkbohner@ccsusa.biz | A quota system that covers annual catches on all fish species is a recipe for disaster. Further limiting recreational creel limits and giving those totals to commercial fisherman is wrong. If this were to take place within 0 days there will e a market for the selling of quotas which will inturn result in over fishing in specific areas. The government and its agencies need to leave this alone - imposing quotoas will result in a great deal of angst and discord. | Mobile, AL 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:06:52 | Dr. Bob Stewart | bob_stewart@louisiana.edu | I am not if favor of sector separation of fish take between private sport fishermen and charter (for hire) fishermen. It sounds like a very bad idea and creates adverse relationships not unlike the separation of NMFS and USFWS. It is a technically flawed concept and politically flawed as well. | Lafayette, LA 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:07:29 | Lauren Caltagirone | lauren@39online.com | I urge the Council to reject this concept. | Houston, TX 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:07:30 | William M Bell | willb311@gmail.com | This is a terrible idea please do not sector separation. Thank you | Sunset Valley, TX 78745 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:08:44 | Jeff Schneider | redfishflyfish@mac.com | Please don't divide the sectors Many of us have worked long and hard to preserve our critical fisheries stocks for present and future generations. It is a VERY BAD idea to separate the user groups for varying management policies. I also own a charter boat on the Atlantic Coast and would oppose any effort to do the same thing on those waters. Please give up any consideration of these potential policies. | Ponchatoula, La. 70454 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 14:09:22 | Brian Rasmussen | brian.rasmussen@allscripts.com | Please REJECT SECTOR SEPARATION!!! | Egan, LA 70531 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:09:22 | David Gonzalez | DGonzalez4u@aol.com | reject separation | Houston, TX 77095 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:09:27 | Don Grady Robinson | dongradyrobinson@me.com | I would be opposed to the proposed to the Reef Fish Amendment -39 Separation, whereby you propose to lump together recreational fishermen with commercial "Head-Boat" operators. That is profoundly unfair and does nothing for true conservation of the fishery in the Gulf of Mexico. Don Robinson CCA Member for 35 years Gulf Coast Fisherman for over 50 years. | Houston, Texas 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:09:44 | Kim Raymond | kraymond@plantmaintenances.com | This is ridiculous why would they even consider such a potential treat to the Gulf Coast fishery? | 77043 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:10:09 | frederick e shelton | fshelton@sheltonsplumbing.com | Quit removing the artificial reefs (oil platforms) And killing the habitat that sustains fish and we would not have a problem . You cant drop a line in the water and get past the red snapper to catch any other tpe of fish. Does anybody on the Gulf Coast Fisheries Council even fish. If they did they would know this. I have taken taken Terry Palmer from the Texas A&M Hart Institute (marine research) fishing ask him if the fisheries need managed that way. | killean Tx 76542 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:10:15 | Richard R Murphy Jr | rmurphy24@cox.net | Please do not pass the sector separation | Metairie LA 70003 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:10:25 | Justin Sonnier | jl_sonnier@yahoo.cOm | From my knowledge this is another decision that will be made without just reason or science behind it, just as the commercial/recreational separation. There has been no proof that this will benefit any species just as | Maurice, La 70555 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:10:37 | tony tassin | tony.tassin@pngaming.com | Please vote against this seperation!!! This is a terrible idea. Sincerely, Tony Tassin | prairieville, la 70769 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:11:19 | Charlie Bailey | charliebaileyiv@gmail.com | Please do not go forth with this seperation. | Mobile, AL 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:11:32 | Mike Burleigh | michaeldb@eatel.net | Sector separation is a bad idea. There are already too many rules and regulations that make it less and less enjoyable to spend a day on the water. Always worried that we may be breaking some obscure law or regulation. | Prairieville, LA. 70769 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:12:02 | Mark s angelloz | Markangelloz@gmail.com | Bad idea, I do not support it or any politician that allows it to happen. | 31030 hwy 77 grosse tete la 70740 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:12:06 | Mark s angelloz | Markangelloz@gmail.com | Bad idea, I do not support it or any politician that allows it to happen. | 31030 hwy 77 grosse tete la 70740 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:12:32 | Scott Sobolewski | scottsobo@gmail.com | Times are tough for charter/for-hire and headboat operators in the Gulf of Mexico. No one disputes that. Times are tough all over. But somehow, a small, vocal minority of operators has convinced the Gulf Council that they need extra help. They figured their lives would be a lot easier if someone would literally give them some of the recreational quota of red snapper and allow them to be one of the very few segments in America today with some stability in their businesses. This is a bad idea! | Apollo Beach, FL 33572 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 14:12:35 | Capt Dave Sipler | charter@captdives.com | Are you insane???? You're not Google! You're the damn government, and you work for "US". Not fish, but PEOPLE. Changing things on a whim is for Google, Not you, Leave well enough alone. You're screwing our brains out anyhow. And I won't even go into the Atlantic coast Snapper regs. | | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 14:14:28 | CECILDUNCAN | cecil-sharon@hotmail.com | YOUR PROPOSED SECTOR SEPARATION ON RED SNAPPER IS THE WORST IDEA YOU,VE COME UP WITH LATELY. | KATY,TX. 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:14:53 | Kelly Guth | kaguth@aol.com | Please reject separation that would divide recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. If we need to restrict limits for any reason - restrict for all as we all share the resources. One group is not more important than the other - think of the young fishermen/women that would be impacted. Thank you. | Santa Fe, TX 77510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:15:00 | Mark Douglas Neville | mark@villapark-sa.com | I do NOT agree with, "The Gulf Council considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors and then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish." Mark Neville | San Antonio | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:15:06 | Jerome A Gaudet | jgaudetaia@aol.com | Please do not adopt amendment 39--sector separation | Opeliusas, Louisiana, 70570 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:15:14 | Michael Smith | msmith1733@aol.com | Do not allow Amendment 39 - Sector Separation to make it through legislation it is not scientifically found and makes no sense can we please take a better look at fisheries management then coming up with sector separation as a way to conserve our fisheries. | 32953 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:15:38 | Wayne Johnson | wjohnson@sbcglobal.net | This section seperation is a very bad idea and I urge you to vote aganist such a proposal | Pleasanton texas 78064 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:15:48 | James Tomlin | jaydavidtom@aol.com | Keep the liberal bleeders out of the bays and Gulf | San Antonio texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:15:52 | Brent Fay | fishfay@cox.net | I am fully Opposed to Sector Separation!!!! Please vote against this monstrosity! Thank You Brent Fay | St. Rose LA 70087 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:16:14 | CHARLES G DELCOURE | moorefish@bellsouth.net | PLEASE REJECT THE SEPARATION OF RECREATIONAL AND CHARTER BOAT/FOR HIRE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT CHARLES G DELCOURE | BUSH, LA. 70431 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:16:15 | Patrick Raney | patr@gyrodata.com | I am AGAINST DIVIDING RECREATIONAL ANGLERS INTO TWO DISTINCT GROUPS (those who own there own boat, and those who hire a boat). We should vote together and equally on how the resources are made available. There is already enough fighting and division between commercial and private fisherman quotas and seasons, this will only create more infighting and hurt many others in the industry as well. It would also give an unfair advantage to the for hire boats much like in the case of commercial fisherman because they are more organized and have deeper pockets to lobby to those in power who make decisions on this type of thing. Those decisions should be based on what is best for the natural resource, not who has the stronger lobby for their own interests. | Cypress, TX 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:17:29 | Robert L Thomas | rthomas985@aol.com | | 1 Buras, LA 70041 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 14:17:48 | Joseph Keith Parker | keith.parker74@gmail.com | reject separation the fish are for everyone. | Alvin | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:17:49 | tommy lomonte | dr.tlomonte@sbcglobal.net | please reject the separation | stafford | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:18:14 | Michale Wayne Behrnes | born2huntbucks1@cox.net | I Michael Behrnes would like to vote to not separate the classes of recreational and charter fishermen. Why should we give up our rites to the same fish to someone who gets paid to fish? | Grosse Tete, La. 70740 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:18:25 | Randy K. Boyd | Rguitar@awesomenet.net | I am 100% against sector separation of fish in Texas waters. | Victoria, Tx 77905 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:18:53 | Randall Scott Guidry | randall.guidry@bakerhughes.com | Reject separation | Thibodaux,La., 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | Please provide all of us: recreational, and commercial fishing people with a logical and sustainable resource management method. Trying to invent a new approach such as separation by class creates a disadvantage for some and an undeserved benefit for others. | | |
| | | | There is no substitute for good conservation measures that can be sustained over the long term; such as fish size, catch limits, and probably even closures during spawning seasons. The separation idea is another "clever" sounding approach that will divide and/or alienate the fishing community and create new problems and few benefits for long term fisheries sustainability. | | |
| | | | Sincerely, | | |
| 8/7/2012 14:19:22 | Roger Dominguez | dominguez.roger@gmail.com | Roger Dominguez Tavernier, Florida Keys | Tavernier, FL 33070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:22:01 | chris b. gardner | cgardner105@bellsouth.net | i strongly oppose sector separation of available fishing quotas. can't imagine how this could be properly achieved, enforced, or what could be the benefits. | shreveport, la. 71119 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:22:14 | Yochabel Morris | coy.fish50@yahoo.com | I strongly oppose sector separation. | Edinburg, Texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:22:29 | chris b. gardner | cgardner105@bellsouth.net | i strongly oppose sector separation of available fishing quotas. can't imagine how this could be properly achieved, enforced, or what could be the benefits. | shreveport, la. 71119 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:22:29 | DAVID DIVINE | southland55,AOL | Do not separate | Ocala Florida 34475 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:22:51 | Merrick Wyble | wyblemj@bellsouth.net | Keep it like it is. | Opelousas, La. | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:22:51 | George Hunter Neblett | mobilefamily@hotmail.com | I oppose sector separation. | Tiki Island, TX 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:22:53 | Brenda Everts | MeMeEverts@aol.com | Certainly NO to Sector separation | Tiki Island, Tx 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 14:22:55 | Charles Borgeson | Clborgeson@gmail.com | Separation between carter businesses and recreational anglers is a terrible idea that makes no sense, except to the monied interests of a few, over the interests of the fisheries, the general public, and the long term maintenance of the fisheries. Stop this bad idea now. Charles Borgeson 512-585-7427 | Austn, TX. 78704 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:23:05 | chris b. gardner | cgardner105@bellsouth.net | i strongly oppose sector separation of available fishing quotas. can't imagine how this could be properly achieved, enforced, or what could be the benefits. | shreveport, la. 71119 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:23:49 | Randy A Ray | randyaray@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea in my opinion. | Georgetown, Tx 78628 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:24:22 | Alfred J Lynch | alynch1917@gmail.com | Please vote to reject this separation of recreational and charter fisherman. | Ruskin, FL 33570 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:24:26 | john e sorrells jr. | doebo@bellsouth.net | sector seperation is a bad idea | lake charles la. 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:24:30 | Ted M. Thayer | tthayer@austin.rr.com | I am a recreational agnler who has fished the Gulf of Mexico all my life. I am diametrically opposed to the sector separation concept in this bill. Please defeat it. | Buda, Texas 78610 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:25:10 | randy schoneman | barefootbanditcpt@gmail.com | No more Regulations let us fish! | Hudson Florida 34667 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 14:25:24 | Sara Kiser | sandckiser@aol.com | This amendment is outrageous! Please stop this ridiculous assault on the rights of recreational fisherman. This is one reason why the average person is now so cynical about government. | Lamont, FL 32336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:26:32 | donald w green | donaldwgreen.3600@hotmail.com | leave things as they are | hallettsville,tx 77964 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:27:07 | Michael J Madden | mikemadden1@msn.com | I do not support and expect you don't support the ammendment that gives those running businesses special / different access to fish over any others who wish to acquire those fish legally. | Seabrook, TX 77586 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:28:29 | James E Gebhart Jr | gebharj@gmail.com | There is no reason to remove fish volumes from recreational anglers and slot them for charter boats. It is the same resource being pursued by the same anglers. I believe in protecting our resources in ways that make sense. This does not make sense. | Houston, TX 77082 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:28:35 | wayne stanley keith | wayne@keithair.com | Sector separation is an incredibly bad idea. Vote no. | mobile,al,36605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:29:40 | rob Lippincott | rob@78704partners.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Please don't do it. | austin, tx, 78704 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:30:13 | Carrie Herpin Theard | carrie@keatyrealestate.com | Not for Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation Bad Bad Idea. | Lafayette, LA 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:30:53 | Stuart E Lewis | slew@airmail.net | As a life long fisherman and conversationalist, I ask that you reject the sector separation. In my opinion this vote to reject will help insure our marine life resources for future generations. | Houston, TX 77005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:30:54 | John Guillory | jakmg1984@gmail.com | please reject this seperation. | Kenner La. 70065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:30:59 | Frank L. Fishbeck | flfishbeck@prodigy.net | Sector seperation is a BAD Idea, plain and simple, Vote is down! | Alvin, TX 77511 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 14:31:25 | PAUL M LEBLANC JR | pmleblanc1@cox.net | Once again misguided politicians and officials are going to take something that works well for all, and SCREW IT UP! Haven't you people learned your lesson with the last four years, do you have to destroy everything you touch. | LULING, LA 70070-5058 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:31:52 | John Kautsch | jckautsch@yahoo.com | I strongly recommend that the Gulf Council reject sector separation. This is an issue that should be debated with input from the sport fisherman and not left to NOAA and other proponent to push through congress. | Alamo, Tx 78516 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:33:46 | Mack McKinney | mackniphe42@aol.com | There is absolutely no reason to divide fishermen, and fisherwomen, into sectors | Austin, Tx 78759 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:35:42 | Michael Stephen Connelly | mikeconnelly@live.com | I do not support this Gulf of Mexico reef fishing amendment! | Brandon, Florida 33511 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:36:17 | mike johnson | thejohnsons123@windstream.net | Please reject separation. | sugar land texas 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:36:21 | James D. Geyer | jimgeyer@wildblue.net | Please reject sector seperation. | Somerset, Texas, 78069 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:36:29 | Angela Fox Kasten | angelafox15@aol.com | recreational anglers keep getting screwed please let us keep more fish instead of the commercial guys who rape the water. | sarasota,Florida, 34231 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:36:34 | Scott jones | Scottj1290@gmail.com | I am writing to ask that you Please reject the separation of the fisheries, while I understand the desire to appease all constituents I disagree with the cost at which it is being obtained. This proposal makes no sense at all. There is no upside at the state or federal level as there are no fees taken in on this. It makes no sense to punish the law obiding sport fisher who is enjoying the freedom of the gulf coast. While investigating your decision I ask that you look at the number of voting sport fishers and compare to the number of private fishing charters. I think that you will quickly understand the impact you will infecting on the number of constituents in your district. Thank you for the consideration and time. | Mulberry, fl. 33860 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:36:43 | Lavinia Stembridge | Stembridgex2@verizon.net | Vote against sector separation. Not a good deal for recreational anglers! | Tampa, FL 33611 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:36:48 | George A Huye | hondo681@cox.net | Sector Seperation is another way to deprive recreational fishermen form gulf resources.We are sick of the way commercial interest control the Gulf Council. | Baton Rouge La. 70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:36:52 | alan noack | alannoack@msn.com | This is utterly ridiculous. I have been fishing the Gulf of Mexico all of my life and feel that the resources in the Gulf of Mexico belong to the people not businesses. If I recall correctly in the Constitution it states Government of the people for the people and by the people. This is a complete opposite of what our founding Fathers stood for. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:37:15 | Lonnie L. Miller IV | clopster@hotmail.com | The Gulf of Mexico and nearshore waters that are owned by the US and therefore are the property of the people of the US. The government is out of line auctioning this resource off to the highest bidder (whether for money or control). What has happened to "by the people and for the people"? Sounds like a somebody doesn't care about the peoples freedoms and rights! I'll stand for the freedoms I've enjoyed to be passed down to the generations to come! And may God's will be done! | Houston, TX 77241 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 14:37:27 | Keith Mott | kmajr@live.com | dont let the business take over another part of my recreation | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:37:45 | r.b. | boswhale3@aol.com | This is a bad idea | 77563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:38:02 | Lynn C Eads | lynneads@sbcglobal.net | No amendment needed. Supply And demand will prevail. | Corpus Christi TX 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 14:38:47 | Thomas D. Granger | Tgranger@occu-safe.com | Reject Separation! | Beoussard, LA 70518 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:39:06 | Dave Hoops | dphoops@gmail.com | PLEASE REJECT SEPERATION | Rio Hondo, TX 78583 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:39:48 | Robert C Hood | robt13@gt.rr.com | Pleaae reject Sector Separation and keep individual anglers whole on their share of our resources. | Orange, TX 77630 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:39:59 | Mark B. Morris | 87eeaggie@gmail.com | I urge you to defeat the measure that sections a portion of the total recreational fish allowed from the Gulf of Mexico to charter or for-hire fishing boat owners. This appears to me to be businesses (for hire and charter boats) getting something for nothing at the expense of the recreational fisherman who cannot afford to hire a boat/guide. | Sugar Land, TX 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:41:40 | Mike Schrader | rmschrader@gmail.com | I urge NOT to separate anglers into two categories. To do so without any studies as to the effects of such a division would be irresponsible and wreckless and also harm the fisheries in the Gulf Of Mexico. | Katy, Tx. 77494 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:41:46 | T. J. Casper | mariner52@sbcglobal.net | Please vote no! Boat manufacturing will take a lick if this is passed. More jobs lost due to regulation for for the few who can't figure out how to make a living unless they are given an unfair advantage. | Pearland, Tx. 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:42:36 | VIRGIL R MCGAHEE | VRMCGAHEE@SBCGLOBAL.NET | Reject seperation of recreation anglers from charter for hire anglers | PEARLAND, TX 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:42:37 | James C. Hammond | insfingr@aol.com | I am fully against separation and sectoring and ask that you defeat this issue. | Kemah, TX. 77565 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:42:38 | Richard L. Johnson | rljgj@hotmail.com | I am not in favor of sector seperation. Richard Johnson | Carrollton, TX, 75007 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:42:41 | Robert G Se Crosta Jr | decrosta jr@aol.com | The limits have been reduced, and the time to fish for certian offshore spiecec will reduce the willingness for recreational anglers to persue these special activities that we share with our children and friends. It will also reduce the income to help our fisheries industry maintain a healthy environment, not to mention the economic empact on boat sales and accessories. | Richm0nd Tx 77471 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:42:55 | BRIAN HOOPS | hoops@colorado.edu | reject separation. this is crazy | Montrose, CO 81401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:42:58 | Wayne E. OLiver | wayne_oliver@sbcglobal.net | Sector Separation is a very bad idea. With continous conservation efforts to keep the fisheries available to the recreational angler providing special favoritism to commercial operations sounds like bribery and is a slap in the face to responsible anglers who have supported efforts to keep a healthy environment to pass on to future generations of PRIVATE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS. | San Antonio, Texas 78218 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:43:47 | Rodney Blackman | blackmanrd@hotmail.com | Please do not seperate the recreational fishermen into two different sectors. | Dickinson, TX 77539 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 14:43:47 | Chris Crocker | ccrocker1313@aol.com | I'm a boat Dealer, OffShore Fishing Boat's Charter Boat Customer's are Recreational Anglers, they just can't afford the boat the go... This CCA stuff Is Bull Shit .. Again it's the Have's against the Have Not's .. I'm Pissed Chris Crocker Texas Sportfishing Yacht Sales 281-787-3783 cell 281-334-2000 office | Bacliff, TX 77518 | Other |

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| 8/7/2012 14:44:42 | W. Curtis Wilson, Jr. | wilsonwc@comcast.net | I am adamantly opposed to the Sector Separation proposal and urge its defeat. Such a change would be inconsistent with the fair use of our fishery. | Mobile, AL 36616 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:45:34 | William F. Jennings | b.jennings1@sbcglobal.net | No way should we divide up the fish limit between private anglers and Charter for hir. | The Woodlands, Texas 77381 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:46:54 | capt mitch coleman | mcoleman54@yahoo.com | i am opposed to sector separation | 32456 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 14:47:38 | Joseph P. Rotolo | jrotolo@iticcollege.edu | dont let this happen | Baton Rouge LA. 70817 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:47:55 | Ronald Luhn | ron_cab92@hotmail.com | please reject seperation !! | Brenham,tx 77833 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:48:14 | Timothy J Pellegrin | deepsouthgolfcars@yahoo.com | I am for rejection of sector separation. I think its a bad idea. | Metairie, La. 70003 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:48:37 | Jason M Robinson | seafox70@gmail.com | I urge you to vote against sector separation and at the same time increase our quota. The resent regulations are substantially impacting our ability to enjoy the Gulf of Mexico. Please consider our culture and values as coastal communities. | Saraland, Al | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:48:50 | Mark Clark | espanolabass@yahoo.com | Amendment 39 is a BAD IDEA. It makes no economic sense for anyone but a handful of fortunate operators. By catering to a very small segment of the Gulf reef fish fishery, the Council is apparently willing to shortchange the private boat angling sector that is many times larger and far more economically vibrant. NOAA'S OWN ECONOMIC STUDIES show that for the period 2009 to 2032, private boat recreational anglers will contribute \$9.1 billion of the value in the Gulf of Mexico shrimp and reef fish fisheries, followed by the commercial shrimp fishery at \$1.6 billion, and the recreational for-hire fishery at just \$0.83 billion. | The Woodlands, TX 77381 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:49:26 | jack westbrook | fishfearme1@hotmail.com | Just anoter bad idea. Wish you would leave my right to fish alone | oil city la 71061 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:49:33 | Carl Beier | carlbeier@yahoo.com | I do not agree with sector seperation this is a resource that should be shared equally | New Orleans La. 70129 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:50:34 | Rick Luddeke | ricktheroofer8@yahoo.com | Please say NO to seperation Thanks Rick | San Antonio, Texas,78249 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:51:31 | Jason law | Jlaw1899@yahoo.com | I am not in favor of separation, regulation should be fair to all parties and this clearly is not. Please vote no on this regulation. | Hymble tx 77396 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:52:07 | Joe Gibbons | joe.gibbons@macammo.com | I am against the Sector Separation ammedment. The data provided does not clearly support a move like this. Current economic conditions may be scewing the for hire catch numbers. The cost of charter fishing has driven fisherman away and reduced the number of charters and head boat riders. This will naturally cause percentages to shift away from those to the private sector. If better data is needed then collect the data from the private sector. I fished on the coast for 20 years and have never been asked to complete a survey. Any ammendment that is proposed should include costs, fees and quotas for all affected parties. | Diamondhead, MS. 39525 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:53:04 | Glenn E Plumb | rcplumbs@gmail.com | It is inconceivable that the Gulf Fisheries Management Council could even consider such a bizarre, absurd action. Sounds like the days when commercial redfishers had control of that stock and the 'fishery managers' thereof. The proposed actions are unthinkable. | Tampa, FL 33629 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 14:53:58 | Jason Linahan | jlinahan02@hotmail.com | As a private recreational angler, I would respectfully request that you all please DO NOT support Sector Segregation within this amendment. | San Antonio, Texas 78231 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:54:10 | Kevin Reynolds | Kevo.1408@yahoo.com | Bad idea sector separation Bad idea | Angleton Texas 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:54:17 | Kevin Stillwell | krs4@sbcglobal.net | This idea has no value add and should not be implemented. You are taking away part of what I pay my license fees every year for. I hope this does not get approved. | 76262 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:54:21 | James McEniry | jmceniry@verizon.net | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:54:56 | Pleun Nouwen | plnouwen@windstream.net | It is a bad idea . | Douglass,Tx, 75943 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:55:22 | Dan W. Parrish | dwp40@aol.com | This is Ridiculous | San Antonio, Texas 78258 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:55:33 | Kenneth Mannas | kmannas@earthlink.net | The gulf council needs to reject fishing/fisherman separation. This does not benefit the environment or fishermen. | Austin, Texas 78734 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:55:37 | John lauve | jglauve@gmail.com | reject separationoin | 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:56:48 | David M Pearson | dmpearson22@yahoo.com | Please vote no to sector separation. As a recreational angler I do not want to give my fish to operators of "for hire" boats. We all want the same opportunity to catch what fish we are allowed. Why should I give up my fish to someone who pays for a charter. | Galveston, TX 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:56:53 | Robert Fly | bobfly217@gmail.com | This angler sector separation is a terrible idea. It is unworkable, unfair and unjust. Times are tough all over. Don't take it out on recreational fishermen. | Bulverde | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:57:48 | GARRY J COOPER | gjcooper@southernco.com | ENOUGH FEDERAL REGULATIONS! | MOBILE, AL. 36695 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:58:06 | George C. Boone | georgeboone@dewsfoundry.com | This would kill tackle,boats and motor business | Hattiesburg Ms. 39403 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:59:01 | Marc Mouton | moutonla@yahoo.com | I am asking the the Council please REJECT the separation of recreational anglers and charter fishing (for-hire) fisherman. This is not a fair or equitable arrangement for sport fisherman who do not operate on a commercial basis. Respectfully, Marc Mouton Lafayette, LA | Lafayette, LA 70505 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 14:59:43 | Sonny Henderson | sh1125sh@gmail.com | Gulf Council should reject separation. It is important to defeat this measure now - we don't want to discover the details of a radical new federal program after it is approved. | 77568 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:00:10 | Charles H. Reagan III | breagan549@gmail.com | Please reject separation!!! | Golden Meadow, LA 70357 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:00:20 | Chris Perry | ch_perry@live.com | Sector Separation in the Gulf of Mexico is a bad idea. There are no conservation benefits to this. | League City, TX, 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 15:00:57 | Gerald L. Weiss | gweiss@austin.rr.com | Please do not give my fishing rights to a business! | Austin, Texas 78750 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:01:28 | Susan A Richter | sueannrichter | PLEASE REJECT THE SEPARATION. There is no good reason to accept the dividing of the anglers into the two sectors. | La Vernia, Tx 78121 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:01:54 | david roberson | coolhandtx@sbchlobal.net | Reject seperation its bad for all fishermen | tomball,tx.77375 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:02:18 | Patrick Bendele | bendelep@vmcmail.com | no sector seperation | SanAntonio TX 78259 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:02:28 | Junius Landry | jjlj@suddenlink.com | Leave the gulf fisheries as is! | lake Charles louisiana 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:03:10 | Dennis R Richter | dennisrichterdrywall@yahoo.com | REJECT THE SEPARATION OF THE GULF FISHING. I AM TOTALLY AGAINST THIS. | La Vernia, Tx 78121 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:03:14 | Ruben Garcia | rgjas88@Yahoo.com | Please do not allow this to happen. | Pearland, Tx 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:03:20 | Armando Perry | Armandoperry@me.com | Please vote no on the sector amendment. Please reject this Reef Fish Amendment #39 on Sector Separation!!!! | Lafayette, LA 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:03:50 | Randall Morgan | rmorgantx@yahoo.com | Randall Morgan rmorgantx@yahoo.com 979-292-4563 | Lake Jackson, Texas 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:03:51 | Carl J. Regone | Cjregone@sbcglobal.net | I am a recreational fisherman and strongly oppose the separation of recreational fishing into two sectors: one for us individuals and another more privileged one for charter fishermen. I urge you to not reduce the already small daily quotas of sport fish for us individuals by increasing the quotas for charter fishermen. It's bad enough having to deal with the aggressive behavior of the charter fishermen. Please don't give them my few fish as well. | Katy, Texas 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:05:14 | Kenneth W Smith | Kwsmith118@yahoo.com | I want a rejection of seperation of fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico Please do not let this happen. It woll surley hurt the everyday angler, and could potentialy distroy fishing for all the youth to come. | Porter, Tx 77365 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:05:43 | Andrew Jones | acjones12501@gmail.com | Thank you, Andy Jones | Bertram, TX, 78605 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 15:05:56 | TERRY DUPONT | mikedupont@charter.net | <p>I THINK THAT SECTOR SEPARATION IS A BAD IDEA. IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE THE CHARTER GUYS ARE TRYING TO BRING SOME STABILITY TO THEIR BUSINESSES. I AM A BUILDER AND DEVELOPER, AND I SURE WISH I COULD LOBBY A COUNCIL SO I WOULD HAVE STABILITY IN THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES. ME AND MY PARTNER ARE ALWAYS DISCUSSING WAYS TO DO THINGS BETTER AND WAYS TO BRING OUR PROFIT MARGINS UP. WE KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT ALL IDEAS ARE NOT ALWAYS GOOD ONES. YOU JUST HAVE TO BE SMART ENOUGH TO THROW SOME IDEAS TO THE SIDE BECAUSE THEY ARE JUST BAD IDEAS. THAT IS WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN HERE.</p> <p>THANKS, TERRY DUPONT DUPONT CONSTRUCTION STRAWBERRY RIDGE LLC PONCHATOULA, LOIISIANA 70454</p> | PONCHATOULA, LOUISIANA 70454 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:06:59 | diana Morris | dlmsongs@aol.com | We are asking that you reject this sector separation proposition between recreational anglers and private charter/for hire/ Commerical fishermen. We feel there is no valid reason for this separation and ask that you vote against it at your next meeting. Thank you. Robert and Diana Morris | Seguin, Tx 78155 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:07:23 | Steve Williams | sdwilliams58@earthlink.net | The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is making a big mistake if you plan on attempting to force through sector separation. Especially if you force this amendment through with a lack of real information. Unbelievable! Why would you give benefits to a select few charter boats and leave the private recreational angler sitting on the dock? You folks need your head examined! | La Marque, TX 77568 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:07:36 | irby basco | irbybasco@aol.com | I disagree with the concept of sector seperation as charter boats will be able to hold rec. anglers at a great disadvantage by over charging for thier services. All rec fisherman aboard private boats or charter boats should be equal in fishing our natural resorses . I view this action will not be fair to all rec fishermsn | nederland, texas77627 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 15:07:52 | vincent j wall | vincejwall@gmail.com | <p>I am surprised that you are thinking of separating the Private Recreational Angler from the Charter/Headboat Fore-Hire Anglers giving special treatment to the charter group. First off it is not fair for them to get any special treatment and secondingly I do not know that it makes economic sense which I guess is the reason why you are considering it. I suspect that you are thinking well the charter/headboat for hire fellows do this for a living so we must protect their business. Well I am a private owner. someone who does it for fun. I go on about 25 trips a year and take freinds and family out with me. Yes we are not making a living on the water but a whole lot of businessmen rely upon us for their businesses. I spend about \$4000 per year for my slip at a marina which needs the business of the private boat owners. I spend another \$1200 or so on insurance which making. I pay my mechanic \$5,000 to \$7,000 a year for general maintenance to my boat (some of this goes to him, some goes to the parts house). I also spend about \$5000 per year on fuel. Thus with just me I am contrinuting a lot to the businesses of the folks mentioned above. Already the Commercial fishermen have special priviledges in that they can fish anytime of the year. Now special consideration is being considered for the charter guys and this year I was locked into 46 days. I mean I really love going offshore but there is only so much I and other privat eboat owners are going to throw up our hands and say enough, I am selling the boat (at a loss if I must)(and giving up on boating. If it gets to that point you may have a lot of boaters giving up, selling their boats and then what happens to the economics of the small lbusinesses that depend on us (marinas, mechanics, insurance companies). There are other economics invovled besides those of the charter/headboats for hire. You best practive would be to keep it fair and keep us all in one group.</p> <p>Sincerely, Vince Wall</p> <p>Private Recreational Angler</p> | houston, tx 77069 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:07:59 | Jimmie B. Riley | jrily1943@sbcglobal.net | <p>Any seperation of Recreational vs. Charter for Hire fishing areas on the Gulf Coast would create a hugh burden on any business that support all fisherman and also would create a decrease in tax revenues for local, county and state government in the areas. These areas should be open to all citizens of USA in any event.</p> <p>Thanks, Jimmie B. Riley</p> | Houston, TX 77043 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:08:03 | Don Frazier | candy_man@tampabay.rr.com | <p>Do not seperate rec fishing vs fishing for hire..</p> | Brooksville Fl. 34601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:10:15 | Larry Lambertz | treehalpc@gmail.com | <p>Separating anglers into classes makes no sense. Do you separate the Commercials into separate classes? Why do you even consider reserving catch for charter boats? Sometimes it seems that you make up these rules just to appear to be doing SOMETHING, ANY THING! Whose idea was this, and what do you think it will accomplish? Please respond.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> | Houston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:10:52 | Tim LaForest | Tlaforest@aol.com | <p>Please do not separate .Sector separation is plain BULLSHIT! Divided between recreational anglers and Charters is wrong. They are two different impacts on the environment. Anglers will have to pay and commercial anglers don't ? What the Hell are you people thinking? This is another example of idiotic moves by our government. I am ready for somebody with a pulse to to the right thing, the one that benefits a majority not a minority, or the one flashing the largest stack of cash!</p> <p>Please get your heads out of your asses and DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN!</p> | Apopka,Fl. 32712 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 15:11:19 | FINEST JOHNSON | FJPJ68@AOL.COM | This is not a good thing. Separation between the two is a terrible idea. Hell, I already have charter boats already always trying to push me out of good fishing spots. This would only fuel their ego more of thinking they own the waters. Personally I don,t think these speckle trout and redfish charters should be allowed period. they are rude and try to bully everyone. just the fact there are so many of them allows them to do reconnaissance and call each other, basically pushing out and hurting the recreational fisherman. | SULPHUR, LA 70665 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:11:19 | Michael Curlee | curleemd@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. This makes no sense. | Buda, TX 78610 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 15:11:29 | Jason Loyd Smith | flounderkiller@brotherguido.com | complete non-sense | Sulphur, LA, 70663 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:12:33 | Norman L. Long | blong@idworld.net | The matter of sector seperation is not a good plan. It will take quota from all recreational anglers and give it a select group of for hire boats that already take more than their fair share. A head boat will have forty to fifty hooks in the water vs 4-5 for a rec boat at the same location. Defeat this plan!!! Sincerely N.L. Long | P.O. 723 Charlotte,Texas 78011 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:12:39 | Jeffrey s Avila | Jetaavila@gmail.com | Are you retarded, what benefit to anyone but the business owners, will this measure help anyone. What is the tax money that will be raised by the recipients? | 79739 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:13:00 | Norman L. Long | blong@idworld.net | The matter of sector seperation is not a good plan. It will take quota from all recreational anglers and give it a select group of for hire boats that already take more than their fair share. A head boat will have forty to fifty hooks in the water vs 4-5 for a rec boat at the same location. Defeat this plan!!! Sincerely N.L. Long | P.O. 723 Charlotte,Texas 78011 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:13:03 | gary massicot | garymassicot@cox.net | Please do not pass the amendment separating charter and recreational fisherman. We will be watching and hopefully you consider our rights as a fisherman. | maurice,la 70555 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:13:13 | allen ray jackson | faxx2jaxx@att.net | reject saparation | alamo,texas 78516 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:14:09 | Chip Rhea | chip@leveland.com | I see no reason to seperate the private and charter anglers. I can safely say that charter anglers catch more fish than the private angler. | Austin, Texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:14:21 | Tom Ford | tford@cresa.com | I ask you to vote against sector seperation. it would be devastating to our gulf fisheries. thank you. | Houston, Tx 77055 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:14:37 | David L. Shall | dl_shall@yahoo.com | Please do not allow Sector Separation. That would be disastrous. Thank you,David L. Shall | Metairie,LA 70005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:15:30 | Michael Titone | titone_m@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. This something that will be regretted by all. | Brownsville, Tx. 78521 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:16:21 | Daryl William Shumaker | darylshumaker@yahoo.com | This is about the most stupid idea I've ever heard. Who pays most of the money that supports marine fisheries? | Driftwood, Texas, 78619 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 15:16:46 | Margaret Clayton Downing | mcd_shall@yahoo.com | Sector Separation is an inappropriate solution. Please vote against it. Thank you, Margaret Clayton Downing | Metairie,LA 70005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:16:55 | Brandon | Gaspardbrandon@yahoo.com | No sector splitting | 70510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:17:27 | Thomas Remme | thorem@suddenlink.net | Reject all seperation in the fisheries management area. | Georgetown,Tx. 78628 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:18:04 | Philip A. Gruenberg | pgruenberg@embarqmail.com | Fish take rules should be geared to the protection & sustainability of each species. It makes no sense to disallow private boaters to take grouper (for example) while allowing commercial & charter operations to take grouper. Take rules should apply the same for all. If that means commercials & charter operators can't sustain their business operation because of limited catch restrictions then so be it...The basic problem is that human population is going way up & ocean fish populations are going way down. Fish are the losers in this, and regs to promote commercial & charter take may provide some short term economic benefits to those parties but will lead to long term disaster for all. | Pine Ridge, FL 34465 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 15:18:28 | CAPT.ROBERT DANIELS | CAPT.ROBERT100@GMAIL.COM | THERE ARE TO MANY REGULATIONS THAT ARE NOT PROPERLY INVESTGATED BEFORE THEY ARE INFORCED. THIS IS ONE. | | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/7/2012 15:18:32 | walter dennis | wbdconsulting@aol.com | Separation is bad--who gets what and how much and who actually decides and what is their training/experience level--if any// | grand bay, alabama | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 15:19:37 | William Hedges | will.k.hedges@gmail.com | Bad idea. Can you please forward me the names and contact details of the iindividuals responsible for putting forward this legislation so that I can formally protest? | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:20:08 | Matt Dennis | mdennis1@bloomberg.net | Many thanks, Matt Dennis 512-228-6121 | Austin, TX 78746 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:20:59 | kenneth b wyble | kwybl@bellsouth.net | NOT GOOD FOR ANYONE | lafayette,la. 70506 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:21:13 | walter minatrea | wminatrea@seadriftcoke.com | do not let this new regulation happen.im apposed | seadrift tx 77983 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:21:20 | Ronald W. Williams | rowawi@yahoo.com | Please do not allow any sector separation! What is the impetus behind this? Why is this being considered? Has anyone analyzed the ECONOMIC impact? | Fort Worth, TX 76133 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:21:24 | Andrew Weaver | azeweaver@gmail.com | I am writing to ask that you reject the idea of separating the recreational fishing sector based on private anglers v. charter/headboat for-hire sector. Instead, I would propose that the charter/headboat for-hire sector share with the commerical fishermen as that it what it essentially amounts to. | Jersey Village, TX 77040 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:22:08 | W James Woolsey | wjwoolsey@gvtc.com | This sector separation is a bad idea and should not be passed. | Canyon Lake, TX 78133 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 15:22:34 | Cedric McNab | bx326@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea and needs to be rejected. | baton rouge, la 70817 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:23:02 | Louis Peltier | louis.peltier@sbcglobal.net | Leave it alone | Danbury, Texas 77534 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | <p>Sector separation is a bad idea and serves no purpose other than to enrich commercial charter operators at the cost of true recreational anglers. This is bad policy and should not be allowed to progress. Vote no on this SEPERATION OF RIGHTS from all to give to the chosen few.</p> <p>I have actually read the proposal and can't find the logic in it. Recreational fishing in federal waters, contrary to some charter captains assertions here, is accessible to all and used by many private craft recreational anglers. Quotas should remain consistant across the spectrum of recreational fishing. The biggest part of the charter industry appears to support the status quo rather than supporting sector separation. The larger boat and operators with multiple watercraft appear to be supporting (if not actually pushing) this legislation. In my opinion, there should be a boat size or passenger limit as well as number of allowable days fishing per year by "charter" boats that determines the threshold of whether they should be catagorized as commercial fishing operations.</p> | | |
| 8/7/2012 15:23:22 | Steven C Miller | smiller@watosnconstruct.com | Vote no on sector separation. | Trenton Florida 32693 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 15:23:42 | Don Tyer | dctyer51@yahoo.com | <p>Times are tough for charter/for-hire and headboat operators in the Gulf of Mexico. No one disputes that. Times are tough all over. In reality, every entity from the federal government to your local vegetable stand craves a little stability in their business right now. I bet all of the state wildlife management agencies that are seeing their budgets slashed and burned would love to see some stability and guaranteed revenue streams as well.</p> <p>It's a nice gig for the operators, if they can get it. But does the chance to play favorites for a few operators justify the Council striking off on such a radical and wildly unpopular idea that makes no sense at any level?</p> <p>It makes no economic sense for anyone but a handful of fortunate operators. By catering to a very small segment of the Gulf reef fish fishery, the Council is apparently willing to shortchange the private boat angling sector that is many times larger and far more economically vibrant.</p> <p>NOAA's own economic studies show that for the period 2009 to 2032, private boat recreational anglers will contribute \$9.1 billion of the value in the Gulf of Mexico shrimp and reef fish fisheries, followed by the commercial shrimp fishery at \$1.6 billion, and the recreational for-hire fishery at just \$0.83 billion.</p> <p>It shouldn't make any sense to state wildlife management agencies. Given the limited recreational allocation, the only way the idea works at all is if managers take fish and fishing days away from private boat anglers and give them to a few private businesses. Private boat anglers supply the vast majority of license fees that support state fisheries programs. Charter/for-hire vessels supply a much smaller percentage of revenues. It is very likely a move to separate the recreational sector will create challenges for state fisheries directors by influencing the number of licensed anglers and fishing opportunities in their states.</p> <p>The issue of sector separation and catch shares for the recreational angling sector has drawn opposition from governors, Congress and recreational anglers. And yet, the Gulf Council members continue to toy with the idea like a puzzle they can't quite fit together. WHY?</p> <p>Therefore I am opposed to any such action. Please note I am a retired recreational charter boat captain so I know both sides.</p> | Dickinson, TX 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:23:55 | Guadalupe Alvear Sr | alvear2b@yahoo.com | Do not approve separation! | Fresno, Texas, 77545 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:24:11 | Bill A. Tempel | wildbill0927@yahoo.com | I already spend more per fish than party boats and you want to take my fish and give them to them, you people must be on drugs or your scitso!!!!!!!!!! | Missouri City, TX 77459 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:24:30 | Reid Morrison | reid_mo@yahoo.com | Please reject Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation | Kingwood, TX 77345 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:24:42 | Marietta Green | mariettar@yahoo.com | Please do not segregate the recreational anglers from those charter and for hire boats. | Round Rock, TX, 78681 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:25:04 | Charles Moresi Jr. | cmoresijr1@cox.net | As a recreational angler, I am adamantly against the proposed limit changes. Thank You for your support | Jeanerette, La. 70544 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:25:18 | Paul W. Isbell | pwisbell@gmail.com | Please allow for legislation that provides sustainable and growing habitat for our coastal and inland fisheries. | Richardson | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 15:25:44 | Johnnie W Sadler Jr | Sadler6@bellsouth.net | Guys,, this is not going to help the situation. You can't take away from the recreational guys and give to the charter guys, Please look at this awhile longer before you all make your decision. Thank you , concerned recreational fisherman.. | Vancleave Ms 39565 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:25:49 | Dr Robert Douglas Harper, MD | RDHarperMD@Yahoo.com | Please reject separation as it is a divisive policy which creates essential two classes, with one class being discriminated against. I thought we fought a civil war and had a civil rights movement to end discrimination. May God reward you based on your decision. Thank you | Spring, TX 77386 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:25:50 | Richard Cacioppo | richard.cacioppo@mustangeng.com | I am fisherman and conservationist. I do not see any benefit in dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. This serves no purpose except to pay off the special interest lobbies. If you are for "the people" and our natural resources, you will not support this action. Please vote down this unnecessary change. Thank you | Houston, TX 77084 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:25:59 | Happie Will Feller | happiefeller@gmail.com | AS AN AVID FISHERMAN OF THE TEXAS GULF COAST I STRONGLY URGE THE GULF COUNCIL TO TOSS OUT THE IDEA OF SECTOR SEPARATION. THE COMMERCIAL GUYS SHOULD NOT GET A BREAK JUST BECAUSE THEY (LIKE THE REST OF US) HAVE MET W/ TOUGH FINANCIAL TIMES LATELY. THANKS, HWF. | Austin Tx 78704 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:26:23 | John R Fuller | bimini306@yahoo.com | On September 26, 2011 Gallup reported the following findings: 57% of Americans have little or no confidence in the federal government to solve domestic problems, exceeding the previous high of 53% recorded in 2010 and well exceeding the 43% who have little or no confidence in the government to solve international problems. 49% of Americans believe the federal government has become so large and powerful that it poses an immediate threat to the rights and freedoms of ordinary citizens. In 2003, less than a third (30%) believed this. Taking from one group of fisherman and giving to another without scientific or economic evidence to back up the decision is further evidence of a how government acts without consideration to ordinary citizens. Sector separation is a bad idea and should not be adopted. | League City, Texas 77565 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:29:59 | Jack Fink | jackandnonien@gmail.com | Please reject the proposed separation. | Aransas Pass, TX 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:32:48 | William Tinsley | billtinsley1@gmail.com | I am opposed to this | Beaumont Tx 77702 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:33:24 | William Anderson | lbander@charter.net | I would urge the council to REJECT THE SECTOR SEPARATION amendment 39. This will do nothing to other than shift the fish harvest in the Gulf of Mexico to commercial fishing interests. It is my position that no one should have a greater access to our resources than anyone else! | Slidell, la, 70458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:34:35 | FORREST VOLLENTINE | forrestvollentine@hotmail.com | i urge yuo to not pass amendment 39-sector separation.best regards,forrest vollentine | houston, texas77069 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:34:55 | charley Bartholomay | captcharley@bluewatercaptain. | your ideas and theories are blatantly political and obtuse at best. Get with the program! comm vs rec =mil vs bill ugh | palm city, fl 34990 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 15:36:13 | David Gegenheimer | djgeg@bellsouth.net | I assume the Gulf Council is trying to drive a wedge between the two recreational sectors; shame on you. | Braithwaite,La. 70040 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 15:36:48 | Jerry L. West | matagorda_captain@yao.com | WRONG,WRONG,WRONG,REJECT IT.What is the saying: if something is working don't try to fix it.Where is the logic? | Bay City,Tx. 77414 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 15:37:30 | christian scheuermann | cscheu@nocoxmail.com | Sector seperation is a very bad idea. I do not support it nor should The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. Thanks, Christian Scheuermann | alexandria, la | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:37:34 | Capt. Jeffery Howard Shoults | Jshoults@cox.net | I run a private yacht in destin and fish around 100 days a year, taking other recreational fishermen into the gulf. I do the same thing charter boats do, and I've done it for the last 25 years of my life. It's my career! So where do I fall in the sector separation? If it's split am I going to get my fair share of fish to catch. The real problem I have is that they are not your fish to give me. Charter boats don't have a right to make a living off of a public resource anymore than the commercial fleet does! That's a different discussion, I am completely against separating for hire vessels from other rec. anglers because all they do is provide access for other rec. anglers, and like me make a living doing it. Thank you, Capt. Jeff | Destin, fl 32541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:37:35 | Joyce G. Jolly | jollykeetz@yahoo.com | Please reject the separation! | Santa Fe, TX 77510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:38:08 | Peggy Thompson | peggythompson2@yahoo.com | Please reject sector separation. It is a really bad plan. | Rockport, Tx 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:38:37 | Ronald Benko | ronbenko@gmail.com | It is a horrible idea to seperate the Gulf fisheries into two seperate catagories. Fish are fish and the notion that one group would be shown any advantage is ridiculous! How about helping to save the abandoned oil rigs to promote artificial reefs which would increase the numbers of fish in the gulf instead, or at least stabilize the numbers. | Hammond, La. 70403 | |
| 8/7/2012 15:39:09 | Donald B. Jolly | jollykeetz@yahoo.com | Please reject the separation! | Santa Fe, TX 77510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:39:53 | Robert Seaton | seatonr@sbcglobal.net | REJECT, REJECT, REJECT Separation . | Pasadena Texas 77502 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:40:20 | James W. Russell | jwrussel@swbell.net | Sector Separation seems to me to be excessive regulation, with no clear benefits. A perfect example of a solution in search of a problem. The free market has worked just fine so far, and should be left as is. | Fair Oaks Ranch, Tx, 78015 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:41:41 | John Daniel Colombo | johndcolombo@sbcglobal.net | Dear Gulf Council, I urge you to reject any proposed, catch share programs, or sector seperation plans. To allow these proposals to pass could do irreparable damage to the gulf fisheries. I also believe the " Little Guy " recreational anglers rights should always come first. | Pasadena, TX. 77505 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:41:51 | Ted Bland | tbland@goldeneagleenergy.com | none | Houston, TX 77079 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:42:24 | Daniel Damon | ddamon@austin.rr.com | The quote below is absolutely insane! Why take away a freedom and begin to limit it to commercial activities? "The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish." | Round Rock | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 15:43:03 | Abelardo Montes | pepito_tejanored@yahoo.com | <p>There is no reason for this action to take place. There is no justification for it. In hind site the commercial person taking anglers out for a days run should be limited as to how many fish his vessle can bring in on daily or weekly basis. Many times the self employed captains bring in limits on dasily basis at an average of 4 people to a boat those numbers can sure add up quickly.</p> <p>Unlike a week end private angler who goes out before the sun gets too hot and returns ealry in the afternoon, his party maybe two to four friends and far and few times in between does his party limit out. The he is only doing once if lucky monthly. Those numbers do not add up as quick.</p> <p>Limits are placed with each respectd species of catch. It is becoming harder each year to find fish, yes the commercial captain has a survival need, but he too can set limits and allow for growth. The future in fishing is for everyone to look at where we are at, how often do we limit out, are we keeping breeders or sending them back in. Originaly I am from El Paso, Tx, our fishing hole, The Rio Grande was taken away by our government, it's borders where fenced for mile on end, lights every where, cameras, and goverment agents at every mile mark. No longer can fish the Rio Grand. Let's not do the same to our bays and gulf coast, find a better solution than take from some to give to others.</p> <p>Thak You for allowing to express.</p> | Brownsville, Tx 78521 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:43:21 | Derrick morrell smith | dsmith_1_2000@yahoo.com | <p>i vote no on private sector fishing. keep it fun for all who fish and want to fish in our great country. Tks for listening</p> | 77346l | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:43:53 | Scott Moore | bogey76golf@hotmail.com | <p>I am very opposed to the proposal of sector separation. Charter boats are often not much more then recreational anglers that are trying to cover expenses of fishing. For many it is not even a full-time profession. My family has been in the marine/fishing industry for 60 years and the Gulf Council has not taken drastic action to protect my business as it struggles with the economic fall out from their regulations. I don't see why the Council should be so eager to change the rules to protect another group more than any other. This suggestion in regards to sector separation from the council is very disappointing.</p> | Lake City, FL, 32024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:44:29 | jack kellam | texjack48@yahoo.com | <p>please think very, very carefully before you decide to vote on reef fish 39/sector separation. Please vote no.. Thank you</p> | corpus christi, tx. 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:44:37 | Robert W. Felder | rfelder7@cox.net | <p>I feel that recreational fishing being divided into 2 sectors is a bad idea! It is unfair to someone like me who enjoys fishing and taking family and friends fishing. Please reject separation for people who enjoy fishing and who are already being wronged in so many other ways.</p> | Walker, La. 70785 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:45:20 | JAMES E. FRITTS | jimsentexasfishing@yahoo.com | <p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>I fail to see any positive for separating fish catches into groups. How could it possibly help fish concervation?</p> <p>Please drop this issue.</p> <p>Respectfully James E. Fritts</p> | CORPUS CHRISTI, TX. 78414 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:45:29 | Beverly Acker | backer@cableone.net | <p>What is the Gulf Coucil thinking?? This is a very bad idea, both from the conservation aspect and the private recreational fisherman or fisherwoman, as the case may be! Please don't pass this amendment!!</p> <p>Sincerely, Beverly Acker</p> | Aransas Pass, TX 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 15:45:59 | Robert T. Holt | timholt@earthlink.net | This would be a detriment to recreational anglers that provide a source of income to both the states in license fees and business that cater to recreational anglers. I feel this should not be passed. Respectfully, Robert T. Holt | Houston, TX 77079-3603 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:46:11 | William Ihlanfeldt | Wjjjr@hotmail.com | I oppose sector separation. I firmly believe that private anglers should never have to sacrifice for the benefit of the commercial fishery. At the same time, as a private angler, I am more than willing to sacrifice for the fish population. Quickly, your job is to 1) determine how many fish can be taken 2) determine what the private angler will take 3) give the remainder to commercial. | Sugar Land, TX 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:46:16 | w may | wtmay123@gmail.com | Please reject sector separation. It is a very bad idea! Thank you! W May | houston, TX, 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:46:52 | William Stevens | wstevens@nctv.com | Please reject sector separation until it has been more thoroughly investigated and made its provisions more aware to the public | Horseshoe Bay, Tx 78657 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:46:52 | Richard P. Flake | rflake@cbylaw.com | Do NOT support sector separation. The idea makes no sense to anyone but the special interests groups. Please OPPOSE this idea. Rick Flake | Houston, Texas 77010 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:47:19 | Theodore C. Flick | tedflick@sbcglobal.net | It is fundamentally unfair to favor the angler who fishes from a charter or headboat with a different allotment than we who fish from our own boat. We have made the large investment in our boat, rigging, and equipment in order to fish by ourselves. The rules are now so restrictive that it is harder and harder to justify the time and expense on any basis. How in the name of fishery management, or on any equitable basis, can a rational argument be made to support the idea ? What possible benefit could such preferential treatment have to the fish. It is not the office of the Managent Council to favor one faction of recreational anglers at the economic and recreational expense of another. That's too far from the function of fishery managment. Such a distinction of recreational fishermen can have no benefit whatsoever to the fish. It will be a gross disruption to those who scrimped and saved to buy the equipment and a possible unsurmountable hardship impacting the major industries supporting private recreational anglers. | Houston, Texas 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:47:38 | ed acker jr | backer@granderiver.net | Don't do this to us!! | Tilden, TX 78072 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:47:46 | DARRELL DORE | ddore5@cox.net | i would like for you to please REJECT THE SECTOR SEPERATION. THANK YOU DARRELL DORE' | new iberia ,la | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:48:08 | Mark Christopher Lindsay | clindsay56@hotmail.com | A bad idea | San Antonio, Texas 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:48:10 | Donnie Courville | Donniecourville@yahoo.com | Please vote against this change. | 77706 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:48:18 | Miles dixon | Milesdixon@yahoo.com | I am both a charter captain and a recreational fisherman. This is a bad idea. Keep trying to figure stuff out and come up with something else | | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 15:49:01 | Travis DeCock | Firefighter8605@yahoo.com | Against the seperation of sectors in the Gulf of Mexico | Houston, Texas, 77030 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 15:49:08 | Robert Riche | rriche3@aim.com | please shoot down this amendment, catch your own fish.If you want some just ask some of us will give you some. To whom it may concern, | 70360 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:49:37 | Charles Daigle | charlesdaigle@bellsouth.net | I am in deep opposition to the plan to seperate recreational fishermen into those who own their own boats and those who own Charter businesses. It has no conservation benefit and looks like to me just another way to allow basically another form of commercial fishing (charters) to fish for an unfair portion of resources and limit recreational fishermen to strict laws on limits while commercial fishermen are allowed an absurd number or quota of these resources. | 70817 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:50:09 | Barry Bayham | bbayham2@aol.com | reject separation | Grosse Tete, LA 70740 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | The proposal to divide recreational anglers into separate classes of recreational boat owners and charter/for hire boat owners to reallocation harvest between the two groups is flawed because it offers no viable conservation value and merely forces a division of interests among recreational anglers who, even when united in a single class, have to succumb to the extraordinary lobbying influence of the commercial sector. This is to say nothing of the incredibly flawed data that everyone, including the government's experts, say is being used to make allocation and harvest decisions which are unworthy of the paper upon which they are written. Save the heritage of our country's sportsmen and their families. The vast majority of sportsmen are conservationist that work to preserve our wildlife resources when credible practices prevail. This proposed action is nothing more than a political ploy to divide and conquer the recreational angler's opposition to unreasonable commercial interests. I sincerely urge you not to move forward with the proposal to divide the recreational anglers into separate classes. | | |
| 8/7/2012 15:50:59 | Randall L. George | rgeorge@montgomerychamber | | Montgomery, AL 36104 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:51:40 | ronald Bertucci | bertuccir@bellsouth.net | Get all commercial fisheries out the gulf. | New Orleans Louisiana 70129 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | It is beyond my thought processes to see how you can give away part of the recreational quota to a select few for hire companies that carry recreational anglers. Why should they be allowed to make a profit at my expense? If you go out on a headboat you are the same as I am going out with a friend. I only catch my two snapper and then fish for another species. What makes it right for those that fish on a headboat/charter to be able to catch more than other recreational anglers. Did you ever think how much it costs for private anglers to buy bait, gas, oil, repairs...on and on when compared to what charter/headboats spend. We add more to the economy than they ever will. | | |
| 8/7/2012 15:52:56 | Mike Mitchell | mike45@suddenlink.net | I urge the council for once to be fair in their decision. | Tyler, Texas 75709 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:53:09 | Bradley Driskell | Bdriskell79@gmail.com | Sector separation is not a good idea | Grand bay,al, 36541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:53:32 | David E. Westra | lehrstackle@yahoo.com | Tackle shop owner. No to sector separation!!!! | N. Ft. Myers Fla. 33903 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |

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| 8/7/2012 15:53:43 | Henry M Johnson Jr | hmjlr777@yahoo.com | Sector separation is one of the most ridiculous ideas i have ever encountered, right up there with removing platforms from the Gulf... | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:54:23 | Joan Dobard | dobardfamily@suddenlink.net | Please reject sector separation in regards to fisheries managment in the Gulf of Mexico. | Alexandria, LA 71303 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:56:17 | Darryl Forestier | djforestier@eatel.net | As it is now, too many charter boats flood the waterways with fishermen that don't know the restrictions on game species, and whatever they catch, goes in the icechest. We have seen it at the boat landings, cleaning stations, hundreds of speckled trout less than 12" being fileted, while the charter captain is entertaining his guests at a local restaurant/bar, and nothing is said while his guests were catching fish under the 12" limit!!!! Those of us that adhere to the limits,will be left with few fishing spots, and fewer fish. | Prairieville, La. 70769 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:56:28 | Charles E. Lang | cel54@bellsouth.net | The fish are for all anglers. | Metairie, LA 70003 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:57:11 | Michael C. Manning | Mmanning28@yahoo.com | Please reject separation | Victoria, Texas 77904 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:59:02 | Eldon Steindorf | eldon.steindorf@gmail.com | Please reject sector separation. | Woodsboro, Tx 78393 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:59:17 | Dub Thornton | dub03@aol.com | Why don't you use common sense and scientific information to manage instead of money | Lakeland Fl 33811 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:59:19 | Roger J. Rroussard | rjbphotog@hughes.net | I am totally against splitting the recreational sector quotas. | New Iberia, La. 70560 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 15:59:32 | Jerry Guy LaTour | jerryglatour@gmail.com | Please reject seperation. It is not good for recreational fishermen | 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:00:36 | Gene Locke | glocke@gt.rr.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. | Orange TX 77632 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:01:21 | Jennifer Trombley Peters | treehugger1978@yahoo.com | As a recreational angler I feel that special consideration is being made for charter captains under this legislation. The recreational angler is the group that has spoken the loudest and provided much needed funds to help rebuild the fisheries. This is not the way to repay the achievements of this group. | San Antonio, TX, 78249 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:01:55 | James M. Holmes | jholmescpa@comcast.net | Just say NO to sector separation! | Humble, TX 77346 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:02:09 | Troy Schexnayder | Mechanicalservices@eatel.net | I an against the gulf separation project. | Sorrento, La. | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:02:11 | Todd A. Blanchard | tblanch923@aol.com | I and my family ask that this Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation please be rejected. This is not fair to us that appreciate the freedom on the waters for family time and successful fishing Please do not allow controls on this freedom and oppurtunity for families such as ours loose this pleasure to the a selfish market that pays very little for its naturel resource to profit. Your rejection of this amendment would be much appreciated by my family and self and many outhter today and for generations to come. Thanks. | Spring, TX 77379 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:02:26 | Dewitt Sightler | Crosecarters@yahoo.com | Please do not vote for sector separation in the recreational fishing. I don't see anything good coming out of this. Capt. Dewitt Sightler | Cantonment fl 32533 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 16:03:08 | DANNY L COPELAND | copedl@yahoo.com | PLEASE REJECT THIS SEPARATION RECOMMENDATION!!! Thank You | San Antonio, Texas 78232 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 16:03:09 | Jerry Wood | texasdiamondw@yahoo.com | We need to make changes that promote the fisheries not start dividing and pitting one group against another---Please vote against any and all such proposals---JW | Fischer, tx 78623 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:03:31 | Terry W Myrick | drtm10@aol.com | I oppose sector separation for recreational angler. | Beaumont TX 77706 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:05:15 | Dennis Walleck | dwalleck@netscape.com | Please reject separation of recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. This is a bad idea. | Austin, TX 78758 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:05:53 | wayne a. franger | waf9424@sbcglobal.net | not a good idea. too much special interest backscratching! | la coste, tx. 78039 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:05:55 | George P Post | gppost@sbcglobal.net | Our system is not broken so don't fix it. I do not own a boat but fish with friends that do. Focus on the Rigs for Reefs program and stop the Government from destroying the Gulf habitat. | Arlington Tx 76017 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:05:55 | Cheryl L Patten | cgcheryl5597@yahoo.com | Please reject sector separation. This will not conserve our fish. I am strongly opposed to more federal regulations & sector separation will only benefit a select few & has no conservation benefits. Please stop this. It is a BAD idea & will affect not only us, but generations to come. Please reject sector separation. Thank you. | Corpus Christi, TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:06:23 | Bobby G Tucker Jr | cobia_254_cc@yahoo.com | I have my own offshore boat and also charter occasionally. I believe sector separation is a true assault on my rights to harvest fish on my own. Please do not implement sector separation. | burleson, tx 76028 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:06:39 | Garret Bubela | aka0021@hotmail.com | I ask that you keep all fishing laws the same as they are. As a recreational fisherman, I do not want my limits cut just so a business can have them. Nature is here for us all to enjoy, not for someone to make a profit on. | El Campo, TX 77437 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:07:03 | Richard D. Laughlin | firesnuffer2000@yahoo.com | Never forget the recreational angler is constantly putting far more than commercial interests back into the economy. I would never denigrate the importance of commercial interests nor charter companies, but I hope the people involved in this decision are intelligent enough to realize it's the recreational fishermen that will remove the largest amounts of money from the states coffers if they are forced out of the sport. | Lafayette, LA 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:07:47 | James F Lloyd | jllloyd@ritcheyautos.com | There are two sectors in fishing, recreational and commercial. To create additional sub-sectors is unnecessary, wasteful and not justifiable. For hire charter vessels are nothing more than a ride out to sea for recreational anglers. I urge you to drop this nonsensical idea once and for all. Thanks for listening. Jim Lloyd | Port Orange, FL 32127 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:08:01 | Leonard Ferguson | leonferguson1@comcast.net | It is time to bring reason and sanity into saltwater recreational fishing limits and laws. The idea of sector separation is ridiculous and unneeded. Please vote against this new proposal. | Conroe, TX, 77385 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:08:46 | Nathan M Fischer | natdrat@sbcglobal.net | Please explain what benefits are provided by sector separation? At this point it is hard for the average angler, be they private or charter, to see any benefits at all other than a need to push useless regulation for political gain. Until you can provide a real basis for the benefits sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | Round Rock, TX 78664 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:09:28 | calvin christy | cwchristy@sbcglobal.net | Only if it can be deemed a benefit somehow | spring, tx 77386 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:09:44 | Robin Leonard | Robinleonard47@comcast.net | Are you people nuts? Why does the recreational angler seem to be the one always on the short end of the stick? Leave well enough alone and stop messing with us recreational anglers. | 33955 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 16:11:32 | Johnny Tindle | jkt5319@AOL.COM | I have been fish Texas coast for 20 years and I can promise we have never hurt the fish population. If anyone has changes it should be the party boats, they have probally killed the red snapper fishing on there on in the name of money. The last party boat I was on there was a large amount of snapper floating behind the boat due to them just ripping the hooks out on small fish. Things like that I am sure happen all of the time. Maybe more strick laws for them.The fishing license costs have gone through the roof. I VOTE NO | Woodway Texas 76712 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:12:39 | Patrick Villarreal | vpvillarreal@aol.com | It sounds like a bad idea, sounds like reserving business and money for a few select (friends? contributors?) I say don't do it! | Houston, Tx 77036 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:14:08 | HARRY LAUBENTHAL | buddylaubenthal@netscape.net | Please vote NO for Reef Fish Amendment 39-Sector Separation. It will destroy the retail recerational boat dealers | ATHENS,AL 35611 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:14:49 | Marcus L Heflin | tcebs@yahoo.com | No Separation | Vidor, Texas 77662 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:15:17 | Billy E Elsberry Jr | elsbere@yahoo.com | This is not right to the recreational fisherman, they end up taking the brunt of all new regulations that people up there on the hill really dont care about because they buy all their fish from the market and have their hands out from lobbist that lobby for the commerical fishing industry. This is the reason why the limits are the way they are because it is not the reacreational fisherman over fishing it is the commerical fisherman. When is a enough enough???? Before to long you will only buy a fishing license to be able to buy fish and this is to keep you from going to jail for having fish in your home. Why do they half to constantly change things if it works don't fix it.. Please let me keep one of the many things I love to do and for the people of the future. Thanks Billy Elsberry | Houston, Texas, 77007 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:16:45 | Jeremy Zapalac | zapy420@yahoo.com | This is an unfair law that punishes recreational fishers. It should not be allowed to pass. The private sector donates more money to conservation than all charter services combined. Redistributing them our resources is unfair as a citizen, land owner and fisherman. | Richmond, Tx, 77406 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:17:00 | Claude Heuring | claudeheuring@att.net | it stinks | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:18:11 | LAWRENCE KORRY | korrylh@hotmail.com | REJECT THE SEPARATION | BEAUMONT,TX 77705 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:19:12 | Keith M. Bryan | kbryan49@yahoo.com | Used to be a charter captain and really like for those folks to be able to succeed in their business, but cannot see how having separate limits would be beneficial to anyone or any group of fish? Off Louisiana it is extremely obvious that it's time to cut way back on the red snapper restrictions which is just an example of how far out of touch with reality some of the government regulations are. Creating separate limits would just be another dumb move. | Prairieville, LA 70769 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:21:06 | Gary Clark | gwc24@hotmail.com | Sounds really fishing to me. Think there maybe a very big backlash from this kind of over reach. There will be kick back for this type of approach to what you preceive to be a problem. Period. | Lake Jackson, Tx 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:21:39 | Linda Nouwen | plnouwen@windstream.net | This is totally wrong. The fish belong to all of us! I am against such a thing even being considered in the USA!!! | Douglass Texas 75943 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 16:22:06 | MARVIN MURRAY | mjmurraytx@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple! Manage the resources based on research and surveys and make everyone abide by the law! The recreational fisherman is not depleting the resources and out take is a minimal amount. We are the 90% that catch 10% of the fish. The "other 10% should not be allotted any more take than what we are allowed! | 77580 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:22:12 | Josh Badasch | Joshbadasch@yahoo.com | Stop sector separation of Gulf of Mexico recreation fish species. | Geismar, LA, 70734 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:22:55 | BRIAN PAHL | Pahlbfishn@aol.com | Reject this ridiculous law. | Liberty Hill, TX 78642 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:23:21 | BRIAN PAHL | Pahlbfishn@aol.com | Reject this ridiculous law. | Liberty Hill, TX 78642 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:24:04 | BRIAN PAHL | Pahlbfishn@aol.com | Reject this ridiculous law. | Liberty Hill, TX 78642 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:24:04 | BRIAN PAHL | Pahlbfishn@aol.com | Reject this ridiculous law. | Liberty Hill, TX 78642 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:24:43 | Mac Rusling | redfish9@mindspring.com | I am totally against sector seperation, and fail to see the benefit of such aproposal. | Madison, Ms, 39110 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:24:50 | Dwight Andreas | adwight250@yahoo.com | I respectfully request that the Sector Separation amendment be summarily rejected . It is important to defeat this measure now - we don't want to discover the details of a radical new federal program. This is just one more example of elitist taking full control of public resources for their own profit, and that of their friends and donors. Dwight Andreas San Antonio, Tx. | San Antonio, Tx., 78231 | |
| 8/7/2012 16:25:11 | Brett Richards | brett_richards@timeinc.com | Based on my understanding of this proposal, I am NOT in favor of sector separation. Additional limitations imposed on regular citizens (anglers) is a shortsighted idea. The Gulf belongs to all of us, and this business of creating special classes of anglers only breeds resentment and accomplishes nothing from a conservation standpoint. Your best steward of this precious resource is John Q Public. Don't destroy that. | Birmingham, AL 35209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:25:23 | William A Donaldson | bdonaldtx@att.net | I am against sector separation.What would this accomplish? | Fairview, TX 75069 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:25:58 | tom judd | nolajudds@hotmail.com | Please do not go through with Sector Separation. | New Orleans, LA 70124 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:26:18 | David cooper | Cooper889@aol.com | Seriously, why should a charter boat for hire have more rights than the private angler? Don't mess up the Golf Coast for a bunch up for hire boats. Sector separation is not a good thing! | Round rock, Texas, 78665 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:27:20 | Jennifer zackary | Sjzackary@yahoo.com | Sector separation is Ridiculous! Please do not regulate our country and freedom to fish! This is America... Not a socialist snd communist state!!! | San Antonio , Texas 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:28:56 | Jon Carlton Tanner | carlontanner@sbcglobal.net | As a lifetime license holder in the state of TX, this is a bad idea and would further the mismanagement of the reef species - particularly the red snapper. | Taylor, TX 76574 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:29:48 | Wayne Barley | whbarley@aol.com | Please reject the seperation of recreational fishermen and for hire boats. VERY BAD IDEA!!! | hillsboro, MO 63050 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:30:29 | David Farmacka | dfarmacka@yahoo.com | i do not support this sector seperation | Pasadena, Texas 77503 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 16:31:13 | Richard Davis | richardtdavis@yahoo.com | I am a young man in my twenties who loves to fish. Please do not make it any harder for me to bring my future children fishing than it was for my father to bring me or his father before him. They're are enough regulations in place to let anyone fish who wants to and that's the way that it should be. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:31:43 | James McClain | gripper37@sbcglobal.net | Do not devide the fishing this way. | Houston,Texas 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:32:15 | ricky mccarty | ricky_mccarty@yahoo.com | common sense needs to be invoked on this and the idle iron idea. | texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:32:31 | James C. Penrod | penrodtwin@ hotmail.com | Please, explain the justification for dividing anglers. It does not seem to make any sense other than to punish some anglers. | Port St Joe, Fl | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:33:33 | joe maurice armentrout | papatrout@yahoo.com | this is a stupid idea. forget about it.how stupid can the people who proposed this be ???? idiots.. | galveston texas 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:35:22 | carl j. hooker | carl.hooker@yahoo.com | Reef Fish Amendment 39 is in my estimation an unneeded piece of legislation | riviera,texas 78379 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:36:03 | Daryl Chenier | tunaholder@cox.net | I am opposed on splitting the fish qouta to private and charter/headbots. Thanks Daryl Chenier | baker,La, 70714 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:36:07 | Kim Hrehor | kmhrehor@yahoo.com | Please vote against sector separation. All anglers should have equal access to gulf resources. | Houston, TX 77095 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:36:10 | dan kubecka | kfs6292@sbcglonal.net | What are you guys thinking? Do not borrow from peter to pay paul. Do not take fish from rec. anglers to give to the comercial guys. | edna tx 77957 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:36:38 | William Thomas Reynolds | wreynolds1105@att.net | Don't give my fish to the headboats! | Alvin Texas 77511 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:37:14 | Bryan Keith elsberry | Bullred54@yahoo.com | This is a bad idea! Why does the private recreational fishermen have to suffer because these people are trying to earn a living? The private fishermen are getting gouged on the limits because of the commercial over fishing. | Pearland,Tx 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:37:54 | Dennis J. Wood | wdewoodman@yahoo.com | I think this change would lead to tqking away my right to catch fish and give it to commercial group. not every one wants and can afford to hire some one to take them to catch fish,. | La Marque, Texas, 77568 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:38:54 | Robert m Eshee | Rdwaterwells@gmail.com | Please reject separation between rec. fishermen and charter boats. | Dayton tx 77535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:40:16 | Kevin Harris | harriskev@sbcglobal.net | I hire a Captin to take me off shore fishing as well as in the bay. I do not support seperation, please reject this idea | Pasadena TX. 77505 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 16:41:02 | Edward Ray Anderson | Jeep79@sbcglobal.net | I am against Sector Separation. | Spring,TX 77373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:41:22 | W.G. Bowdon | wgbowdon4@gmail.com | Grouping anglers with seperate regulations is a bad idea and should not be passed into law. | Bossier City, LA 71111 | |
| 8/7/2012 16:41:25 | Douglas Orgeron | dougo43d@gmail.com | The way I see it the Gulf Waters supply fun and recreation to all and should be kept that way. Don't you thing we have enough regulation confronting us!!! No restrictions limiting recreational fisherman to just certain areas. This is wrong!!! Leave our gulf fishing alone, it's for everyone to enjoy not just a select few.. | 70506 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:41:29 | Paul A. Lawson | lawpin01@aol.com | I am against sector separation. | Richmond, TX 77469 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 16:42:15 | Steve Hollingshead | smh264@gvec.net | Please REJECT the sector separation attempt. Plain, short, and simple. | Seguin, TX 78155 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:42:34 | Aaron Shelton | aafloxtown16@gmail.com | Please VETO the Sector Separation of coastal offshore fishing! I am an active recreational angler and CCA member. Based on what I have read from CCA sources, I do not agree with sector separation. The snapper fishery easily supports recreational pressure, but pulling some of our quota to the commercial side and certain harvest, will further deplete the stocks that have been on a rebound in size and numbers. Please throw away this bad idea, as it hurts the many and benefits so few to the further detriment of the fishery. | Corpus Christi, Tx, 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:42:55 | William S. Perry | saltyrims@aol.com | Sincerely, Bill Perry | 77459 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:44:26 | Joseph Michael Lovoi | Luber0924@aol.com | Separation of recreation angler allocation is bad, as it is. Giving it away is immoral. Rec anglers are already getting shafted due to questionable science, and this dispute that shortens the Texas season. Vote against separating the allocation. A reminder about the shortened season. Us fisherman and divers who want to Snapper fish are now forced to fish in UNSAFE conditions due to such season limitations. Maybe a few deaths due to inclement weather will wake you guys up. JML | Beaumont, TX. 77707 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:45:17 | Mark Bagwell | markbagwell@rocketmail.com | I think this a bad idea to separate the season/quota between rec and charter fishermen. Keep as it is currently, | Denham Springs La 70706 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:45:27 | albert hohlt | adhohlt@yahoo.com | More confusion. More regulations. More red tape = Bad idea...More invested in habitat construction and preservation= right direction...thanks | elkhart,tx 75839 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:45:46 | Fred Hamilton | fastfreddie6969@yahoo.com | They have cut the recreational catch so much, it is almost not worth the fuel to go fishing. Any more cuts would be devastating | Marshall Mi. 49068 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 16:46:34 | William Gibbs | wlgibbs@tisd.net | "sector separation". Good grief! What wont you people think of next in order to divide and anger the recreational fisherman. If too many people are catching a species then limit it across the board. It has worked for inshore fish where there must be a much higher proportion of private boats to guide boats. If anything the guides should be the ones restricted. They catch a much higher "per unit" number of fish and fish per fisherman and per boat. And dont deny it, the guides still catch fish for their klutzy customers. All you can do with this create more anger between the "favored" and "unfavored" groups/. | Palacios, TX 77465 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:47:10 | Lawrence Dellis | lmdellis@comcast.net | I oppose this proposal | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:47:58 | Patrick Lavergne | pslavergne@yahoo.com | separation of charter boats for hire and recreational angler boats is a bad, bad idea. Don't do it! | houston, tx, 77059 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:49:31 | Jimmy Hassell | jimmyhassell@comcast.net | Please do not let seperation pass. It would be a travesty to the fishing industry. | Richmond 77469 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:49:51 | Timothy J. Vallet | tjvallet@hotmail.com | Please reject Reef Fish Amendment 39 | Grosse Tete, LA 70740 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 16:52:10 | Michael Coleman | papamike1945@yahoo.com | This is a crazy idea. | rockport tx 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:52:14 | James Wooten | Loumacontracting@sbcglobal.net | No separation of sectors | Houston, tx, 77056 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:52:29 | Alvin J. Laporte | laporte3@cox.net | Reject Separation | Baton Rouge La. 70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:53:21 | Donna Gideon | dgideon1@comcast.net | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple, Please vote NO. | Galveston, TX 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:53:39 | James Morrison | 4hobson@bellsouth.net | this "sector separation idea" is one of the worst to come down the pike since someone thought of opening the world's largest open pit mine in the heart of alaska's bristol bay watershed, spawning grounds for about 40 percent of north america's salmon population. dumb, dumb, dumb. please do not let this idea come to fruition. please!! james morrison, hammond, la | Hammond | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:53:44 | William L Kimber | kimber.bill@yahoo.com | PLEASE do not give away any more of the quota for the recreational fishermen. You make us feel like the "unwanted red headed stepchild". The money we spend on fishing is 10 to 100 times the money the guides spend. It is even worse for the few commercial fishermen and their lobbieists who take all and give back nothing. | Punta Gorda, FL, 33955 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:54:36 | TODD W GRYMES | BARFOUR@AOL>COM | leave my private recrational angler Rights ALONE. | 77659 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:57:08 | Andy C. Payne | andy@payneconsult.net | Please reject sector separation. It is bad for fish and fishermen. | Houston, TX, 77006 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:57:32 | Gene Daniel | gdaniel9@comcast.net | I am against the idea dividing the fishing quotas between private recreational fishermen and private charter boats. The little guy gets shut out again if this goes thru. | Humble, Tx, 77346 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:57:48 | James Sanders | westexasjim@gmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. Please reject this idea. | Corpus Christi, TX, 78404 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:58:21 | Charles Gage Jr | cgagejr3764@sbcgkibal.net | This is a very bad idea. The private recreational anglers are putting a lot more money back into the state fisheries than the charter boat people. With the economy as it is I can easily see why charter fishing is declining..... | Hoyston, Texas 77058 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:58:49 | Lucy A Neiman | lneiman556@aol.com | Please vote against the separation of private anglers and charter/headboard for hire. | El Paso, Tx, 79924 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:59:38 | Robert Joost | bjoost@zamigo.net | I reject seperation | victoria, tx 77905 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:59:49 | Douglas M. Davis | douglasdavis321@charter.net | Bad idea | spring texas 77386 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 16:59:50 | Jack Keller | jeksac@earthlink.net | This as presented is insane and disenfranchises a entire group of anglers for the benefit of commercial interests. Don't do this. | 78566 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 17:00:36 | Robert Maxwell | bobmaxwell50@gmail.com | I am AGAINST Sector Separation. Please reject it. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:01:29 | Eredio (Eric) Munoz | eredio@comcast.net | I strtrongly urge you NOT to approve the ill conceived and unnecessary "Sector Separation" peoposal. | Punta Gorda, FL. 33950 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 17:01:57 | Karen Watt | kmwatt78589@yahoo.com | I don't think we have enough information to vote or recommend on this. What does it mean to take a portion of the fish from recreational fishermen? | Laguna Vista, Texas ,78578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:03:18 | George R. Bolin | gbolin@comcast.net | As my elected representative, I am asking you to oppose the Sector Separation Bill currently being proposed. Thank you George R. Bolin Houston, Texas | Houston, TX. 77056 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:04:08 | Capt. Jeffery Howard Shoults | Jshoults@cox.net | I run a private yacht in destin and fish around 100 days a year, taking other recreational fishermen into the gulf. I do the same thing charter boats do, and I've done it for the last 25 years of my life. It's my career! So where do I fall in the sector separation? If it's split am I going to get my fair share of fish to catch. The real problem I have is that they are not your fish to give me. Charter boats don't have a right to make a living off of a public resource anymore than the commercial fleet does! That's a different discussion, I am completely against separating for hire vessels from other rec. anglers because all they do is provide access for other rec. anglers, and like me make a living doing it. Thank you, Capt. Jeff | Destin, fl 32541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:04:40 | Dale E. Beene | dbeene002@comcast.net | Vote "no" to sector separation. | LaPorte, Texas, 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:05:47 | Kenneth Stevens | kajuntexan@yahoo.com | As a citizen of the this great United States of America, land owner, tax payer, boat owner and recreational sportsman, I am opposed to providing benefits of our natural resources for profit versus allowing other to use the same natural resources. Not sure why the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is trying to provide something to a special group with return or revenue. Please do not allow this decision to take place now or anytime in the future. The impact on the recreational sportsman will impact the economy greater than the few charter boats operating in the Gulf of Mexico fishery. Recreational sportsman spend more funds than charter boats on fuel, bait, tackle, boats, licenses, gear, electronics, etc. This industry will go away if we make separation of this nature. For the good of our country and use of our natural resources, say no. Ken Stevens | Nederland, Texas 77627 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:07:56 | Mary Oneal | Sunshinerowdy@yahoo.com | It is tough enough fishing as it is. Please leave us alone. Do not allow the separation . | Cat spring,tx 78933 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:09:08 | Robert Moseley | robert.moseley40@yahoo.com | Please no to this separation of the Gulf. The only people this will hurt is us private Anglers! | houston, TX 77062 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:10:37 | Johnny Perez | Perez_johnny@bellsouth.net | I would like for the council to remember the economic impact of recreational fishermen on the Gulf Coast and do all to preserve their fishing rights. | Thibodaux, LA, 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:11:02 | Roxane P. Curtin | rpcurtin56@hotmail.com | Reject this proposal to divide. What more can I say. Like everything else those who have get more and more and those who have not get everything taken away. Fishing is more than a sport for those making a "BUCK". I am disabled and fish for therapy. Seems to me that with all the damage boats and boaters are doing to destroy the sea grass and breeding areas this would be a "no brainer" to NOT take the fishing from those of us who dont own a boat but take something away from those who are diligently trying to destroy fishing areas. BUT, hey money talks and kick backs to law makers is the 2nd oldest way to make a living!!!! | 78412 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:11:55 | Capt. Anthony Buquoi | Abuquoi@eatel.net | This is a really bad idea. It is not right for the fisherman of the gulf. That is not what the gulf is for. Do it by limits and quota. Not this way. Thanks Captain Anthony Buquoi Spot On Fishing Adventures 225-806-8808 | Gonzales la 70737 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/7/2012 17:11:58 | Robert Brignac | lsruobbie@gmail.com | The sector separation amendment downright insulting to what happens to be your largest "constituency"....the millions of individual boat owners along the gulf coast. DO NOT pass this amendment. | Sugar Land TX 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:14:12 | Robert Walls | Rwallsjr@yahoo.com | REJECT SECTOR SEPARATION!!!! | San Antonio, TX, 78212 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:15:43 | Stephen C. Griffin | scgriffin@cox.net | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple | Abbeville | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:16:47 | James Reynolds | prosmokeater68@yahoo.com | Not a fair assumption, I am totally against giving my share away!! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:17:27 | Bryan Moore | marshred@yahoo.com | Nothing good has EVER come from the Federal government getting involved! Some politician or his family is obviously going to benefit from any laws or regulations that they hand down. Enough is enough! A line has been drawn in the sand and the American people are FED UP! Go ahead and mess with the recreational hunter or fisherman and you are committing political suicide... | Dequincy, LA, 70633 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:17:32 | John Romero | Gobigatvin@cox.net | I vote against the separation of sectors (REJECT SEPARATION) | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:18:07 | mark klotz | klotzputer@verizon.net | This is assanine. | league city | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:18:16 | Russell Woodruff | russell.woodruff@rswtech.com | creating more rules and policies around Sectors is just bureaucratic and will cause more heartache than good. this is unnecessary and will not accomplish any goal what soever. please do not support additional regulations around sector control. | Houston, TX 77095 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 17:18:17 | Talmage Duplessis | tag8286@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a horrible idea, just because charter captians make money off of fishing does not mean that they should have greater rights than recreational fishermen. We are paying for the job that the gulf council is doing too, no matter how bad of a job the council is currently doing. | Gonzales, LA 70737 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:18:29 | Philip P Caruso | caruso1f@gmail.com | vote against sector seperation | Winter Park, FL 32789 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:18:30 | Christopher W. Lewis | mlewis07@tampabay.rr.com | We must not give the federal government another opportunity to regulate us anymore. We are regulated to death already. | South Pasadena FL. 33707 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:18:57 | Edward Kosiewicz | edkosie@comcast.net | I am OPPOSED to ANY FORM of "SECTOR SEPARATION". | Punta Gorda, FL 33955 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:21:20 | Bruce McClellan | bedward1941@gmail.com | Would you please see that this does not pass I understand the plight of the commercial fishermen, with the raising fuel and other costs they have to shoulder to make a living. However the proposal to take away from thousands of private citizens their share of the fishery. Another factor to consider is the economic impact. The sport fisherman contributes more dollars to the sport than the commercial members contribute. One other consideration is that the country and Texas in particular are tied of the bureaucracy taking from the many to give to a few | alamo TX 78516 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:21:40 | John Dunphy | jdunphy@earthlink.net | Thank you for you consideration of my suggestions My wife and I both oppose sector separation. We are avid recreational anglers and oppose the redistribution of available public resources to a special interest group. | Shalimar, FL, 32579 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:21:42 | Jim Overfield | Overjo@aol.com | I am opposed to the concept of sector separation - please do not pass this amendment . | 77095 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 17:21:53 | Jim Vildibill | vjim99@yahoo.com | It took me years to buy my own saltwater boat. I finally have it and I plan to retire soon to spend even more time fishing. It is not right to restrict my ability to catch fish in favor of commercial boats. | Youngsville, La 70592 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:22:19 | Jonathan Wade Delmer | J_delmer@yao.com | Please reject seperation in the gulf! | San Antonio, Texas 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:24:47 | Charles t. Bruce | Ctbruce@gmail.com | Totally against this rediculas move! | Baton Rouge, La. | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:27:16 | Gary Kramer | garyk409@sbcglobal.net | I am opposed to Sector Separation or any action that has the potential to furthur restrict the catch by recreational anglers. Here on the northern Gulf of Mexico coast, it is very difficult to catch the weather safe enough for our boats to get out more than a hand full of days during the short season and then for a restricted catch. It is obvious that sector separation has the potential to shut us out entirely. | Crystal Beach, Texas, 77650 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:27:35 | Lindsay Kersker | linker1@charter.net | Reject this unfair imposition on my liberty. Vote NO on sector separation. I just wanna fish!!! Thanks, LK | Mandeville | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:27:45 | Dewayne Allen Pack | Dpacman@ymail.com | I don't think it is fare to me and all other anglers of present day or our future anglers for you to allow a select few business owners to use the same fish that we are able to fish for to pad their pockets. I work hard and pay my taxes, boat registration, boat insurance, fishing license, by bait and tackle from local shops, by plenty of fuel, and oil to go and enjoy the same waters that they do. If they are allowed to set limits on the amount of fish taken and when then it WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE THE \$\$\$\$\$\$ overrides the habitate and fish productivity. PLEASE DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN WE WORK HARD TO ENJOY OUR HOBBIES ANDBECAUSE WE AMERICANS ARE TAKING ENOUGH CRAP FROM THE GOVERNMENT | Gonzales, La 70737 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:27:57 | Ann Cantu | Jacan202@yahoo.Von | Please reject sector separation. | Sugar Land, TX 77479 | |
| 8/7/2012 17:27:58 | Keith Peoples | keithpeoples@comcast.net | Reject separation. | Katy, TX, 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:29:33 | Richard Armstrong | 2arms@verizon.net | I am contacting you to urge you flatly reject sector separation. | Coppell, TX 75019 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:29:59 | Dean Sutherland | deansuther@aol.com | Even though I have engaged in more chartered fishing trips than fishing trips using my personal boat during the last few years, I oppose the concept of dividing the permissible catch between charter boats operators and private recreational anglers. The amount of money paid by private recreational anglers in the pursuit of the legitimate catch greatly outweighs the amount of money paid by charter boat operators. There appears to be no legitimate reasons to support the sector separation. Thank you for considering my opposition to this bad idea. | New Orleans, LA 70131 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:30:00 | Edward D. Lett | Ed_lett@yahoo.com | Dean A. Sutherland Please do not allow this new measure to pass. There is no benefit but to the charter companies. The individual recreation fisherman investment is just as great and there impact on the fisheries much less. Please consider this when you make your decision for it will impact generations to come. | San Antonio, tx 78260 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 17:30:26 | ryan mossman | ryanmossman@hotmail.com | I am strongly against sector seperation between boat owners and charters. Please do not enact this at your New Orleans meeting. | houston, tx 77046 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 17:31:11 | k. c. mccollough | kcmccollough@comcast.net | DON'T DO THIS!!!!!!!!!! | brandon,ms 39047 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:31:35 | Mike Burks | mrburkspeed@peoplepc.com | I don't like the sector separation proposal at all. Pretty soon, recreational anglers will be completely shut out since the commercials will get all the allowable. All anglers should have an equal chance. If the commercials choose to make a living by fishing, then they should take their chances just like we all have to do in life. The recreational anglers do not make a dent in the game fish population anyway. Of the bycatch, juvenile game species killed etc. nearly all are killed by the commercials and nets. | Magnolia, Tx 77354 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:32:04 | Matthew Laverdiere | intodna@yahoo.com | Reject this please...!! I pay taxes, this is my country, those fish belong to all of us. The fish are not there for the sole purpose of men to make money. They are there for mankind to enjoy, manage and share. If the fisheries need rest then we all abstain as needed. The ocean is not a prostitute to be used up until its dead. Its a beautiful entity that deserves our respect. | bayou vista, tx, 77563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:33:44 | Rodolfo C. Valenciano | rvalenci21@gmail.com | I have had enough with the government telling what I can do and not do in everything. My only pastime is fishing. Leave it alone. | Baton Rouge, La. 70817 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:40:19 | Jason Westbrook | jwestbro123@yahoo.com | Just say "NO"!!!! | Fulton, Texas 78358 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:40:26 | Terry A. Gray | dirtdeviltx@aol.com | Please do not consider section separation for fish management. This would hurt the common recreational fisherman and limit their ability to fish gulf waters. We don't fish everyday and when we can find time, it would be only fair to us to be able to fish and not have our abilities taken away by the guides and commercial fishermen. | Bayside, TX 78340 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:40:44 | christopher abernethy | cabernet050@gmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, please vote against it | galveston,Tx 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:41:20 | Mike Reynolds | Mike.reynolds@ringpower.com | Vote no on this crazy idea. Why change to give an advantage to some? We vote no !!! Who owns a charter service on this council ? Who's the friend of the charter service on this council??? | Orlando,fl. 32708 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:41:34 | Malcolm D Brown | malbrown@mac.com | The private Recreational angler has given up so much to allow our fisheries to come back. Do not punish us with this type of amendment. | Saint Petersburg, FL 33711 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:45:12 | Trey Hadley | treyhadley105@yahoo.com | I feel this is a bad idea, and gives no good cause for fisheries management. | College Station, TX 77845 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:45:23 | Michael Buffington | buffin2 @ Verizon.net | The separation is unfair. If we are going to protect our fisheries, everyone needs to share the responsibility. There shouldn't be any favorites. | Valrico, FL. 33594 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:45:26 | Roger Smith | Bingoroger@aol.com | I am against sector separation. Gulf coast fish are equal opportunity fish. | Metairie La 70001 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:45:54 | Matthew Garner | 3G@hughes.net | I think it's a wonderful idea and we need sector separation. The charter boat guys are just trying to make a living and will allow the recreational fisherman to charter out a boat and fish year around for snapper. Thanks for your time. | Marquez,tx,77865 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:46:30 | Michael Alan Whitley Jr | mike.whitley@pescador3.com | I fully support the sector separation and RFA 39. The for-hire industry takes out recreational anglers every day that have the right to catch fish, just as much as the next person, but do not have their own vessel to do it. The for-hire industry is not asking for anything that is not historical to what has been happening for many years. Since we are willing to provide better feedback on our catches, it will provide better data tracking of what is specifically being caught. And therefore would lead to better management of the resources. Contrary to what many are saying on the recreational side, we are not taking anything away from the recreational anglers that we haven't historically had. | Shalimar, FL 32579 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |

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| 8/7/2012 17:48:02 | scott kuester | sekuester@yahoo.com | sector seperation is a bad idea please do not do this. thanks,scott | 77905 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:48:58 | Edward Sebesta | esebesta@comcast.net | All anglers should be treated the same. There should not be any separation of commercial and recreational fishermen. | Sugar land, Tx 77478 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:49:12 | Ray Pellegrin | rpelleg@entergy.com | Do not pass Sector Separation. You people are starting to get out of line with my right to fish. | gray, la. 70359 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:50:09 | Jessica Carter | jessicamae3@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. This is wrong, period! | Deltona, FL 32725 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:50:17 | Ronald Draeger | ron_draeger1@yahoo.com | No not seperate our fishing rights | Georgetown, TX 78628 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:50:27 | Shawn Baquet | Sjbaquet@belllaoith.net | Totally against separation | New iberia la 70563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:52:36 | fred cappadona jr | fredcappadona@yahoo.com | please reject reef fish amendment 39- sector separation | linn, tx. 78563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:53:20 | John Czapko | Jczapko@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. DON'T DO IT PLEASE | 77401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:53:56 | larry kiefer | larry.kiefer@comcast.net | The sector separation proposal is not a favorable concept, it should not be supported. | port st lucie, fl 34987 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:54:48 | Linette Boquet | linetteboquet@bellsouth.net | Please vote to reject sector separation. | Bourg, LA ,70343 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:55:01 | John Bass | bassjc@comcast.net | Sector separation is a bad idea. Very bad. Do not do this!!!! | 77057 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:57:12 | Dixie Wofford | dix543@hotmail.com | I DO NOT believe recreational fishers should be divided into two sectors. Recreational fishing quotas should be divided equally among those with boats and those who charter boats. | Elgin, texas 78621 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:57:32 | John Chomiak | jchomiak_@hotmail.com | I wholeheartedly reject the idea of sector separation and agree with the CCA that it is a bad idea for all. | Hockley, Texas, 77447 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:59:03 | Thomas Bendowski | jntdoc@yahoo.com | I think it is reprehensible to consider taking away access to our fisheries from recreational fishermen. Let's not forget what we add to local economies, purchasing bait, tackle, fuel, etc. | Crystal River, FL, 34423 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 17:59:31 | Clark Freeby | Cfreeby@sbcglobal.net | This is very wrong. The none commercial fisherman puts far more money in to the Texas Parks and Wild life fishery than a commercial fisher. I'm sure some lobbyist is passing some cash around. | N richland Hills Texas 76182 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:00:33 | doug westlake | dfwme1@verizon.net | sector separation is a bad idea as it stands now the recreational limit is already getting the short end of the stick compared to the commercial sector. the idea to give a select few a share of the recreational limit is a bad idea , these few charter boats are commercial interests therefore if any share should be given to them it should come out of the commmercial quota not any of the recreational quota. recreational fishing in florida alone is a huge economic generator that has already been hurt by draconian rules that have been passed using bad science . as an employee of the people you should put whats best for the people not the commercial interests first | | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 18:00:42 | Rickey Johnson | Rgjbass@comcast.net | Reject the separation | Houston tx 77073 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:01:33 | Joshua Adams | jba7@students.uwf.edu | Although sector separation will allow for better management of reef fishes in the recreational sector, Amendment 39 will further take away a natural resource for the profit of a few at the expense of many private citizens. Simply taking the recreational sector and subdividing it into for-hire and private vessels is a lazy way to solve the problem of inaccurate, incomplete, or imprecise landings data. A complete overhaul of both recreational AND commercial quotas for reef fish species such as gag, red snapper, and greater amberjack that are referred to in Amendment 39 would be better suited to address overfishing given the current explosion in private anglers. If Amendment 39 does pass, the averages used in tables 7 and 8 does not accurately reflect the most recent landings data (2011) which continues to show an upward trend in private fishing. | Pensacola, FL, 32506 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:02:15 | William Holland | billholland@bellsouth.net | What are you people thinking??????? | Brandon, Ms, 39047 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:03:47 | Robert Spikes Jr. | rhs84@yahoo.com | Please do not forget the fishermen that have worked hard to purchase and maintain an offshore boat. We have worked to become a part of an elite group of anglers and should not be penalized for such. | Jennings, La. 70546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:04:29 | Lynne A. Farlow | lafarlow@satx.rr.com | Sector separation as a method for managing our fisheries is an ill-conceived plan that punishes private boat owners. Reallocation of catch limits from those who own/operate their own boats to the charter fleet is nothing more than re-shuffling the deck chairs. There is no net benefit to the fish population, just a reallocation of the catch to those who are "more deserving"??? How does that work? We own a boat, skipper/crew the boat, pay for the gas, maintenance, bait, storage, etc. and am rewarded by having the catch even further limited? A long time ago, my husband and I stopped figuring the price per pound for red snapper because we enjoy fishing - sector separation only increases the price per pound and will be another dis-incentive for private boat owners. | Boerne, Texas 78015 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:04:32 | Kathleen Bowen | kpbowen@charter.net | I strongly oppose the Gulf Council proposal to segregate recreational anglers by criteria based on boat ownership: private versus charter/for hire. This will have negative consequences on our economy and marine ecosystem. Respectfully, Kathleen P. Bowen, MD, MBA | Birmingham, AL 35243 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:05:58 | Jaames C Sherman | bigwoody7@gmail.com | As a Council, you have mismanaged the fishery of the Texas coast, trying instead, to apply Florida fisheries to a totally different region. The Fishery that is the GOM is diverse, and does not orbit around the Head Boat, and Charter Boat fleet in Florida. Some of the dumbest people I know, are smart people, and your Biology reports, and subsequent directives by the Overlord of darkness, Mr. Crabtree, proves it beyond a doubt. Total incompetence by a government employee, that is bought and paid for by commercial interest. Pathetic is a mild term I would describe the science forwarded by the Gulf Council. Pick up your Government paycheck, and the one you receive from commercial interest, and continue to screw the rec angler, who provides the real money to coastal communities. An epic failure by a government bureaucracy, and it's untouchable employees. Total Failure, and a lack of any responsibility demanded by the private sector, that writes your checks. Incompetence, and personal failure as government employees, to put it mildly. | Waller, TX 77484 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:06:36 | Donald Obenhaus | dobenhaus304@hotmail.com | Quit screwing with my fishing rights. You obviously don't fish in the area you are "responsible for" which leads to the question, who are you representing? It can not be me, so the answer is yourself which means that everyone else will suffer needlessly. I guess you will just keep answering to the big pocketbook lobbyists. | Aransas Pass, Tx 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 18:07:04 | John E Caruthers | caruthersjohn@bellsouth.net | It angers me that such an outrageous proposal for a special interest preferential treatment could even make it far enough for serious consideration. Thanks for being vigilant to such threats to the interests of the common fisherman. | Lafayette, AL 36862 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:07:27 | Linda L. Anderson | bebopisit@aol.com | John C. This bill is unfair! And it is not environmentally sound. | Largo, FL 33773 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 18:08:02 | Hogan P LeBlanc | hplb@att.net | Dividing recreational fishing is a bad ideal. Let's not start giving fish to big money groups for no justified reason other than greed! | 70669 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:08:31 | Alvin Berger | acb78132@yahoo.com | Protect the rights of non commercial anglers. Do not give any of our rights to commercial fisherman. | Aransas Pass, TX 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:08:34 | Patrick Gramling | Spadron@yahoo.com | I am opposed to the amendment providing for sector separation. | Tampa, FL 33611 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:09:37 | Hugo A. Pena | hugo.pena@ymail.com | To give to the commercial fisherman, without any guidelines, is ludicrous. They never put into the resource, only take. This is BS. | Houston, TX 77070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:10:57 | Bernie Arnould | Berniearnould@yahoo.com | Reject the idea | Morgan city, LA 70380 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:11:10 | mark garrison | bloozeharp@suddenlink.net | I personally believe the sector separation is an idea that has no merit. I can see no possible benefits other than for the select few commercial ventures. I live in east tx, but travel to the coast several times a year, for a week at a time, to fish. I respectfully ask that this hairbrained scheme be canned. Thank you. | kilgore, TX 75662 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:11:40 | Miguel A Barrera | barrillo1@aol.com | Please reject separation. My wife and family stand with the Congressional Sportsman's Caucus. We recreational fishermen ARE WATCHING YOU! | Edinburg, Texas 78539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:11:42 | David Watson | flyingscot4@earthlink.net | DDW | Belleair, FL 33756 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:12:48 | James T. Musser | tamenterprize@yahoo.com | All anglers should have the same rights to all fish as any other person, individual or business. No change should be made. | Angleton, TX. 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:13:46 | Eric S. Shroyer | eshroyer@cfl.rr.com | As a member of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), I would like to voice my opposition to the Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. It is a bad idea that will benefit the few at the expense of many. It only makes economic sense to the few as well. Please drop this bad idea. Sincerely, Eric S. Shroyer | Sanford, FL 32773 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:15:33 | Charles brown | Snookpig@yahoo.com | Against separation Of recreational catch. Unfair. Not necessary Thanks | 33908 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:15:59 | Edward L Rispono | elrispono@iscgrp.com | I oppose the separation of the recreational and Charter/Headboat fish allocation or quotas. | Baton Rouge, LA 70810 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 18:16:52 | Andre Thomas | thomasblackbear@bellsouth.net | As a tax paying registered voter and licensed fisherman I am very much against this proposal and sector separation by any other name. | Hammond, LA 70403 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:17:11 | Therese Byatt | terrybyatt@aol.com | The Gulf Council should reject separation. This will hurt recreational anglers who pay license fees and take their rights away and give them to businesses. | Gainesville, FL, 32669 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 18:17:18 | Arlie R Williams | arliemollie@windstream.net | You can't give away something that is not yours,better find out who is paying the bills? Only John Q' Publick pays. Been fishing texas coast since 1965, Dont mess with Texas.....A.W. | Lamesa, Texas 79331 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:17:18 | Wayne Mogavero | Wlmpet1@comvast.net | Leave things the way they are!!!! | 33908 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:18:35 | Philip M McKinney | mckinnphil@aol.com | The Gulf is for all anglers to have the same opportunity to fish. Your idea for sectoring the Gulf based on type of fisherman has no merit. You have indeed overstepped your bounds and in fact do more harm than good. You typify the problem with this country in believing government has all the answers. | Ocean Ridge,FL 33435 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:19:14 | Robin Bear | bear.robin@gmail.com | Pease do not vote for sector separation, I own and operate my own boat, which cost me more than hiring a charter boat when I want to go fishing and this is all about money. Dividing the two groups of recreational fishermen has no conservational value. The noose is tight enough on the individual anglers as it is right now to conserve our resources for generations to come so they too can experience this great sport. | Houstin, TX 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:19:55 | Chris McGinty | chris.mcginty@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Please oppose | Palacios, Texas, 77465 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:21:04 | Chase Bowers | Readyrev@gmail.com | Please reject the creation of sectors | Temple, Tx, 76504 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:21:29 | James Fuller | fastjim@cfl.rr.com | Please consider the long term impact of allowing the commercial industry to fish without any limitations. It will lead us to another ban on some fish as has on the east coast. | Orlando, FL. 32807 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:22:46 | J. B. Strother | jbsunlimited | The NOAA is 10 years behind in the management of the gulf coast. They need to see the results that the Coast Conservation Association has done. As a avid fisherman- I fish over 100 days a year and i will tell you that the coast is doing the best in 25 years! This is all to do with the CCA and not from the NOAA. | College,Station Tx | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:23:14 | Susan jung | susanj9@sbcglobal.net | We don't need the government regulating one more thing in our lives! | sam Antonio tx 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:23:22 | Joe L. Thomas | joelthom@swbell.net | Please do not take any action that will adversely affect the private angler. | Houston, TX 77057 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:24:23 | PETER HINKELDEY | pjhinkeldey@aol.com | I am absolutely against any separation of limits. Period!!! | Slidell LA 70460 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:25:24 | joel canavan | jp1canavan@comcast.net | Don't change a thing | sugarland tx 77498 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:25:42 | Robert O. Hill | bozhill@aol.com | So who's money is buying this vote?? Who's going to look out for those of us who just want to buy a license and go fish. Don't start apportioning the resource according to campaign contributions. Thanks. | League City, TX, 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:25:59 | Dwane Hahn | dwanehahnii@aol.com | Sector Separation is a BAD idea, where will this lead? | Georgetown, TX 78633 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:26:28 | lewis metzger | lewismetzger@msn.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | houston, tx 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:27:14 | Ron Desadier | ron@rondesadier.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple! | Lake Charles,La. 70607 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:27:28 | Mike Dickey | grindtt@yahoo.com | Not a good idea and I do not support this action. | Spring, TX, 77389 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 18:27:45 | Virginia Pell | Pellvm@att.net | Please reject separation. | Houma,la 70360 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:28:03 | Larry M. Mock | lmock7@tampabay.rr.com | I can't believe you are entertaining this Sector Separation program. It takes from the many and gives to the few. That is not how this great country was founded. Tens of thousands will suffer and a handful will reap a great windfall. How can you even begin to justify that. It boggles my mind that you would even consider such a grossly unfair proposal. Please reconsider this program and use the rational mind God gave you and quash this program now. | Weeki Wachee, FL 34613 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:28:07 | Paul Morris | pcas@suddenlink.net | Please vote against sector separation. | College Station, TX 77845 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:28:26 | Robert W. Hilbig | robert@hilbigservices.com | I am against the the separation fishing idea, that is before the council. Please VOTE this down. Thank You, Robert W. Hilbig | Bulverde, Tx. 78163 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:28:26 | Robert W. Hilbig | robert@hilbigservices.com | I am against the the separation fishing idea, that is before the council. Please VOTE this down. Thank You, Robert W. Hilbig | Bulverde, Tx. 78163 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:28:33 | Virginia Pell | Pellvm@att.net | Please reject separation. | Houma,la 70360 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:29:41 | James L Luksa | TheLuksas@comcast.net | REJECT SECTOR SEPERATION!!!!!!!! THERE IS NO OVERALL BENEFIT OF SECTOR SEPERATION AND IT DOES NOTHING FOR COASTAL CONSERVATION. RESPECTFULLY, JAMES LUKSA | Meadows Place, TX 77477 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:29:59 | Daniel Morgan | tomorg7@gmail.com | WE as recreational anglers have just as much right to this resource. We may not have a lobby group with deep pockets but like you we want to fish. I buy boats fuel and equipment all year and at times use a guide. but I want equql access. They do not deserve any special privilage. | Baton Rouge, LA 70816 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:30:26 | Cesar B Botello Jr | Cesarbotellojr@yahoo.com | Reject separation!!!! | Laredo Tx., 78045 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:30:46 | larry slade | larryslade59@yahoo.com | The idea of seperation is a bad idea, it's another example of too big of a government. The recreational angler pays the rising cost of license, fuel, gear, and bait every year and they want to take away our freedom of fishing ? When will this insanity stop? | spring, tx. 77386 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:32:14 | Andrew Callais | cajunpaypa@yahoo.com | Keep the fishing regulations as they are!!!!!! | Marrero, LA | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:32:29 | Marc C Danile | Marcdanile@yahoo.com | I say no to separation between commercial and recreational anglers. | Houston, TX 77005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:33:03 | Daniel Harris | fishingfool50@comcast.net | I am against Sector Separation. | Rotonda West, FL 33947 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:33:32 | Allan Atkinson | allan10@comcast.net | Snapper has been managed poorly in recent years but splitting the anglers really makes no sense. It makes one wonder who is getting paid off. | Houston, tx 77025 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 18:33:52 | Allan Atkinson | allan10@comcast.net | Snapper has been managed poorly in recent years but splitting the anglers really makes no sense. It makes one wonder who is getting paid off. | Houston, tx 77025 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:34:43 | Ernest Zimmerman | Baybuzard@aol.com | The resource of fish in our US Gulf of Mexico is owned by all US citizens and should not be segregated in any way. I as a recreational fisher should be allowed the same opportunity as any other fisherman taking from the resource. To do anything differently to support one entity differently than another is unconstitutional to commercial or charter fisherman or myself a recreational angler. | Jefferson, Louisiana 70121 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:34:46 | Rickie McPherson | rick764@gmail.com | Please protect our rights as fishermen..... | Jefferson, Louisiana 70121 | |
| 8/7/2012 18:35:08 | Ernest Zimmerman | Baybuzard@aol.com | The resource of fish in our US Gulf of Mexico is owned by all US citizens and should not be segregated in any way. I as a recreational fisher should be allowed the same opportunity as any other fisherman taking from the resource. To do anything differently to support one entity differently than another is unconstitutional to commercial or charter fisherman or myself a recreational angler. | 39576 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:35:53 | keith dubrock | mckenzie.dubrock | As a recreational salt water fisherman, I strongly ask that you reject and vote against amendment 39. Please support our organization. | hayes, la 70646 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:35:55 | Robert Boquet | linetteboquet@bellsouth.net | Please vote to reject sector separation. | Bourg, LA ,70343 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:37:05 | Todd mills | Todd.mills@cbre.com | Please reject separation Members of the Gulf Council: | San Antonio, Texas 78212 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:37:22 | Kelleigh Gorski | Kdt_04@hotmail.com | As a recreational angler and a lifelong resident of Florida, I urge you to reject the notion of Sector Separation. I hope the members of the Gulf Council listen because the message from Governors, Congressmen, and the recreational angling community is quite clear – privatizing public wildlife resources through sector separation and catch shares is the wrong direction. Thank you for your time and hope you make the right decision in regards to Sector Separation. | Bradenton, FL 34202 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:37:30 | Gene Hebert | genehebert@msn.com | no separation | covington, La. 70433 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:37:41 | Ron Wong | ez_tag@hotmail.com | Please do NOT approve this legislation... | Spring, TX 77381 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 18:37:47 | James R Bridges | jrbob@verizon.net | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. DO NOT approve Sector Separation for sportsmen who own a boat and Charter/for hire. | Plano, TX 75023 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:37:57 | Jacob Schexnayder | jschex03@yahoo.com | As a recreational angler and CCA member, I do not support the amendment. | 70458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:38:29 | Vernon Scott Sommerlatte | vssommerlatte@hotmail.com | Dividing the recreation catch is the most ridiculous idea I have ever heard. Daily bag limits should be reduced for all fisherman- commercial, charter boats, guides and recreational. Not divided up. Scott Sommerlatte www.scottsommerlatte.com vssommerlatte@hotmail.com | Lake Jackson, TX 77566 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/7/2012 18:40:16 | John Gleeson | floridagleesons@yahoo.com | <p>To the Gulf Council Members,</p> <p>I understand that an item is coming before the council that could divide the gulf bottom fish catch between recreational and charter fishing vessels. This is a bad idea. While I live (and fish) here in Florida I just returned from a trip to Alaska where a similar initiative on catch shares have significantly impacted the charter boats that target halibut.</p> <p>I happened to visit Homer Alaska where the limits on charter fishing is 2 fish per angler (any size). Most of Alaska is limited to 1 relatively small fish. That rule is driving business and livelihood from many charter boats. No such restriction is placed on recreational angling. This crazy rule is not based on conservation... but clearly picks on the least organized segment of the Alaska fishing business..</p> <p>Like Alaska, certain fish stocks here in Florida are under pressure. The best way to allow for a recovery is an across the board restriction on taking that species. Let's use seasonal closures or trigger a closure based on takings... not by arbitrarily picking on user groups that are not well organized (charter boats and recreational anglers). The closed season on snook is an excellent example of an equitable management tool.</p> <p>Let's use science to shape our fisheries policy.</p> <p>Best Regards, John Gleeson</p> | Boca Raton | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:41:01 | Leonard Brautigam | leonard.brautigam@gmail.com | Please don't divide the recreational catch limit between recreational fisherman and charter/headboat for hire. This is very unfair to the recreational fisherman and does not do anything to conserve the overall catch limit. Actually, charter/headboat for hire should be moved to commerical fisherman. Thanks for reading and considering my concerns. | Cypress, Tx. 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:41:23 | ronny d. stegall | rdstegall8@gmail.com | recreational angler and friends that believe in conservation and only keep what is needed. like it this way and want to keep it this way. | houston, tx. 77015-3129 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:42:10 | foster sayles | fostersayles@yahoo.com | this is not good. | galveston,texas, 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:43:38 | Marsha Sommerfeld | Pkshunt@netzero.net | Please vote against this, and protect the recreational fisherman. | Katy, tx 77493 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:43:46 | David W Gillilan | dwgill2@att.net | Please reject the proposal to form the Sector Separation. I am against it. Please reject the Proposal. | Houston,Texas 77055 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:44:02 | Matthew C. Ezell | Ezellmc@gmail.com | Please don't allow sector separation. I want my kids and many more generations thereafter to have the same opportunity I did for offshore fishing. This amendment , if approved, would endanger this dream. That would be giving away our resources. Ludicrous. | Corpus Christi, TX 78404 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:45:29 | David Perry | David.perry2000@gmail.com | Please do not separate the 2. Thank you. | Lake Charles, la 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:45:33 | William Edward Meador | wemeador@gmail.com | I reject sector seperation. | Atlanta, GA, 30327 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:47:25 | David Zapalac | dmzapalac@yahoo.com | Please STOP all attempts to separate gulf fishing!!!! | Huntsville, TX, 77320 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 18:47:40 | Daniel C. Steubing | steubingm@peoplepc.com | I oppose sector separation. This is absurd. Charter/Headboat For Hire should be limited because they are taking over the Gulf. | Hondo, Texas 78861 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:47:56 | Gary Maler | hucklegaryfinn@verizon.net | I urge you to not adopt sector separation. Charter boats and those for hire should not have any increased allocation of fishing or fishing rights over privately owned boat operators (individual recreational fishermen fishing from their own boats). | Somerville, TX 77879 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:49:57 | John Brogdon | brogdon06@sbcglobal.net | This is another way government is taking away rights of the people, and helping big business. As a family that as recently started fishing the Gulf, this would be very disappointing, if the group voted to help out big business. So I urge you not to make any changes! Thank you, The Brogdon Family | Saint Hedwig, 78152 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:49:59 | Louis Sterling Frank | sterlingfrank@sbcglobal.net | No split. | Rockport, Tx | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:50:28 | James Sholders | Jrsholders@hotmail.com | I am against the separation. | Austin, tx 78738 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:51:28 | Craig Mixson | craigmixson@yahoo.com | Please do not implement this proposed regulation. | Buna, Texas 77612 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:51:57 | Michael Judson Dodick | buckdodick@gmail.com | Please do not enact sector legislation. Please work towards greater opportunities for all to enjoy recreational fishing. Buck | Mandeville, LA 70471 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:53:30 | Dale J. Bergeron Jr. | djbergeron69@yahoo.com | I am employed by a private company to take there client's fishing for whatever we can fish for that is not closed. It would not be right to separate us from for charter/headboat for hire system. | Houma La. 70364 | Private Recreational Angler, Commercial Fisher, Other |
| 8/7/2012 18:53:54 | Eric Villarreal | aggieric98@yahoo.com | Please reject sector separation. I don't believe there are any tangible conservation benefits to separation. | Corpus Christi, TX 78404 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:54:30 | John Rmning | John@rammingpaving.com | Please abandon sector separation | 78664 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:55:24 | Todd Joubert | todd@sage-ap.com | I am against sector separation. | Austin, TX 78748 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:55:37 | Rick Roberts | rick@houstondistributing.com | Please reject Sector Separation. It is a bad idea with no data to support its implementation. | Houston, Texas 77055 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:55:44 | Lennie Stephens | Lps8158@yahoo.com | I think everyone should be on a level playing field boat owners and boat manufacturers will be unjustly punished by this proposal. The fisheries are a gift to have in the gulf. A lot of charter boat operators take it for granted. If we don't do something to protect this resource we are blessed to have. this will be a mute point for our children. I am always proud to see an adult taking the time out to bring children to enjoy this resource. I would much rather have my children on the water than in the Street. Thanks | new orleans la 70118 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |

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| 8/7/2012 18:56:04 | kent wayne vaughan | kvaughan@securecommercesy | The federal government has gotten way out of hand regarding the limits and allocations of the red snapper fisheries. The snapper are a resource that belongs to everybody and should not be allocated to a special interest groups (charters and commercial) while everybody else suffers as a result. This is a Nothing more than a Money Grab, plain and simple. Why should special consideration be given to those who charter or commercial fish. The money the private fisherman put back into the economy is more than the charter and commercials do. This is a Resource that belongs to everybody, Treat is as Such. Sincerely, Kent Vaughan | dickinson, texas, 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:56:14 | Allen Grandstaff | agrandstaff@cox.net | I am opposed to sector separation. | Crestview Florida 32436 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:56:17 | Tommy B. Norris | gnorhorsefarm@yahoo.com | Please do not let this bad legislation affect our Gulf Coast sport fishing !!!!!!! | San Marcos , TX78666 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:57:51 | Marc Gray | Mgray202@yahoo.com | I don't support this action. To give them a fishery. Sector Separation is a BAD IDEA | Victoria, TX 7790- | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:58:22 | Karlon Thibodeaux | karlonthib@gmail.com | Sector separation is a terrible idea. We need you to reject separation. | Estherwood La. 70534 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:58:22 | Ranzy Morgan | rmorgan@choiceanalytical.com | Please do not take the path of sector regulation such as further dividing the already slim catch of red snapper. In Texas the population has rebounded nicely perhaps changing the limits based on geographic locations make more sense. | Galveston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:59:11 | DORSEY DUTIL | dorseydutil@yahoo.com | REJECT SEPARATION | NEW IBERIA, LA 70560 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:59:27 | Jay Scott Durant | jdurant000@yahoo.com | I think this is a bad idea and should be voted down. JSDurant | crosby,tx,77532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 18:59:28 | John Crutchfield | Jcrutchfield@gkcc.com | I am opposed to sector separation. Manage the fishery without choosing sides. | Killeen, Texas 76541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:00:12 | kevin krampitz | kevinkrampitz@hotmail.com | The sector separation amendment is a bad idea! It will hurt the vast majority of recreational fisherman an benefit a few commercial fisherman at the expense of the entire fishery for generations to come.Please break from the Federal norm and use some common sense when considering this amendment!!!! VOTE NO! Council, | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:00:25 | Russell Lee Caffery | russell.caffery@gmail.com | Voting favorably for this amendment would be a huge mistake. The small coast towns make their money on the recreational anglers who come in every weekend. If you take part of our fish limit and give it to charter boats, I would be inclined to stop giving those businesses (usually its a marina, restaurant, and charter service) my money when eating there or telling friends where to launch their boat, eat, and stay. I believe I would not be the only one to do so. Also, it's not the two or three per boat recreational anglers doing harm to the fishery | Franklin, LA, 70538 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:01:17 | Floyd Ciruti | ciruti@hotmail.com | I vote against separation. | Wharton, Tx. 77488 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 19:01:38 | Eric Arredondo | ericarredondo22@yahoo.com | Please reject the sector separation rule. As a father of 2 under 5 and a new avid fisherman with a boat, I strongly disagree with the move to separate anglers in 2 sectors. | 77406 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:01:44 | ashford eady | aeady1@hotmail.com | Do not split the recreational quota | Metairie, La. 70006 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 19:02:17 | christine tuttle | ckt70@mygait.com | To the Gulf Council, " SECTOR SEPARATION " is a BAD idea. Please reject this !!! thank you !!! | clearwater, florida 33763 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 19:02:17 | Joel Kempf | jkkodiak@aol.com | Bad ideal. Vote no | bulverde, tx 78163 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:03:03 | Robert Willms | 2022 Cherrington Drive | I am strongly opposed to sector separation in the gulf coast. I am also active in supporting those who support our fishing nd hunting rights | Katy, Texas, 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:03:04 | Stuart Randall | stuartrandall12@gmail.com | I think that this is just another thing you guys are doing just to get money. I think this would be unfair to most people. I am 21 years old and know that a whole lot of people would not be to happy if someone took there fish. Don't do it | Houston, TX 77019 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:03:54 | Robert Willms | Robertwillms@comcast.net | I am strongly opposed to sector separation in the gulf coast. I am also active in supporting those who support our fishing nd hunting rights | Katy, Texas, 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:04:49 | Reginald Guess | nodrreg@verizon.net | Separation of the recreational catch is a bad idea. It will take away rights from individual recreational fishermen in favor of businesses. | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:04:58 | william l. powell sr. | threasa51@ATT.NET | PLEASE VOTE AGIANST THIS SEPARATION ISSUE! | WALLER TX 77484 | |
| 8/7/2012 19:06:13 | Robin L. Willms | Robinwillms@comcast.net | I am opposed to amendment 39 - sector seperation | Katy, Texas, 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:06:55 | Jimmy Veal | veal62@msn.com | Please reject the sepearation | Dayton, TX 77535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:08:03 | Henry Gilman Griggs | gilgriggs17@gmail.com | The private recreational fisherman is at a marked disadvantage in their ability to catch a nice size limit of fish without placing additional restrictions on these small boat fisherman. | Florence, AL 35630 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:08:07 | Emily Willms | Emily Willms | Please vote against amendment 39 Sector Seperation. | Katy, Texas, 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:08:36 | Bruce Schaffer | bschaffer@carrabellemarina.com | Separating charter boats and recreational fishermen is a terrible idea! You propose to allocate a public resource on the basis of today's use pattern. The staff of the Gulf Council seems intent on giving a public resource to a very small group of people! You gave, at no charge IFQ to a very small group of people. Many of the people given IQFs have sold their boats and now just sell their quota to working fishermen.How does any of this help anyone except the "new owners" of a public resource. Tell me how you would explain this to 60 Minutes. If you can do this with a straight face , I'd love to hear your response. . | Carrabelle, Fl 32322 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 19:09:45 | Matt Reichenau | matthew.reichenau@kodak.com | I strongly reject the idea of separation for sport and for hire fishing angles. Management should be left as it is!!!! Thank you Matt Reichenau | 21349 Water Wood Dr.Garden Ridge Tx. 78266 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 19:10:53 | Steve Beauchamp | john.beauchamp@gpc.edu | I submitted comments on this issue a couple of weeks ago, but I have yet to see them posted. So I'm not sure what good this will do. But just in case, I'll say again that sector separation constitutes a takeover of a major portion of a public resource for the purpose of giving it to a small group of charter boat operators who apparently have influence over the council. As many other groups have shown, recreational fishermen provide the bulk of economic support for the Gulf fishing industry. Any arbitrary limits set on recreational fishing for the sake of a small number of commercial operations will ultimately damage the Gulf fishing industry. Also, it will not serve conservation in any way. The council has no research and no data to support such a radical change and has made no commitment on what percentages might be used. All of that apparently they plan to determine after they have already voted on this change. I hope that Gulf residents will make their voices heard on this issue. If they do not, they might very well find themselves with limited access to a public resource that they pay to support and conserve. | Port Charlotte, FL 33953 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:11:26 | John Allen | jallen21750@att.net | Reject Sector Segregation!!!! | hockley, tx 77447 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:12:01 | John C. Dasch | jdasch2002@yahoo.com | I oppose the "Separation" initiative. The issue should be an economic/environmental one. The net effect would not be any change in environmental protections, but would have a negative effect economically. The private boat owners add many more dollars to the economy than commercial fishermen. The new regulation would, in effect, reduce the private interest in spot fishing while allowing the commercial fishermen to "sell" certain numbers/species of fish, instead of just providing a fishing "service". Please defeat the Separation Initiative. | Sugar Land, TX 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:12:11 | Randy Underwood | randyu55@sbcglobal.net | Private Recreational Anglers contribute much more money and volunteer efforts to maintain and improve the fisheries. I have volunteered at numerous clean the beaches, remove crab traps, and raffles to support the fisheries and I have never seen a commercial fisherman or charterboat owner at a single one. Reward the ones that contribute. | Bellaire, Tx 77401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:14:50 | Curtis Muzyka | cmuzyka@houwire.com | Dividing the recreational anglers in to two sectors is a bad idea! Please reject separation. | Houston, TX 77065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:15:25 | Randall Sharp | randysharp@gmail.com | Please do NOT split the recreational quota between charter & private boats! As a private boat owner with limited time to fish there is already no justification to owning a boat because of so few days when taking of Gulf fish is legal. By splitting the quota and giving the private boater fewer opportunities to fish you will: 1. reduce the slim justification for owning a Gulf fishing boat, thus destroy what's left of that boating segment. 2. Deny childred the opportunity to learn fishing/boating/navigation skills from their parents. | Gulf Breeze, FL 32563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:18:30 | Patrick B. Piper | ppiper2@att.net | Thanks, | | |
| 8/7/2012 19:18:30 | Patrick B. Piper | ppiper2@att.net | I enjoy recreational fishing in the gulf and bays around the Texas gulf coast. I cannot even fathom why anyone would place any kind of separation or restrictions on the freedom we all have to enjoy the waters along the coast. Reef fish amendment number 39- Sector separation sounds too much like destroying my freedom to fish where and when I so desire. Please do not approve such bad policy. I cannot even imagine why anyone, other than those who do not fish, would come up with such a rediculous proposal. Leave our fishing rights and freedoms alone. | Friendswood, TX 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:18:58 | Patrick B. Piper | ppiper2@att.net | I enjoy recreational fishing in the gulf and bays around the Texas gulf coast. I cannot even fathom why anyone would place any kind of separation or restrictions on the freedom we all have to enjoy the waters along the coast. Reef fish amendment number 39- Sector separation sounds too much like destroying my freedom to fish where and when I so desire. Please do not approve such bad policy. I cannot even imagine why anyone, other than those who do not fish, would come up with such a rediculous proposal. Leave our fishing rights and freedoms alone. | Friendswood, TX 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 19:19:16 | Dean Appling | dappling@cm.utexas.edu | I urge you to reject separation of existing and future recreational sector allocations of harvest into private boat and charter / for-hire / headboat sector portions as a means to manage Gulf of Mexico Fisheries. This is bad policy, plain and simple. | Bee Cave, TX 78738 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:19:16 | kenneth c gilfort | kenneth.gilfort@yahoo.com | I am against separating recreational limits of fish to different groups or sectors. Limits should be the same for all recreational fishing, deep sea or otherwise, Thank you Kenneth c gilfort | houston,tx 77015 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher, NGO, Other |
| 8/7/2012 19:20:14 | Douglas Orth | dorth986@hotmail.com | No....reject separation | Katy, Texas 77493 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:20:38 | Heidi Easley | easley_h@yahoo.com | Reject the sector separation! Democracy is of the people and for the people. Not for just the select few! | Victoria, TX, 77905 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:20:41 | TRACEY DEAN | texasflyfisher@yahoo.com | Sector Separation is a very bad idea. DO NOT PASS IT! | South Padre Island, TX 78597 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:20:57 | Daniel O. Mundy | danielmundy@sbcglobal.net | Sector separation is a bad idea. Please reject this idea. Thank you for your time. Daniel O. Mundy | Galveston, Texas, 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:21:00 | Darrell Hancock | dlhancock@hotmail.com | Hello,,,As a angler, reject the separation. Of all the things going on in this country, there are alot more things for you to do to help this country. Reject the seperation. | San Antonio, Tx 78238 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:24:13 | David manges | David.manges@yahoo.com | No to reef fish amendment 39 | La Vernia tx 78121 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:24:22 | David manges | David.manges@yahoo.com | No to reef fish amendment 39 | La Vernia tx 78121 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:25:33 | James Korenek | jkorenek@yahoo.com | I can't see how this action would be in the best interest of the fishery. | San Antonio, TX 78249 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:26:06 | Joel Foster | jp71596@verizon.net | Sector Separation is a horrible idea. I am against it. | Mont Belvieu, TX 77523 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:27:43 | Michael I Wheeler | mike.gottafish@hotmail.com | I oppose the current Reef Fish Amendment 39-Sector Separation. | 77541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:28:22 | Scott A Snodgrass | Scotty1drop@yahoo.com | What a bunch of *#%*. What's next for us in Louisiana? How many more rules and regulations can the government put on us? This is an atrocity!! Somebody's gotta stop this from happening. This is the one thing that so many of us have left! | New Orleans, LA, 70118 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:28:42 | Bobby D Johnson | bobbyjohnson@satx.rr.com | as a private angler please try and not change any thing to making fishing harder for private boats and anglers between the weather and rules it seems to make it not worth it and that is sad for me to not be able to go fishing when i can between work and weather thanks for saving the private recreational anglers Bobby Johnson | San Antonio | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:30:04 | James G. Carner | jcarner1948@yahoo.com | Please reject Reef Fish Amendment # 39. Makes no sense, This sounds like something that Obama would do. get real people. | La Marque, Tx. 77568 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:31:59 | John F. Huston | johnfhust@comcast.net | Sector seperation is a terrible idea and should be quashed. Taking from recreational anglers and giving to businesses and charter boat operators is an awful idea, and I am very opposed! | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 19:32:11 | Micheal Ziegler | zshark01@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. Don't give away my fishing harvest rights! | Destin, FL 32541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:32:53 | Buddy Burks | bburks62@yahoo.com | Sector separation is unfair to private recreational anglers. Poorly managed Red Snapper fisheries is already a joke. Splitting the sectors will put private anglers on the water... | Lake Charles LA 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:33:08 | James Svoboda | jamesds1@swbell.net | I oppose the idea of sector separation. I would at least expect some sort of a option to vote against this and not see it just put into place. | San Antonio,Tx, 78213 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:34:41 | Hayden Gaspard | haydengaspard@gmail.com | This is insane. It's absolutely absurd. It's downright unconstitutional. Every other facet of American life is being corrupted more and more by the year; don't let this one go to those who don't need it. Reject separation of commercial charter fishermen and private recreational fisherman. To accept this ridiculous deal is to lose my support and my vote forever. | Lake Jackson, TX, 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:35:15 | Rickie Lynn Neyhard | rickneyhard@yahoo.com | Reject separation of those who own their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats.This separation would be taking away of the rights of the recreational fishermen and giving to a select number of guides who think they own the public waters already. | Brenham, TX. 77833 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:36:33 | Gerald N. Weyant | gweyant@comcast.net | The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. And what would those businesses pay for this windfall? Nothing. What are the tangible conservation benefits of this course of action? Nothing. The manner in which proponents and NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations has drawn the opposition of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus. The CSC, with more than 300 members in the U.S. Congress, promotes and protects the rights of anglers and hunters and is one of many groups opposing this issue on behalf of Gulf Coast anglers Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. I am against this proposal boats for hire take many more fish than recreational fisherman!. I would like to see more habitat and places close to shore and in bays to fish. | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:36:49 | Shelley Britton | shellrbritt@gmail.com | Totally idiotic idea. Who comes of with these ridiculous ideas? | 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:37:05 | Tom Jones | thomasj9@bellsouth.net | Please reject the concept of two sectors for the Gulf. It is an unfair concept. | 70791 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:39:50 | Keith Dickerson | kadps@yahoo.com | No sectors separation. Commercialization and the regulation of the right to fish the gulf is the ultimate act of governmental control. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:40:02 | Brent Evans | Brent_evans86@yahoo.com | There is no need to hold back anglers from enjoying their recreational activities to provide for a for hire service. This appears to be nothing but a way to drum up money for the buddies of those in power and a play to bring in more revenue to the government through increased taxes on the guide services which will be welcomed by the guides as a strict limit on recreation will produce more customers. Why should guides who generally catch far more fish have an advantage? I enjoy the water and fishing and am against separating the guide service and individual private anglers into different groups - the government should have far more important issues to deal with than worrying about my trout intake; but I guess those other issues aren't as easily handled or drum up easy revenue. | 77494 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 19:42:22 | Mike Neumann | mike@gbepformance.com | I am strongly against proposed amendment | Galveston, TX 77551 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 19:42:23 | Felipe Joseph Davila | dfesojf@yahoo.com | Reject separation. | Cypress, TX 77433 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:43:40 | William Edd Trautwein | 59chevy@tisd.net | i dont support the sector separation idea Edd Trautwein | victoria | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:44:04 | dennis matherne | dmatherne@matherneconstruct | Reject seperation | vero beach, florida, 32960 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:45:51 | Robert Schumske | rmms1@yahoo.com | Dont divide the anglers. Each man/woman has a limit of fish to keep. Don't give and take!!!!!!! | Houston, Texas 77007 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:46:30 | Anthony Lanata | anthony.lanata@att.net | please do not separate recreational anglers from commercial/charter fishing businesses when it comes to quotas, seasons or sectors--what is good for the gander is good for the goose | Baton Ropuge, La. 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:49:20 | Elizabeth Anderson | lizandberry@verizon.net | To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to voice my concern about Sector Separation. Why would a group that contributes so little to the 'economy' of the Gulf be given a windfall like this proposal? Recreational anglers contribute many tmes more than guides. I realize the guide industry is suffering the economic tides right now, so is the entire nation from the waitresses to the small business owners. I am a small business owner and an avid angler. Are you going to take away from me to give to someone else? BTW, many/most guides are flying under the IRS radar and we know they are not contributing their fair share of their income from their guide services. You know it is true. Is this Obama economics? Those who don't contribute get distributions from those that do? I have really had enough of that and NOW you want to mess with my fishing? Sector Separation is a bad idea. Period. It is unfair and those promoting it and selling off 'our' resources will be exposed. Liz Anderson | Huffman, Texas 77336 | |
| 8/7/2012 19:50:40 | walter coleman todd ii | tfencing@yahoo.com | natural resources like fish and birds and wildlife belong to all people. we as recreational fishermen and hunters spend millions of dollars annuallynto help keep these sports alive for future generations can you expect the same attitudes and monies to com from commercial and charter fishermen and outfitters, i am in favor of protecting the rights of individuals and am strongly against putting more of our natural resources in the hands of people to make money off of them My wife and I oppose Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. | needville texas 77461 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:51:57 | Mike McMurray | michaelamcmurray@gmail.com | Sector Separation is bad for the gulf fishery and for tourism. Bait-tackle shops, marinas, hotels, cafes, boat dealers, and service stations will lose business when recreational fishing is marginalized. We spend 15 days per year fishing the gulf at a minimum. We invest \$400 per day for fishing tackle, bait, fuel, meals, and motels while fishing on the Gulf of Mexico each and every year. | Arlington, TX 76001 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:52:06 | Marion Avants | Marionavants@gmail.com | Please do not vote for this. | Killeen, TX 76542 | Other |
| 8/7/2012 19:52:33 | Randall L Foto | randynmo@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea! | Mandeville, La. 70471 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 19:52:36 | MICHAEL DELUCA | DELUCAMA@MSN.COM | We need the Gulf Council to reject separation. It is important to defeat this measure now - we don't want to discover the details of a radical new federal program after it is approved. This is nonsense plain & simple! Thanks for your vote to save our american way of life for the small Recreational fisherman and up & coming grand kids and generations to come who loves fishing too. | BELLE CHASSE, LA 70037 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:52:43 | Brett Schwemer | Aqua.addicts@yahoo.Com | I say no to the amendment 39. | 77598 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:54:01 | Casey Eakin | Casey.eakin@hotmail.com | Taking away from weekend anglers and giving away to commercial outfitters turns away development of young anglers. Smaller bags means less time on the water and less quality time and leisure. Leave it as it is! | Humble TX 77346 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:56:19 | stephen tork | hotshotstork@yahoo.com | Shouldnt differentiate quotes from private and charter fisherman on limits. Need to shut down on commercial and long linefishermen. Why do i have go spend sooooo much money to take my private boat offshore to catch only....two snapper per person. And also only two kingfish per person also. Thats just crazy limits. | burleson tx 76028 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:56:24 | Odell Harwell | hirider@clear.net | Proponents and NOAA Fisheries staff are attempting to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations. Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. Reject Sector separation. It is important to defeat this measure now - we don't want to discover the details of a radical new federal program after it is approved. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:56:31 | Justin Michael Garcia | jg1759@txstate.edu | This is a slap in the face of all recreational fishermen if the amendment gets passed. | Lake Jackson, Tx, 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:58:48 | Robert Kennedy | Robear33@gmail.com | I think you would be making a huge non reversible mistake by voting in sector separation and further damage a already badly managed fishery. Please don't make another terrible mistake and further damage the snapper fishery and hurt the recreational fisherman even more than you already have. Thanks Robert Kennedy a concerned fisherman | Palmetto la 71358 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:58:55 | Henry Homrighaus | henry.homrighaus@sbcglobal.net | This will hurt the gulf. | 78247 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 19:59:32 | Terry McRoberts | t.mcroberts@earthlink.net | I sold my offshore boat, bought a smaller boat and dock it on a local lake. Haven't even fished salt water in the past year, but still buy my saltwater stamp and support CCA as I have for years. Even though I seldom have the opportunity to fish salt water I can see the problems looming by allowing commercial and for-hire operations special treatment. The Texas mid-coast is becoming overcrowded by the guides who are fishing every day, taking paying clients to areas where fish are known to be and taking more than their fair share of fish from the waters already. I appeal to your good logic in not allowing further damage to be done. Please do not consider separating the recreation anglers from the for-hire professionals and their clients. | Spring, Tx 77388 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:00:37 | phillip Sheridan | psheridan001@att.net | reject separation - please. Sportsman know how to manage fisheries. Not politicians in Washington, certainly not corporate owned charter boats with only expense account bankers on them. | austin texas 78735 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:00:48 | John Melnar | jmelnar95@yahoo.com | I would like to voice my opinion against sector separation. Charter boat and for hire vessel should not receive special consideration over private recreational angler like myself. | round Rock, TX 78681 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:01:22 | John Hebert | johnlouis45@aol.com | Please do not split the fishing resources between the private and Charter/For Hire fisherman. We share a mutual interest in all Coastal and Off shore fisheries and to divide the two would not only be unfair but would cause a detrimental rift between fishermen of all types. | New Orleans La. 70131 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 20:01:49 | John E. Mings | jmings82@yahoo.com | please reject separation | Houston Tx. 77044 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:01:53 | Stephen Buller | stephenbllr@gmail.com | Do not separate anglers | 70586 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:02:49 | Karl Hielscher | Hielscher74@gmail.com | The fisheries assets of Texas are for all citizens and guests, not just those who pay for the privilege to fish with for profit organizations. There is no economic or ecological benefit associated with such a decision The greed associated with such a decision is misguided, portraying less than honorable action on the part of the proponents and the government staffs involved. | Irving, tx 75063 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:03:38 | Helen Karr | hlkarr6046@yahoo.com | Taking away from the private citizen to beef up the commercial fisherman is just wrong. We the private citizen are the people for whom the United States and all other county and state governments are created supposedly to protect. Why do you want to take away from us. Most Private Recreation Anglers take only what they will eat. Many of us never get out as far as Charter/Headboat for-hire. There is just no logical reason to take from us to give to them unless "them" are paying you to take away from us. I love to fish, I love to eat what I catch. I follow the rules of the Texas Parks and Wildlife on fishing regulations on size and limits. I do not want you to take any more away from my personal recreation. Thank you for taking an action which actually protects the Private Recreational Angler. Sincerely, Helen Karr Baytown, TX 77521 | Baytown, TX 77521 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:04:20 | Thomas Harris | tomcathyharris@yahoo.com | This separation nonsense has been evaluated and it is not going to accomplish one darn thing. Please do not pursue this avenue to try to solve a complex problem. Listen to those who are experts. Thanks Tom | Boerne, Texas 78006 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:04:59 | William Meyer | b2meyer@comcast.net | Sector separation is a bad idea from several standpoints. It is unfair, does nothing for conservation, is probably unworkable. Please do not go forward with this plan. | Houma, La 70364 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:07:05 | Victor yamayans | tovictory24@hotmail.com | Fishing For ALL No Segregation | TALLAHASSEE, FL 32312 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:07:12 | Dan Porter | porterdan@bellsouth.net | As a recreational angler I believe this Reef Fish Amendment to be a bad idea for the fishery. | Benton, LA 71006 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/7/2012 20:07:29 | Vernon Roberts | bigvern464@gmail.com | For hire boats do not deserve the right to have fish limits that are reserved specifically for them. My boat costs as much as theirs and I do not have anyone paying me to use my boat, gas, tackle or time. They chose to do this on their own. Why should the recreational angler have to suffer for their benefit. When on the water most Guides are very disrespectful and will move in on you if you have located fish and they are having trouble finding fish. | Three Rivers, Texas 78071 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:09:41 | Don Wallin | Donwallin@aol.com | Stop Sector Separation | Katy, TX 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 20:11:38 | Marshall Mahoney | smahoney@cmaaccess.com | Do not separate a portion of the fishing quota given to recreational fisherman and give it to charter boat captains. Charter boat captains are commercial fisherman. They profit off of fishing. Recreational fisherman are unfairly regulated as it is. Take a portion of the Commercial fisherman quota and give it to the Charter fishermen. | Belle Chasse, LA | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:13:01 | Samantha Hunt | samantha22c@yahoo.com | Please do not separate the charter boats from the private anglers! This would be a horrible mistake that could have huge consequences to our favorite recreational activity. | Humble, Texas, 77396 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:13:31 | Henry M. Baroco | hbaroco@gmail.com | I oppose the Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. Private recreational anglers spend a lot of money on boats, fishing tackle, bait, ice, food, drinks, fuel, maintenance that help provide businesses in our area the opportunity to make a living. Charter boats continue to fish on the fishing spots daily that are close in to shore to conserve fuel. These spots are the ones that most of the recreational anglers use due to weather and fuel costs. To approve Amendment 39 would hurt not only the recreational anglers, but the businesses that support them. Again, I oppose the approval of Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. | Foley, Al, 36535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:13:45 | Steve Stanley | s-stanley@hotmail.com | Please reject separation. Thanks, Steve | 77630 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:13:51 | George Odell | g.e.odell@comcast.net | Vote against sector separation. | Lake Jackson, TX, 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:14:01 | J. Todd Henry | jtoddenrydvm@hotmail.com | I am opposed to Sector Separation. I do not know of any conservation benefits to this and DO NOT feel like it should be passed. Thank you | Wimberley, TX 78676 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:14:49 | Michael A Williams | Awilliams65@yahoo.com | Please reject the separation of recreational and charter fisherman | Canton Ms 39046 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:16:29 | Wilkins J. McDonald | wickmcd_50@yahoo.com | I am against Sector Separation, and hopefully you are to. | Angleton, TX 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:18:33 | Catherine Clifford | cclifford1@austin.rr.com | PLEASE REJECT Sector Separation | austin | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:19:06 | Brian Pence | cclifford1@austin.rr.com | REJECT Sector Separation | austin | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:19:36 | Joe Crawford | jlhomeport@gmail.com | kill the bill that steal from those who support you and sports fishing | Silsbee, TX 776656 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:19:36 | Joe Crawford | jlhomeport@gmail.com | kill the bill that steal from those who support you and sports fishing | Silsbee, TX 776656 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:19:49 | Edward Kennel | edjk13@yahoo.com | I urge the Council to forgo the nonsensical fascistic approach that will affect negatively the TAX PAYER that drives to the coast funding stores along the way, rents rooms and RV spaces, buys various goods from numerous merchants, etc. The idiotic, under cover of night sneaky approach must stop - PERIOD. If the council chooses to affect change in how it manages the states fishery fine, BUT it needs to apply rules equally to all the parties, PERIOD. Thank You. Ed Kennel | Seguin, TX, 78155 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:21:31 | Sarah Bonner | s.bonner@sbcglobal.net | NO NO NO separation! What are you thinking? Have you no common sense? NO NO NO separation! | Port Aransas, TX 78373 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 20:21:44 | Sarah Bonner | s.boner@sbcglobal.net | NO NO NO separation! What are you thinking? Have you no common sense? NO NO NO separation! | Port Aransas, TX 78373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:22:29 | Russell Eberley | rebe.1@verizon.net | The proposed separation and reallocation of the Gulf Coast fisheries to benefit Charter/For-Hire boat makes not sense. Why should a fisherman on a charter boat be allowed a higher limit than a private recreation angler. We should all remain on a level playing field without change. | Dickinson, TX 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:22:53 | James P Gardner | Jim@TexasHillCountryLands.com | Plain and simple: This proposed ruling is an insult to the entire recreational fishing industry. Do you really think this will help the problems? If so, I think you are misinformed - seriously. | Kerrville, TX 78028 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:23:49 | Thomas C Tracy | tomtracy357@sbcglobal.net | Must defeat seperation. | Houston, TX 77080 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:24:28 | Frederick B Gaupp | errantmd@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | Diamondhead,MS 39525 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:25:47 | Richard Harmier | rharmier@dhgrinding.com | The federal government needs to leave fishing regulations to the states. Leave us alone | Huffman, Tx 77336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:25:57 | James Votaw | bovotaw@sbcglobal.net | Please reject this: Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation | Sour Lake, Tx 77659 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:27:04 | MariLyn HasteY | Grammalyn@aol.com | Gulf Council, please reject Sector Separation until all those affected by this have been informed. | Vero Beach, FL 32962 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:27:56 | Fabian Fonseca | fbnfonseca@gmail.com | Bad idea | Pleasanton Tx 78064 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:28:42 | Victor A. Weber | dweber58@aol.com | Don't do it! | San Antonio, TX 78239 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:29:29 | Tony Gonzales | gonzales.tony02@yahoo.com | first goverment tiring take our guns away and they tiring tell how to fish lets vote them all out | Houston Texas 77086 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:30:11 | Steve Willenborg | stevewillenborg@sbcglobal.net | I am very much against separation of charter and recreational fishing bag limits. Nothing good can come of this, but plenty of bad after the fact. | Pearland, TX 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:30:18 | Mark E Bertsche | mbertsche@gmail.com | Please do NOT pass the Sector Separation legislation! I have been buying fishing licenses for 45 years to support sport fishing. I see nothing to be gained by the fishery or the tens of thousands of sport fishermen in the Gulf. Thank you, Mark E Bertsche | THONOTOSASSA | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 20:31:21 | Juan T. Perrett | Jtperrett@hotmail.com | For years now recreational fishermen have taken the brunt of an all out assault on the harvest of our marine resources. My frustrations on this battery on my fellow outdoorsmen has come to a head and I feel we need to speak out on these attacks. The ideas that recreational fishermen cause such degradation of the marine life in question in my opinion as well as witnessing the senseless loss of many species of marine fish at the hands of commercial fishermen has to be set straight. The recreational fishermen's sense of conservation has flourished in organizations especially here in Texas have led the way to establishing sustainable practices to support species of fish deemed to be in danger of overfishing. Through scientific research not only isolated to certain regions can be a true representation can real solutions be administered to aid the marine life to rebound to prior levels. These instances of as I call "fish kills" are seen by your regulatory commission as bycatch, and who takes the blame for these juvenile fish raped of the ecosystem....recreational fishermen. The recreational fishermen are now being threatened by having their minuscule quota being handed out to operations that in comparason pale in contrast to the amount of economic stimulus injected to local businesses by private fishermen. It appears that the stewards of our marine resources are slowly being strangled by the very commission designed to support and provide protection for our resources. So I beg for your commission of educated and concerned commission to refrain from reducing the recreational fishermans ability to enjoy this natural resource. | South Houston, Texas, 77587 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:33:02 | Rick Page | rick.page57@gmail.com | I am against sector separation and you should be too!!!! | Bryan, TX 77802 USA | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:33:25 | Ronald F. Mire | lacheme@cox.net | I do not support Reef Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. This bill provides an imbalance of fisheries access to charter boat operators while excluding the recreational angler. The bill does not generate any additional revenue nor does it adequately address the lasting impacts of such a program. | Port Allen, LA, 70767 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:33:27 | Kerry Duggan | 2rbeamer@comcast.net | Re-ject Sector Separation | Mobile, AL 36695 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:35:39 | Jack Roderick Hulett | rodtyhulett@gmail.com | Typ[cal of our present leaders - get them out of the Gulf | Lake Charles, LA 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:36:37 | Jonathan Broyles | jonathan.broyles@yahoo.com | I do NOT support the division of recreational anglers into two sectors. I do not believe that there are any tangible conservation benefits to this course of action. | Dayton, Texas, 77535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:41:14 | Reagan Humphries | rhumphries@sbcglobal.net | Do not give in to the charter boats. Recreational fishermen provide more funding thru fishing license than charter boats and are more conservative. | plano, tx 75025 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:42:02 | Reagan Humphries | rhumphries@sbcglobal.net | Do not give in to the charter boats. Recreational fishermen provide more funding thru fishing license than charter boats and are more conservative. | plano, tx 75025 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:46:44 | William T. Hand | bhand47@yahoo.com | It is unacceptable to separate recreational anglers into two groups. One being those who do not own charter boats and the other those who do own charter or for hire boats. Please take my comments into account as you decide the Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. Thank you William T. Hand Galveston, Texas | 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 20:47:53 | Russell Eberley | rebe.1@verizon.net | The proposed separation and reallocation of the Gulf Coast fisheries to benefit Charter/For-Hire boat makes not sense. Why should a fisherman on a charter boat be allowed a higher limit than a private recreation angler. We should all remain on a level playing field without change. (adendum) In reviewing your rational, I note that your comparison of the increase in private fishing licenses does not include the portion of the private fishermen that fish the Gulf fisheries and those that limit their fishing to bay systems only. Without that information, it would not appear that the percentage increase in private licenses is accurate. | Dickinson, TX 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:56:05 | Gary Creekmore | gcreekmo@aol.com | Bad Idea! I am definitely apposed to the Sector Separation. | Houston, TX 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:58:44 | Branson Fowle | Bransonfowle@msn.com | Defeat this measure! It's ridiculous. | Katy, TX 77449 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 20:59:45 | Robert McDowell | r.mcdowell@yahoo.com | I urge you to reject separation. Please respect the individual anglers in the Gulf of Mexico to go and fish as we have for generations. Defeat this measure now!! Thank you | Plano, Texas 75075 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:02:27 | Joe Hilton | wjhilton44@comcast.net | It is a very bad idea to separate the allowable catch. It has no scientific basis, and no up-side. | Stuart, FL 34997 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:02:48 | Jimmie B. Simpson | stttx@yahoo.com | I adamately REject the separation of the private fisherman and the Commerical or Charter /headboat for hire regulation. This is not a good idea and whoever presented it has an alterative agenda on conversation. Sincerely, Jimmie B. Simpson | McAllen, TEXAS 78501 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:02:55 | Jim Simmons | fishtxsurf@aol.com | No on separation. | Boerne TX 78006 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:10:59 | Clifford Harold Galley | chg5326@pelicancoast.net | The separation of catch, sectors between recreational and commercial fishers is flawed and without scientific or legal precedent. Please reconsider your apparent position as outlined by Coastal Conservation Association. Thank you C. H. Galley Burnet, Tx 78611 | Burnet, Tx 78611 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:13:02 | jean pitre | golfnuts2rus@yahoo.com | a very bad and intrusive. | slidell,la.70458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:14:28 | James D. Tarver | JAMESTARVER1@YAHOO.COM | I am opposed to the sector separation for fishing. This will only cause recreational anglers to have another reason to not go fishing if the limits are too severe causing a reduction in money spent in the surrounding communities. I personally do not want my portion of the possible catch limit taken away from me and given to the commercial fishermen. This is unfair and should not be passed | CLUTE, TX, 77531 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:18:03 | Mark Guess | mmmguess1@gmail.com | Why!?!...Don't mess it up for the little guy. | Brownsville, Tx, 78521 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 21:19:01 | Robert DeSanto | bobdesan@swbell.net | I am against sector separation. Charter and for hire private party boats should have the same limits as the recreational angler. This amendment is nothing more than a money grab for charter boats and for hire boats and captains. | texas city, tx, 77590 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:19:31 | Erik Carner | erikcarner@yahoo.com | There should be no separation of recreational anglers and charter boats. This would be detrimental to the fisheries as a whole. | Dickinson, TX 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:20:06 | Rick Croix | rcroix@comcast.net | This is ridiculous legislation, PLEASE DO NOT PASS IT!!! Support REAL Recreational Fisherman!!! | 77069 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:23:20 | kenneth hardgrave | khardgrabve@comcast.net | This is as bad as cutting the snapper limoit to where it is not worth the toime and expense to foish for them. DO NOT ALLOPW THIS TO HAPPEN!!!! | seabrook, tx 77586 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:24:01 | marty carrig | Mhlll5@aol.com | please consider the little man in this process | Texas city,tx 76590 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:24:34 | Pedro Lozano | docpetedc@yahoo.com | do not subdivide the group | Friendswood, TX 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:25:05 | Charles Wesley Dalton | bushwacker111552@aol.com | We do not agree approving this amendment. Suggest taking a look at other measures that will benefit both charter boats and the private fishing sector. | Corpus Christi, Texas 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:29:06 | Mike Russell Sr. | swampone50@yahoo.com | Please, Please, don't pass this stupid law, that will do nothing but hurt the recreational angler. This is the MOST STUPID LAW, I ever heard someone come up with. When are they going to leave, the middle class, alone. | 70094 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:29:07 | Matthew Tollison | magsoft05@gmail.com | Do NOT separate the sectors! What an asinine idea. | Katy, TX 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:30:05 | Jim Hendon | jimherndon2001@yahoo.com | Conservation will always be in both recreational and charter fisherman. If thee is not balance between, the economic impact will be felt on all sides, coastal fishing communities depend on each side but without balance , both run a risk Jim | 36561 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/7/2012 21:30:31 | Robyn Burnett | atburnett56@yahoo.com | We don't need this or any more restrictions! We pay to much and get to little in return as is. | Edna, Tx. 77957 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:30:40 | Joshua Patterson | josh.fishing@Yahoo.com | If this would separate Louisiana from the over fished wates of Florida then i'm all for it. If someone actually reads this id like to see the oil and gas platforms surveyed as part of the stock assessment. | springfield,LA 70462 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:31:41 | Cliff Fambrough | cgfhunter40@yahoo.com | This separation issue is a bad idea, from my perspective, and should not be allowed! | 78580 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:31:57 | Paul Denman | pdenman@rgv.rr.com | Vote for no separation. | McAllen, TX 78501 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:34:44 | B. J. Landry | bnorml@cox.net | I do not think it is appropriate to separate the private recreational anglers from the charter/headboat for-hire fishermen. | Prairieville, LA 70769 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:36:00 | W. E. Arnold | arnold1944@comcast.net | Reject Separation.....We do not want or need Federal intervention in this issue. | | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/7/2012 21:36:48 | Robert Kennon Jayne | ken.jayne@prodigy.net | <p>I am a private recreational angler who has fished from my own vessel, friends' vessels, headboats, and charters. All of these groups deserve a place at the table. We should not attempt to separate them into sectors.</p> <p>I STRONGLY OPPOSE SECTOR SEPARATION. It will reduce the recreational opportunities for thousands, reduce the income of marinas, bait shops, etc. and only benefit a privileged few. Personally, as a result of this effort by members of the CFA, I will never charter a boat owned by a CFA member.</p> <p>I have read the entire 82 pages of comments. The first sixty pages of so are electronic comments and over 90% are opposed to Amendment 39. The remaining 20 or so pages are hard copy written comments that are primarily in favor of sector separation per Amendment 39. Almost all of the hard copy written comments are from members of the "Charter Fishing Association". Personally I resent the efforts of this group to impose their own agenda and self-serving ideas upon the vast majority of recreational fishermen. I hope that the members of the Gulf Council are not naive enough to be misled by this "de facto" lobbying group.</p> | Houston, TX 77091 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:40:23 | Thomas Roche | tcroche@att.net | Sector separation is a bad idea and the proposal for it should be rejected. | Spring, Texas 77379 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:42:33 | Eric S. Conner | connercivil@yahoo.com | Sector separation is not a good idea. Please reject this idea. | Lake Charles, LA. 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:45:07 | Robert Kennon Jayne | ken.jayne@prodigy.net | <p>I am a private recreational angler who has fished from my own vessel, friends' vessels, headboats, and charters. All of these groups deserve a place at the table. We should not attempt to separate them into sectors.</p> <p>I STRONGLY OPPOSE SECTOR SEPARATION. It will reduce the recreational opportunities for thousands, reduce the income of marinas, bait shops, etc. and only benefit a privileged few. Personally, as a result of this effort by members of the CFA, I will never charter a boat owned by a CFA member.</p> <p>I have read the entire 82 pages of comments. The first sixty pages of so are electronic comments and over 90% are opposed to Amendment 39. The remaining 20 or so pages are hard copy written comments that are primarily in favor of sector separation per Amendment 39. Almost all of the hard copy written comments are from members of the "Charter Fishing Association". Personally I resent the efforts of this group to impose their own agenda and self-serving ideas upon the vast majority of recreational fishermen. I hope that the members of the Gulf Council are not naive enough to be misled by this "de facto" lobbying group.</p> | Houston, TX 77091 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 21:53:33 | robert baines jones | robert7jones@yahoo.com | this is an unfair law and should be rejected | Lake Jackson, Texas 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 22:01:40 | Steve Schifani | sjmpwhip@comcast.net | I expect our reps to protect the rights of the General Public (Recreational Fishermen) | Friendswood, Tx 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 22:04:19 | Jeffrey Waag | KingfisherJDW@yahoo.com | I believe the dividing anglers into groups that will receive differential treatment with regard to our resource ids inherently a bad idea. | Palm Harbor, FL 34683 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 22:05:52 | David ondrias | dondrias@gmail.com | <p>I oppose the Allocation plan that is apparently being discussed.</p> <p>The Scoping document is scheduled for review.</p> | Rosenberg, TX | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 22:20:50 | Paul Swoyer | paulswoyer@yahoo.com | <p>I reject separation</p> <p>We are the people that do this out of love of fish not love of money</p> <p>You want to protect the future of our resources promote individualism don't punish it</p> | CI Texas ,78133 | |

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| 8/7/2012 22:23:30 | JOHN ENGOLIO | johnengolio@bellsouth.net | Let's keep the rules fair for all...and most important save our natural resources for the generations to come. | White Castle, La. 70788 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 22:24:56 | Kelly Pitts | Kpittsjr@att.net | I think that Sector Separation is a bad idea and request that it be rejected. | Pearland, TX 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 22:43:03 | Carol Rangel | wakanda1951@yahoo.com | I believe that sector separation is a poor idea and hope that you will not vote this into affect. I live on the Gulf Coast and am a private angler who does not want my right to fish where I choose infringed upon. | Rockport TX 786382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 22:50:26 | michael windus | michael.windus@gmail.com | Don't do it | seabrook Tx 77586 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 23:17:15 | Michael Guevara | info@mgmarketing.us | Sector separation is a horrible idea. Please do not allow this. | Katy, TX 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 23:19:08 | James Corbell | Fire10c@yahoo.com | Vote NO | Beaumont, Texas 77707 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 23:24:20 | Michael Blakeney | Marauderzip88@gmail.com | As an avid recreational fisherman I am opposed to any sort of sector separation with respect to limits. Fishing in Federal waters is already restricted enough for us weekend anglers. Further restriction would work a profound injustice to individuals like myself and have significant adverse economic impacts on those business owners who cater to recreational gulf anglers. | Bridge City, TX, 77611 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 23:30:16 | Jason O'Brien | Irish5281@yahoo.com | Are u serious? This is a terrible idea and sector seperat ion should be illegal. This is ridiculous and you would change the future lives of my children for no other reason than greed and probably kick backs. | Houston, tx 77084 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 23:30:16 | Jason O'Brien | Irish5281@yahoo.com | Are u serious? This is a terrible idea and sector seperat ion should be illegal. This is ridiculous and you would change the future lives of my children for no other reason than greed and probably kick backs. | Houston, tx 77084 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/7/2012 23:56:29 | Andrew Dale Shelton | golsutiger2@yahoo.com | please vote no on sector separation. It does nothing to help conservation and benefits commercial fishermen over recreational. Vote no!! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 0:21:45 | Yvonne L. Peck | yl_peck@yahoo.com | I oppose sector separation. It is a bad idea. It does not support conservation of resources. This is just another give away program. Please vote to oppose this regulation. | Rio Hondo, TX 78583 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 1:14:32 | Vasili Piperis | vpiperis@gmail.com | Do not let them go through with this. People should not have to pay charters or anyone else so they can catch some fish. | Portland, TX, 78374 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 1:18:00 | David A. Williams | d12161950@yahoo.com | I am totally against dividing saltwater fisherman into private and charter/ headboat groups. CCA (formerly GCCA) was initially successful in declaring speckled trout and redfish to be game fish and off limits to commercial fishermen. Back then there were only a handful of saltwater guides. Now there are at least 50 guides in the Galveston area alone and 30 or more in each of the other coastal regions. I see the same effect on fishing that the commercial fisherman caused years ago. These guides are on the fish every day, keeping full limits for each of their clients. They know where the fish are and hammer them every day. My opinion is that professional guides should be banned from retaining any speckled trout or redfish at all. The guides are causing the same decline in fish populations that commercial fisherman caused years ago. They are just commercial fisherman wearing a different hat. | Spring, Tx. 77379 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 1:52:50 | Darryl G. Hoorman | dhoorman@comcast.net | Sector Separation is a bad idea. Please reject sector separation. | LaPlace La. 70068 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 2:00:28 | Scott Bailey | Scottbailey4067@yahoo.com | Recreational fishing is recreational fishing. Period. If the charter boats are going to be considered a business then by definition that is a commercial endeavor and should be included in the commercial allotment and not the recreational. | Grand Bay, Al., 36541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 2:00:29 | Scott Bailey | Scottbailey4067@yahoo.com | Recreational fishing is recreational fishing. Period. If the charter boats are going to be considered a business then by definition that is a commercial endeavor and should be included in the commercial allotment and not the recreational. | Grand Bay, Al., 36541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 2:05:15 | Thomas Adams | 4tomadams@gmail.com | As a rec fisherman, charterboat owner and captain captain, I am totally against sector separation. One of my boats has federal permits. If This sector separation plan is supposed to help charter fishermen- why are 2/3 to 3/4 of us against it?? The Gulf Council should stop wasting our time and money with this SS plan and catch shares as well. You have been kicking this dead horse for 3 years -please bury it once and for all | PORT ST JOE, FL 32456 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 2:05:44 | Ronald E. Thompson, M.D. | dai_fu@yahoo.com | I strongly oppose recreational sector allocations. Recreational fishing should not be rationed to favor any constituent group. Setting aside a block of allowable catch for charters serves no purpose to protect stocks or any conservation goal. It is only welfare for charter operators. | San angelo, TX 76904 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 2:11:36 | Tom Adams | 4tomadams@gmail.com | <p>RECREATIONAL FISHING ALLIANCE PO Box 3080 New Gretna, NJ 08224 888 JOINRFA, www.joinrfa.org August 2, 2012 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100 Tampa, Florida 33607</p> <p>RE: Comments on Scoping Document for Amendment 39 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico</p> <p>Dear Chairman Gill:</p> <p>Please accept the following comments from the Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA)1 in regard to the scoping document for Amendment 39 to the fishery management plan (FMP) for the reef fish resources of the Gulf of Mexico. In general, RFA is opposed to the use of sector separation when applied to specific modes of the recreational sector. In its simplest description, such a system would take fish away from individual anglers and then re-distribute these fish to a limited number of permit holders who in turn sell them back to private anglers. The application of this management concept fractures the recreational fishing community and pits the 'haves' against the 'have-nots'.</p> <p>RFA points out that the idea of sector separation between different modes within the recreational fishery is extremely unpopular. The concept was discussed in Amendment 32 and the Generic Annual Catch Limit/Accountability Amendment as far back as 2009 but was subsequently removed from those documents due to overwhelming public comments in opposition. Non-governmental environmental organizations based out of Washington DC, Philadelphia and New York City and with absolutely no stake in the long term health of the fishing industry have been paying members of the Gulf fishing community to advocate for their agenda of advancing catch shares and sector separation. By implementing these measures, their intent is to reduce the overall number of people fishing and mold the remaining participants into their "model" fishermen who display a specific demographic and attitude towards fishing. This influx of environmental organization money into the Gulf region is the primary reason that the concept of tearing apart the recreational sector through sector separation is back on the table. RFA, as all fishermen should be, is troubled by this influx of money that aims to manipulate the public record.</p> <p>Specific to the Scoping Document, in the purpose and needs section, RFA disagrees with the tone and context of the entire section. The section explains that it is the intention of the Amendment to improve the management of the recreational sector by reducing scientific and management uncertainty associated with the current data collection efforts. The section implies that since the data collection system used in the private angler sector remains poor, that fish should be taken away from this sector and allocated to the for-hire and head boat considering that data collection in those sectors is better. RFA is disgusted by this notion considering the flawed and inaccurate data collection system which drives up uncertainty in the private angler sector is the sole</p> <p>1 The Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA) is a national, grassroots political action organization representing individual recreational fishermen and the recreational fishing industry. The RFA Mission is to safeguard the rights of saltwater anglers, protect marine, boat and tackle industry jobs and ensure the long-term sustainability of U.S. saltwater fisheries. RFA members include individual anglers, boat builders, fishing tackle manufacturers, party and charter boat businesses, bait and tackle retailers, marinas, and other businesses in fishing communities</p> <p>RECREATIONAL FISHING ALLIANCE PO Box 3080 New Gretna, NJ 08224 888 JOINRFA, www.joinrfa.org</p> <p>responsibility of the National Marine Fisheries Service. The solution is not taking fishing away from individual anglers and giving them to federal for-hire permit holders but to improve the data collection system. Recreational anglers are already disadvantaged by National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) failures through the</p> | PORT ST JOE,fl 32456 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Other |

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| 8/8/2012 2:11:36 | Tom Adams | 4tomadams@gmail.com | <p>application of annual catch limits and accountability measures which deduct available fish in response to uncertainty resultant of inaccurate data collection systems. RFA will not stand by as recreational anglers are punished for NMFS' failures.</p> <p>It is difficult to find examples with positive outcomes where the federal government intercedes and attempts to manipulate competitive, consumer driven markets. RFA believes the road to a healthy and vibrant for-hire/head boat fishery in the Gulf of Mexico that is able to keep pace with rebuilding progress of reef fish must include steps to restore open access. These steps should also include assurances that those involved in the fishery are committed to the long-term health of the for-hire/headboat industry on behalf of a united recreational fishing community.</p> <p>In conclusion, sector separation within the recreational reef fish fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is bad public policy. The RFA urges the members of the Gulf Council to listen carefully to the grassroots members of the for-hire/headboat sectors and individual anglers whose collective voice is fiercely opposed to recreational sector separation. RFA also cautions council members of those advocating in favor of recreational sector separation and suggests following the money trail which will no doubt lead back to environmental organizations based outside of the Gulf region who are promoting the use of catch shares and sector separation as a means to carry out their agenda of reducing the number of fishermen on the water.</p> <p>RFA opposes this divisionary scheme and would ask each Gulf Council member consider the ramifications of their vote on the future generations of fishermen and vote against this policy designed to cap fishing participation through the trade and reallocation of a public resource.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jim Donofrio Capt. Tom Adams RFA Executive Director RFA Forgotten Coast Chair</p> | PORT ST JOE,fl 32456 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Other |
| 8/8/2012 2:16:40 | J N mcdaniel | Reddman@ grandecom.net | Please note my opposition to the sector separation bill being considered | Corpus Christi TX 78411 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 2:29:20 | Peter jones | Peterjones189@gmail.com | Admendment appears to appease commercial interest with the sport fisher making all the financial and conservation commitment. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 2:32:17 | Gerard T. Brotmeyer Jr. | Seamonsterb@yahoo.com | This amendment 39 (sector seperation) is bad for all gulf coast states, and should be voted down. God only knows how they would divide the gulf coast states into sectors. How would the fishing laws be enforced? Will there be different laws for the different sectors? | New Orleans, LA. 70128 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 2:33:09 | David L. Kitner | dkitner@yahoo.com | Please reject the sector separation of anglers. This will have a negative impact all recreational anglers without any conservation benefit to the fishery. | Freer, TX. 78357 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 2:40:42 | alton p knight | alton_knght@yahoo.com | well i i had to do with anything there wouldn't havea gulf of mexico fishery management council you can bet they are not looking for our welfare can you tell me one benefit they have done for our life as for as the livelihood of our fisherman private and commerical go figure you set this management up | houma la 70364 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 2:41:08 | Roy Hollard | royhollard@yahoo.com | Reject the giveaway. | Youngsville,la. 70592 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 2:41:09 | Roy Hollard | royhollard@yahoo.com | Reject the giveaway. | Youngsville,la. 70592 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 2:41:10 | Roy Hollard | royhollard@yahoo.com | Reject the giveaway. | Youngsville,la. 70592 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 2:51:13 | Ronnie Jinks | louzianajones@yahoo.com | The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. This is a very BAD idea. PLEASE DO NOT allow this to happen. | 71418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 2:53:09 | Bettie Lorraine Jinks | lorraine_jinks@yahoo.com | Pease DO NOT allow sector separation to occur. This measure should be defeated at all costs. | 71418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 2:56:08 | Wesley Gideon | w_gideon2008@yahoo.com | This seperation is not good for anyone involved. | Houston, Texas, 77077 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:00:54 | Jimmy Raper | Rocknredfish@yahoo.com | Bad idea! Do not do it. | 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:00:55 | Jimmy Raper | Rocknredfish@yahoo.com | Bad idea! Do not do it. | 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:00:55 | Jimmy Raper | Rocknredfish@yahoo.com | Bad idea! Do not do it. | 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:12:25 | John R Dunn | jr.dunn@usa.net | I am opposed to the policy of sector separation. It gives an unfair advantage to the commercial operations. Sector separation is a bad idea and I believe it needs to be rejected. | Katy, TX 77494 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:24:59 | Steven Waters | Waters36yf@yahoo.com | Thank you, Steve Waters | Lake Jackson, TX, 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:27:58 | Brigido Garcia | mgarcia1954@yahoo.com | REJECT SEPARATION | Pearland Tx 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:32:07 | Trey German | fishbound@yahoo.com | Separation is a horrible idea. I reject even the thought of it. It's ridiculous for this idea to be brought up. Clearly people are not thinking. | | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/8/2012 3:33:19 | Melvin Malbrough | mpmalbrough@eprod.com | The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. I would like to tell the Gulf Council to reject separation. | 70363 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:43:37 | John Leming | jlemjcl@embarqmail.com | I am totaly opposed to the proposed Reef Fish Admendment 39 - Sector Separation. It makes no sense to differentiate recreational fisherman fishing from their own boat versus the same type of fisherman fishing from a for hire boat. Robing peter to pay paul does not make sense here nor does it work with what Washington is trying to do! | Punta Gorda, FL 33950 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:47:17 | Patrick L Johnson | saltlifegamecock@yahoo.com | Do not approve this amendment. Vote no! | Spring Hill, FI 34608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:47:23 | Robert Kerry Lilly | lillyotl176@gmail.com | Please reject all sector fishing. This will hurt the personal angler. | 77551 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:54:42 | Paul Bundick | P_bundick@yahoo.com | Please do NOT give my fish resources to another corp. or business. The limits already applied to recreational fishermen are low. Commerical fishers must NOT be allowed to rob the public of what is rightfully ours. Thanks for your help NOT giving away my childrens future. | Hitchcock, Texas, 77563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:55:21 | Janette L Davis | janldavis@sbcglobal.net | Please reject separation of recreational anglers! | Smithville, Tx 78957 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 3:55:50 | Jack Mercer | jmercer68@yahoo.com | Sounds like the Govorment is trying to take away another of our God given rights for the private sector. Strong oppose | Fentress, Tx 78622 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:58:17 | William D. Long | wdlong2@suddenlink.net | Strongly oppose Sector Separation. | Alexandria, La 71302 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 3:59:23 | Mike burchell | Mburchell1@aol.com | Please don't devide the recreational catch between private and for hire charter | Key largo fl 33070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:00:38 | John T. Marquez, Jr. | jmarquez@fishheadgear.com | I am writing to express my oppostion to sector separation. I am aware that this issue remains on the agenda for consideration at the next Gulf Council meeting.and I would like to register my objections to the approval of a sector separation scheme that would divide fisheries and give a piece of the resource to charter boat operators. | Gulfport, MS 39503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:04:07 | george william wyatt | 75ag@aggirnetwork.com | Stop sector separation! | san antonio tx 78247 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:06:12 | eric m. rosen | eric@tealrealtyinc.com | Please reject separation. | lafayette,la 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:08:10 | Debora Savage | d.a.savage@att.net | Do not see the benefit of separating fish area from individual and those on charters. | Rockport, Tx 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:08:16 | Christian M. Coenen | yucatan1@comcast.net | Please reject sector seperation | Shreveport La. 71105 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:09:06 | Charles A. Falkenhagen III | cfalkenhagen@idsengineeringg | I don't fish, but believe fish limits should be equal per person no matter what kind of vessal (Private or Charter/Headboat for hire) your fishing from. | Galveston, Texas, 77554 | Other |
| 8/8/2012 4:10:04 | alan knight | cajunnight@yahoo.com | The fish belongs to everyone not selected groups | raceland la 70394 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:13:16 | ROBERT JAMES GAFFNEY DDS | robbiegaffney@yahoo.com | I AM AGAINST THE SEPARATION OF GULF RESOURCES | METAIRIE , LA. 70003 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:16:55 | peter primos | donprimos@gmail.com | I am not in favor of reef fish amendment 39-sector separation | jackson,ms.39211 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:19:41 | david beabout | vmistyorks@gmail.com | Please vote against this measure | San Antonio TX 78217 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:19:52 | david beabout | vmistyorks@gmail.com | Please vote against this measure | San Antonio TX 78217 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:20:14 | Michael J. Lambert | mlambert12@comcast.net | Please reject the seperation of the private Recreation angler and charter/ headboat for hire. This would unfair to the recreation angler. as it is not the amount of fish we are allowed to keep does not justify the cost we spend to fish, so reducing this even more will reduce the number of fisherman overall. | Dickinson, TX 77539 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 4:23:00 | Christopher Tucker | christucke@aol.com | Leave our waters alone!!!!!! | Dickinson, Texas 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 4:27:19 | Robert L. Zajicek | bobzajicek@att.net | I am opposed to the new Sector Separation proposal. | Bayou Vista, TX 77563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:28:19 | Rex Gibson | rxgib@yahoo.com | I do not think separation is a good idea.do not pass the separation amendment. | LaPorte Tx 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:34:17 | Leonard Russell | ldruss14@yahoo.com | Reject this | Sweeny, Texas 77480 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:34:19 | Leonard Russell | ldruss14@yahoo.com | Reject this | Sweeny, Texas 77480 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:34:44 | robert Spaeth | Rspaeth8@aol.com | I believe that it is to soon to move other reef fish species into A ifq program until we have had a 5 year review on snapper and grouper. There are a number of problems to address before moving fprward | MadeiraBeach FL 5238 Moss St Lafayette, La 70507 | Commercial Fisher Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:36:23 | Steven Dupuis | sdupuis27@cox.net | Please reject seperation, RED SNAPPER EVERYWHERE!!!! | | |
| 8/8/2012 4:38:40 | Ben Moses | benmoses@comcast.net | I am against this Amendment 39. It is a bad idea. You know it and I know it. It benefits a few and not all anglers who enjoy fishing in the great state of Texas. Vote it down! Sincerely, Ben | Sugar Land TX 77478 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:39:43 | Tony Marino | tmarino@gt.rr.com | Stop it! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:40:51 | Ronald Helson | rbhelson@yahoo.com | Frankly i think this idea is ineffective and limits the rights of noncommercial fisherman. Charters of small boats for fishing should not be included in such rulemaking. If you want to limit the number of commercial fishing boats that take large numbers of fish, fine. To limit the use of, or the access to small business that provide access to waters not wadable is nuts and shortsighted. | pearland tx 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:41:06 | Roy A Lapeyronnie | ralnhak@cox.net | Are you guys crazy? What good can come of sector separation? DO NOT DO SECTOR SEPARATION!!!! | Gretna, La. 70056 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 4:41:12 | michael woehst | mowoehst@yahoo .com | I am opposed to ammendment 39 | kingwood texas 77339 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:41:43 | Jason Cox | jcox@stx.rr.com | Please reject the Sector Separation Plan. I believe the idea that it is not recreational fisherman against charter boats and for-hire boats...it is the angler, 1 fishing license, 1 limit. Weather in my boat, your boat, charter boat, or fishing on the bank. Remember the recerational boat owners contribute more dollars into the fund that keeps the system going. Don't penalize US. | Laredo, Texas, 78045 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:41:47 | William M. Camp | gatordeac@bellsouth.net | I reject Sector Separation in the Gulf of Mexico in the strongest terms. Sector Separation is a horrendous idea and is one the Council should vote against immediately. Instead, the Council should consider and pass management approaches that monitor better current catch data. In doing so, the Council should employ management devices that produce the greatest economic impact for all Gulf states, while conserving the resource for the future, and not favor one constituency over another, as it has misguidedly and traditionally done. | Tequesta, FL 33469 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:41:50 | Jonathan Nemeth | 440 Spencer Ave. | No to Sector Separation | New Orleans, LA 70124 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 4:42:00 | Willard John Cross | wjcross7@yahoo.com | Reject this bill, please. Charter captains do not deserve special status on the water. | Bay City, TX 77414 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:42:09 | Robert I Gazda | reelhoot2@yahoo.com | Please do not allow this to go through!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I (we) work too hard to lose one of our last recreational pleasures if this goes through. | Bellevue FL 34420 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:43:41 | Ronny boman | Skikker1@yahoo.com | Please reject this proposal i would like my children to have plenty of opportunities to be able to fish and have success | Santa Fe texas 77510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:49:02 | william barror | hobiecattvmf1@tampabay.rr.com | There has been so many changes in rules and regulatiuons in the past few years with grouper, trout,redfish and such, that it is hard to keep up with let alone I seem to catch legal grouper only when it is out of season. Tho I don't get out as much as I'd like to. Now with more possible changes on the horizon which will hurt the recreational fisherman with segregation, only complicates matters more. And I think the data you base these changes on is not accurate as the grouper seems to be. It is tough to spend the time and fuel to fish and not be able to keep your legal catch. | spring hill, fl. 34610 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:49:19 | Chqd Lyden | lydenca@yahoo.com | The plan for sector seperation is not a good plan for all involved it is one sided and not right. | Vidor, TX 77662 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:50:51 | Larry David | larrya_01@yahoo.com | I am against the sector speration that the concil is voting on this coming month. I am a private fisherman who owns his own boat. | Houston, Texas 77040 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:51:05 | Judy Axelrod | judyaxelrod@msn.com | Gulf of Mexico- Sector Seperation- Vote no for Sector Seperation Recreational Anglers and boats with guides for hire already exist with out problems. Trying to manage the fishery by allocating :shares: does nothing but give rights to one group over another. Marine resouces are for all the people of the United States. Giving rights does nothing for the management of our dwindling Gulf of Mexico Fish. By giving rights it is a solution without a problem. Please stop this now. Thank you. Judy Axelrod | Sarasota, FL 34242 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:51:31 | Walter E. Blandino | w.blandino@yahoo.com | Sector Seperation is a bad idea. Please reject it. | Houston, TX 77079 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:52:23 | Gary W. Giroski | ggiroski@comcast.net | I reject the notion of a sector separation between recreational anglers and charter and for-hire boat owners. It makes no sense and a very bad idea. | Galveston, TX. 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:52:28 | Terry Migaud | tgmgigaud@cox.net | The Louisiana Council of Underwater Dive Clubs (LCUDC) are against Recreational Sector Separation. It is unfair to take from the many to give to the few. Terry Migaud LCUDC Sec/tre | Metairie, LA 70001 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/8/2012 4:52:30 | R. Wade Stephan | wadestep@yahoo.com | I strongly believe that sector seperation will result in fewer fish recreational anglers on private boats will be able to catch. This is unjust - all recreational angles should have equal access to this public resource. | Cape Coral, FL 22914 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:53:31 | Greg Mitchell | mitchell1502@att.net | Please reject separation. | Mandeville, LA 70448 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:55:04 | richard c. finney | dfinney43@yahoo.com | voite no | port mansfield, tx. 78598 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:56:07 | Tamra Slavin | slavnaway@yahoo.com | Please reject sector separation for gulf recreational fishing. | Liberty, TX, 77575 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:57:38 | Bob Humble | bobhumble@cobridge.tv | Please vote against sector separation. | Rockport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 4:58:23 | Marshall L. Miles | handmadecowboyboots@yahoo.com | Please do not allow the dividing of these fish. All paying customers on charter boats must have a valid fishing license and should be subject to the game laws of the state that they are fishing in. Please do not divide OUR natural resources up to allow profit for someone else. They have been doing great business before this idea came about. Thank you. Marshall Miles | Salado, TX, 76571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 4:58:27 | Craig E. Nini | ninic@bellsouth.net | Do not want fishing reg change between private and charter fishing. | Berwick la 70342 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:02:13 | Jerry Hammers | jleon2@yahoo.com | I would like to voice my opposition to the separation of the recreational angler into for hire and private sub-classifications. Current regulations mandated by the Gulf Fisheries Council already heavily favor the commercial sector and any further dissolution of the recreational component would in effect lay the ground work for the eventual exclusion of individuals fishing in the Gulf of Mexico aboard their own privately held craft. Give the fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico back to the angling sector that cares most about conservation of these resources. Jerry L. Hammers | Orange, TX 77630 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:03:19 | William Claude Morton | wcmkingoling@verizon.net | I am a registered voter and I am against giving commercial (ie: charter) fishermen more fishing privileges than private fishermen. | San Leon , Tx. 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:03:40 | Terry Lynn Nunn | terry_nunn@eogresources.com | The idea of taking fishing limits away from private anglers sounds like some oone is going overboard to me, maybe you just need to stop and think where most of the money comes from to run run most of your programs and I believe you will fing the biggest percent will come from fishing liences that we the private recreational angler pays out every year. | Corpus Christi Texas 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:04:12 | Michael Duetting | mduetting@yahoo.com | I believe that the idea of separating recreational fishing based on using your own boat or hiring a boat is a very bad idea! From the public's standpoint, there is absolutely no benefit from this type of plan and several major negatives. This plan should be scrapped! | Bonita Springs, FL 34135 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:04:16 | nicholas s. aradi | aradiphd@comcast.net | I am against the sector separation amendment. It is unfair, unreasonable, and designed to benefit a select few, not the majority. | jupiter, FL 33458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:06:04 | hugh corban | hccorban@dow.com | I'm against sector separation | greenwell springs, la 70739 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:07:06 | William J. Hobson | bill.hobson@gmail.com | I am against splitting catch share between private anglers and commercial boats that take anglers offshore. There is no tangible benefit to conservation from this plan. It appears that it is done solely to split those two concerns to dilute their voices. Please reconsider this ill-advised plan. | Bryan, Texas, 77802 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:07:31 | sterling harrison | bowedup2003@yahoo.com | Do not separate areas. The waters should be open to all fishermen at the same times. I do support closer of areas to allow for spawning and conservation. When they are closed they should be closed to everyone and when open it should be the same in turn. | conroe tx 77385 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 5:07:53 | Matthew Hufft | Mrhufft@yahoo.com | If you are going to give fish to businesses, it should at the very least come from the commercial sector. To penalize the hard working people that di this for fun who already a severely limited access Is ridiculous, especially to give it to people out to turn a profit who are forced to fish more and catch more to pay the bills. It seems so obviously that this is a terrible idea and makes the normal fisherman wonder how much money it took for the council to suggest such a dumb idea. | 77484 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 5:08:30 | Bob Henderson | reh12@comcast.net | The proposed division of recreational anglers into private boats and charter boats should not be approved. The proposal does nothing to promote conservation and is totally unfair to the recreational anglers who spend a significant portion of their take home pay to fund their boating/fishing activities. The eventual ultimate decrease in limits for private boat owners resulting from such a rule would lead to a significant decrease in private boat fish activities thereby hurting the overall local economy and all the local vendors to the boating and fishing community. | Houston, Texas 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:08:50 | James A Gieges | upsidedownjag@gmail.com | I beg you to reject any idea of sector separation. Do NOT approve Amendment 39. Sincerely, Jim Gieges Bradenton, FL 34208 | Bradenton, FL, 34208 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:09:56 | Jay Robinson | 3541 Pecan Crossing Ln. | It is wrong to allow special privileges to charter and for hire boats . It opens up the possibilities of just anyone abusing the loophole It is the individual anglers license fees that fund management of the gamefish and you would force them to pay for a trip in order to use the resource . That would be very out of touch and Washington like . | LaPorte, Tx. 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:11:22 | Gary Vossler | gvossler@vosslerplumbing.com | Please oppose this legislation. | Houston, Texas 77040 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:12:02 | Capt. Paul H. Davidson | bizniz@aol.com | Proposed regulations are a bad deal for all, especially the small charter inshore fishing guide who on occasion, ventures to deep water. This is a big money proposal benefiting a few at the expense of many. | Hackberry, LA 70645 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 5:12:04 | ralph d. chapman | bairdsiding@bellsouth.net | do not like idea of separation of private and charter. gives a select few an advantage. again the little guy gets it put to him. | minden la 71055 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:12:56 | Scott Reitzell | scottreitzell@gmail.com | Please don't let this happen! It reeks of a communist government! Next will you tell us how many fish my family can eat each week? Use your current operating budget to expand enforcement on the commercial sector. They pillage the natural resources without much recourse. | Louisiana | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:14:14 | Chad Walker | c_walker1@bellsouth.net | Sector separation is a bad idea for the gulf coast fisheries. Please do not consider doing this. | Bourg, LA 70343 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:17:00 | martin harper | harper.martin@yahoo.com | You need to reject this amendment. This does nothing for the fishing industry. | Cotulla | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:17:21 | eric balkom | ebalkom@aol.com | Splitting the catch between recreational anglers and charter boats is just another step toward reducing public access to a public resource. This is a very very bad idea. | baton rouge,la 70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:18:59 | James Bolen | coastaloasisrv@yahoo.com | Please do not allow the gulf to be divided into sectors. | Cypress, Tx. 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:19:04 | John Murphy | murphyapi@yahoo.com | Bad Idea | Lake Charles la | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:19:35 | Stephen R. Cauble | raycann@yahoo.com | This is a very bad plan. Recreational anglers put a lot of money into the economy building camps, purchasing boats and equipment, fishing gear, hotel stays, licenses and many other areas. | Baton Rouge, LA 70815 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:20:17 | robert e. kane sr. | kanesr@att.net | Sector Separation is a bad idea , what more will they do for special provisions? Everyone is having hard times and we (recreational sportsmen) pay the large part of the bill and we also pay the large part of the commerce that goes into it. Common sense must be upheld, SIR. Robert e kane sr. | Texas city Texas 77590 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:20:30 | Eugene Griffith | peggyintx@live.com | Stop trying to ruin everything. We just want to go fishing and relax. | Rivera, Texas, 78379 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 5:21:21 | Kevin Walker | Kwalker15@comcast.net | I vehemently oppose sector separation | Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:21:31 | Donnie Dickerson | mxrider421@yahoo.com | If this amendment is going to further reduce catch limits for the recreational angler, then it needs to be stopped. The private angler and hunter is the one paying for all of the fishing and hunting industry and laws keep restricting us more and more. Please stop this amendment. It's already hard enough to justify even going fishing for the small amount of fish we can keep. Stop big government from restricting outdoorsmen any further. Thanks. | Vidor, TX 77662 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:21:56 | Bert Wilson | gafullstrut@yahoo.com | Please stop the proposed sector separation from being imposed. There is enough already in place to effectively manage the gulf fishery. Thank you for listening Bert Wilson | Mexico Beach, FL | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:22:01 | James Bourg | Bradbourg1@yahoo.com | Please do not allow recreational / charter boat separation. | Baton Rouge, LA | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:22:40 | Larry G. Parker | accer1941@msn.com | Why is seperation of sector for Private and charter a good idea. Please justify . | Pasadena, Tx 77502 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | We have been sport fishing in the Gulf of Mexico for 25 years. It is a passion in our lives. We have watched the commercial or charter fishermen disregard bags limits, size limits, closed seasons etc for years. They dump bags of garbage into the Gulf and I watch their bilge pumps puke oil into the water. Now you want to take away from the same amount of fish that we can legally keep and give the extra to these despoilers. Unacceptable! We support the local Gulf coast community 6-7 months a year buying groceries, shopping at local store and eating at local restaurants. I believe any such ruling would do more damage to the Gulf coast communities than good. Please reconsider your position | | |
| 8/8/2012 5:23:17 | Cathy Trepany | ctrepany@tsrweb.com | Cathy Trepany | Tomball TX 77377 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:26:03 | WILLIAM E. ROSE | wmerose@aol.com | LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE. WE HAVE WAY TOO MANY REGS NOW. | CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78412 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:26:23 | Thomas Stephens | captain_tom98@yahoo.com | Please do not approve sector separation. Even though I am a charter boat captain, I do not want to see more regulations that cant be regulated to begin with. Sector separation is not needed in our waters!!! | Bradenton, FL 34212 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 5:26:34 | Ed Erwin | edgarerwin@yahoo.com | I strongly encourage you to not divide the sector allotment between recreational anglers and those for hire. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:27:23 | Charles Fisher | bluefish.fisher@gmail.com | The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. As with several actions in the past, this is moving too fast with inadequate study of impact on anglers and fisheries. Please oppose it at this time. Poorly thought out regulations have reduced many recreational activities for the common person. | Wesley Chapel, FL 33543 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 5:27:42 | Joseph Chastain III | jchas3@gmail.com | Does it make sense that in the state of Alabama an individual recreation angler can legally harvest more whitetail deer than red snapper each year? Please let the states manage their own resource. Local captains and recreational anglers have litterally created 100% of the red snapper habitat when the total amount of sunken habitat is tallied. The state of Alabama has easily been the most aggressive in the production of red snapper habitat. Please allow each state to follow a similar program in reef building. | mobile, al 36695 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:28:10 | Brandon J Moss | Bmoss2588@yahoo.com | I say no to sector separation! | New Iberia, LA, 70563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:28:27 | Eric Therkildsen | Therky42@hotmail.com | This is ridiculous and is not practical not to mention taxing on the men who have to enforce this law. Do not let this pass. | Sugar Land Tx 77498 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 5:29:25 | Eduardo A. Campirano | eacampirano@portofbrownsville.com | I oppose sector separation! Please do not implement this plan. | Brownsville, TX, 78526 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:30:01 | Burris M. Ray III | texcohiba2@aol.com | I am very much opposed. | Corpus Christi, Texas 78412 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:30:33 | Dennis Lee Dutton | dutton.dennis@yahoo.com | Sector seperation is a bad idea and should be rejected. | Missouri City, TX, 77459 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:30:38 | Ladd Hebert | Hebertladd@yahoo.com | The La fisheries should be regulated by La not federal or any other org | Lake Charles, La. 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:30:38 | Ladd Hebert | Hebertladd@yahoo.com | The La fisheries should be regulated by La not federal or any other org | Lake Charles, La. 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:30:55 | Mark Morgan | morganzoo@comcast.net | The manner in which proponents and NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations is the wrong thing to do. You need to protect the rights of anglers and hunters. Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. You need to vote against sector separation. | Katy | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:31:13 | Roland J. Greenblatt | rgreen2@eatel.net | Sector separation is NOT a good idea. Please reject this plan! | Prairieville, LA 70769 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:32:23 | oscar barnes | opb3@suddenlinkmail.com | sector separation is a bad idea, one that should be rejected. | ruston, louisiana 71270 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:32:26 | Stevan Brown | steveb539@aol.com | This proposal is absolutely unwarranted !! | Gloucester, MA. 01931 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:32:32 | Tommy muston | tommymuston@comcast.net | hell no, remove rigs from gulf,now this,keep this up and I will sell my boat and play golf,any govt. regs on that? | Houston texas 77060 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:33:28 | Richard Meares | rick_meares@yahoo.com | I feel the Sector seperation is a BAD idea. The only benifit is for a select few charter boats and is the worsrt example lobbying. | Jupiter,FL 33477 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:33:36 | Kelly Haugh | covergirl1300@gmail.com | This new regulation is outrageous, Sector separation is a bad idea. Please vote to reject this. | Merritt Island, FI 32952 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 5:33:38 | jonathan david landers | jonathan.landners@gmail.com | Please vote against sector segregation. If you don't you are selling out to the man and risking my children's future as anglers. Any loss to the future of angling will be on your shoulders. | houston texas 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:33:48 | John Kiszkiel | John_Kiszkiel@me.com | Please do not vote in favor of this amendment. | 78613 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:33:50 | James T Black | retblack@yahoo.com | Stop this Sector Separation "Maddness". The Charter/Headboat is not a sector of recreational fishermen!!! You will just be eliminating more recreational fishing than you can imagine. The senior citizens that cannot afford to "Hire" will not be fishing. The younger recreational fisherpeople will not be "Taken" by mom and Dad or Grandparents due to rising costs as it will surely go up if there is a slice of the pie goes to the guides. If there is any doubt in your mind, I am against Setor Separation and think you should be also. James Black | P0rt Charlotte,FI 33981 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:34:31 | Joseph P. Westhoff | joe@westhoff.org | Please say no to Sector Separation, don't mess with private fisherman's fishing rights. I think the limits are unreasonable and that boats fishing should be allowed to keep a few fish for a meal the night they are caught. Catch and release with barb less hooks is the way to go. I hear of people boxing fish and when coast guard or game wardens are seen they ditch the dead fish. The whole idea of going out to load the boat instead of enjoying cat and mouse thrill of the strike is just such old school. If you need a freezer full of freezer burn fish go buy it from a fish farm. Take a picture and email it, let the real winner (the fish) go! | Houston, TX 77062 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:36:18 | Mark T. Gholson | captainmark@comcast.net | Captain Mark T. Gholson CCA Life Member | Sugar Land, TX 77498 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 5:36:54 | Karen Vaughan | krunerrn@aol.com | do not seperate into categories. | Santa Fe, TX, 77517 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:37:07 | Anthony mikes | AnthonyMikes88@yahoo.com | I do not want to see this sector divider go through you should have set laws and rules across the state as you do now NOT special rules and laws for certain people. | Deer park tx 77536 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:37:13 | John Cole | Osochinook@yahoo.com | I don't believe it's fair to segregate the recreational fisherman who use our own boats from the ones who chose to charter a boat. Please vote against this amendment. Sincerely, John Cole | Corpus Christi, tx | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:37:13 | John Cole | Osochinook@yahoo.com | I don't believe it's fair to segregate the recreational fisherman who use our own boats from the ones who chose to charter a boat. Please vote against this amendment. Sincerely, John Cole | Corpus Christi, tx | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:38:00 | Brandon Johnson | bjohn4675@yahoo.com | Please reject Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. It is a bad idea and will have a negative impact on recreational anglers. | Baton Rouge, LA 70817 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:38:03 | Darla Mensik | darmen@rowancompanies.com | Reject separation. | Santa Fe, Texas 77510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:38:12 | robert e. kane sr. | kanesr7@att.net | WHEN or WHAT will it take to preserve our blue crab in Galveston Bay? Even the crabbers are having to leave because of depleted amounts. I, I volunteer to time and money to "HELP", but please do something before there is nothing to do it for. I've done some research and need more info to do my part, if you have any documentation, send it to me. Mose Lake would be a good place to start, in my opinion. What about catching females in the gulf waters and transfer them to Moses Lake to start? When they are ready to spawn? | Texas city Texas 77590 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 5:38:35 | randy champagne | randysrodnreel@cox.net | reject | youngsville la 70592 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:38:38 | CARL RUSHING | crushing11@yahoo.com | REJECT SECTOR SEPARATION!!! I think it is a bad idea to dividing recreational anglers into two sectors and has no benefit to the fisheries resource. Please consider oposing this seperation for the conservation of our precious fisheries resource. | BUDA TX 78610 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:39:19 | Nicholas Joseph Boyd | nboyd@servagroup.com | Regards, Nick Boyd avid angler | 77064 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:41:29 | Tomzie Mitchiner | mitchitj@sbec.com | Please reject dividing recreational anglers into two sectors. I feel that if this divide occures that it won't be long until you will have to hire someone to take you fishing. Fishing is one of the few things that a family can do together that doesn't cost a lot of money. I know that kids that fish rarely get into trouble,because they have something to do in their free time that they can afford. I enjoy taking my grandchildren fishing and I want to keep the right to fish alive for all children! Thank you for your suppoprt, Tomzie Mitchiner | Dickinson, TX 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:41:44 | Walter Scott White | swhite@processair.com | Sector Separation does not meet with my approval. I wish to have this poor plan struck down at once. Please pass my request on to the committee that is considering the plan's adoption. Please DENY adoption of the Sector Separation Plan at once! Walter S. White | Tampa, Florida, 33634 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:41:45 | Roger A Jordan | jordanrctm@imsday.com | Please reject sector separation, as it is bad for the recreational fisherman. Thank you. | Devers | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:42:23 | Michael Weydert | mikeydrt@gmail.com | Please REJECT seperation. Thank you. | New Orleans, LA, 70119 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:42:41 | Oliver Aldrich, III | oaldrich@sbcglobal.net | Sector separation is not a long term solution. | Cypress, TX 77433 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:42:57 | kevin bowler | reddawgleader@yahoo.com | Please Reject separation !!! I am a Charter boat capitan and Recreational angler. | new port richey fl 34655 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 5:42:59 | Geoff Henrion | Geoff.henrion@ranger-rp.com | Please reject dividing recreational anglers into two sectors Separation is a bad idea. Fishing is regulated to help sustain fish populations. Everyone who fishes should incur the same regulation. It is not about how many fish we are allowed, but how many fish are saved to repopulate our ocean. If you want to help charter boats, give them a fuel credit, but don't mess with the fish! | Dallas, Tx 75225 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:43:09 | Yolaine Wohlrab | ywohrlab@gmail.com | I request the rejection of any proposal that would divide the recreational fishing sector into two or more groups. | Port Lavaca, TX 77979 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:43:53 | Anton F. Njirich | tony.njirich@total.com | | Houston, TX 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 5:45:20 | Amber Plaisance Weydert | aplais8@yahoo.com | REJECT separation!!! Thank you. | Metairie, LA, 70001 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:45:59 | Clinton Zavros | jr_zavros@yahoo.com | I disagree with the Amenddment 39 due to two things: First the council needs to get accurate fish counts and accurate fish haverested counts prior to seperating classes of fisherman and secondily quotas need to be adjusted for indivally areas instead of setting one quote for a species that covers the entire GOM (Example: quota for red snapper is the same for all the states in the GOM which we all know that some states have better fish stocks than other, so why punish the states with high fish stocks. I fished from SE Florida to South Texas and the northern GOM states Al, FI, MS and LA how way better fish stock than the other states). I feel that the first thing that needs to been is to divid the GOM in sections and quotas given out to each section depending on thier fish stocks for each speices. | 36578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:46:42 | Milton L. Gagnon | proclan@aol.com | Do NOT SEPERATE THE FISHERMEN. COMMERCIAL SAME RULES AS RECREATIONAL ANGLERS. | Metairie, LA 70002 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:47:07 | Steve Petersen | hellsbay9@verizon.net | Sector separation is a BAD idea. | Venice, FI 34293 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 5:47:11 | Janis Capps | jcapps05@comcast.net | We do not need another unfair rule from our government, businesses should not be afforded privilages that the common individual doesn't get. If dividing the bounty is to help the business owner make more money then the business owner should have to pay for that privialage. As it is most businesses have more deductions so that they pay less taxes than the individuals who fish for pleasure. If you want to pass such a rule then make the businesses pay either through a tax or permit for that right. | Houston, TX, 77040 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:47:23 | Mark Davison | Rocketball7@yahoo.com | Do not sector off the gulf of Mexico for charter boat fishing this is not fair to recreational anglers! | Surfside, TX 77541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:47:40 | Arthur James Alban | abuzman@comcast.net | I am against sector separation. Please reject sector separation. It is a giveaway with no real conservation benefit. | La Porte, Texas, 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:47:42 | Joe Oleksa | joleksa1@gmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea and should not be implamented. Recreational fisherman spend more money on fishing than other groups and do more for conservation than charter fisherman. Why should charter fisherman get a separate quota? | Fort Myers, FL 33908 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:48:30 | Stan Hickson | stanhickson@msn.com | Sector separation is a BAD idea. Please consider carefully, then REJECT it. Many Thanks | Hernando Beach, Florida, 34607 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:49:14 | James Mullins | jam77068@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea please do not move forward on this issue. | Corpus Christi Texas 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:49:17 | johncduckman@aol | johncduckman@aol.com | sector seperation---- BAD IDEA | nederland, tx 77627 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:50:11 | Clayton Lasiter | Clasiter1@netzero.net | Sector seperation is a bad idea. It has no valid data showing possible benefits and a laundry list of probable negatives. Please vote down this damaging idea. | Dripping Springs, Tx 78620 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:50:16 | joe j alesi | joe@alesimattress.com | vote np tot Sector Separation | 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:51:08 | John Kittlesen | jkittlesen@gmail.com | mORE GOVERNMENT REGULATION | Austin,TX,78757 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:51:11 | Wallace Nichols | wrnicholsiv@gmail.com | I do not support sector separation! | Dallas, Texas 75205 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 5:51:58 | Gus Legendre | papacicileg@yahoo.com | I am in favor of keeping everything as is. | Thibodaux,La. 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:52:35 | Bennie J Hughes | mhughes@eatel.net | Do not pass the seperation rule. It is unfair to the average person to give the resources to a few individuals. Vote against it. | Prairieville La. 70769 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:53:35 | Eric Moccia | emoccia@austin.rr.com | Vote "no" on this amendment. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | <p>It is my understanding that the Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. I have understood that the Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish.</p> <p>Businesses would pay nothing for this windfall. They would gain additional profit from a public resource. The public, I pay for their inventory and to give them a larger share of that inventory is not acceptable.</p> <p>The manner in which proponents and NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations has drawn the opposition of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus. The CSC, with more than 300 members in the U.S. Congress, promotes and protects the rights of anglers and hunters and is one of many groups opposing this issue on behalf of Gulf Coast anglers</p> <p>Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. The public needs you vote against this sector separation. Please reject separation.</p> | | |
| 8/8/2012 5:54:52 | Mickey Reves | mickeyreves@yahoo.com | Thank you. | Little Elm, TX 75068 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:55:07 | Malcolm Hein | malcolmhein@hotmail.com | This will even more limit the amount of fish that private people can take, it already is so limited that its not worth spending the money to go offshore fishing. It will get to the point where more and more boaters will not make the offshore trips, then the population of fish will be so that we will be right back to the smaller fish. Our waters are governed too much as it is. If rules were made with the recreational boaters in mind instead of trying to make money off another of our natural resourses it would be better. I can bet that this bill that is wanting to be implimented someone somewhere will be putting money in their pockets. This is another one of the bad ideas that need to be stopped!!!! | Bryan, Texas 77808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:55:49 | Brian Lowe | dblowe107@yahoo.com | This is a bad idea | Crawfordville FL 32327 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:56:01 | Brian Lowe | dblowe107@yahoo.com | This is a bad idea | Crawfordville FL 32327 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:56:32 | Douglas Scearce | dougsce@yahoo.com | My abilitys to fish in the Gulf are decreased almost each year by allowing various groups with better conections than mine to better their positions as to limits and other regulations that continue to put everyone above recreational fisherpersons. This sector separation is bad for everyone that shares the resources the Gulf because it does not effectively help our resources but simply shifts advantages away from one group to another | Long Beach, MS 39560 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:57:24 | Thomas Lamar Theus Jr. | tommy@farrisbrothers.com | Please reject the Sector Separation!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It is a piece of legislation that is completely void of any common sense. | Petal, MS, 39465 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 5:57:27 | Justin Edwards | justinme@cox.net | Sector separation is a terrible idea, plain and simple. We need to take any action to reject separation. It is important to defeat this measure now - we don't want to discover the details of a radical new federal program after it is approved. "The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish." How can they think this is a good idea.... We all already pay enough money just keeping up with maintance on our boats... along with the money it takes to get to the fish and then some of our catch will just be taken and given away!!!! We need to squash this sector seperation and keep RECREATIONAL FISHING alive and well. Thank you' Justin Edwards | Baton Rouge, LA 70816 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:58:29 | John P Wright | jpw3161@hotmail.com | This is BAD for all! | Cedar Creek Texas,78612 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:58:34 | Douglas Kenny | mrdougkenny@gmail.com | Have you lost your minds?.....Please do not pass this, You want to manage something try the commercial guy's. | Aransas Pass, Tx 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:59:32 | Glenn Darby | glakb51@gmail.com | Do not vote to divide the limits among private anglers. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:59:44 | Winfred Sonnier | winfred.sonnier@cox.net | Please reject Sector seperation, this seperation is not in the best interest of the recreational fisherman. | Scott, La. 70583 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 5:59:49 | Russell Barnett | barnett.1@comcast.net | Sector Seperation is a bad idea is so many ways. As a family man, I'll voice my persepctive in that regard. Fishing is one of the few remaining family past times in nature. Favoring boats for hire (or otherwise handicapping the recreational fisherman) will only lead to more commercialization of a family past time. Isn't there enough of that already in our state... in our country?!? Your vote in favor of Sector Seperation is a vote against Texas families... and against American families!!!! Russell Barnett Recreational Boat Owner Registered Voter | The Woodlands, TX 77381 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:00:45 | Juan Carlos Galan | carlosgalan10@att.net | Sector separation is the wrong approach, please reconsider the issues. | Houston, Texas 77015 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:00:45 | Dianna Bannert | Uturnmom59@yahoo.com | No way | Dickinson Texas 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:02:52 | kenneth pereyra | kenspring@aol.com | hey dont need no take aways . we enjoy fishing as it is thank you !! | spring texas 77373 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 6:03:29 | Martin O. Klein | mklein9095@aol.com | <p>I am opposed to sector segregation. The value and limits placed on fishing in the Gulf of Mexico should not be based too heavily on direct business concerns. Rather, the recreational value of fishing in the Gulf of Mexico is far reaching into the economy on many levels. The issues that inaccurately come to mind, when recreational fishing is brought up as a topic of discussion, seems to center on simply the number of fish and the seasons for opening fishing for select species. All of this information is based upon fish population statistics that should be further evaluated by an objective and scientifically competent party. If important decisions are being made based on inaccurate or poor data, then the decisions are equally poor and people (and businesses) suffer for that mis-guided judgement. I think it is time for those who study the fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico to re-examine the fish populations and form a new and improved method for data collection as well as a decision-making process (and logic) before placing "blind" restrictions and rules on the business and recreational sectors.</p> <p>The issue regarding sector segregation (if implemented) would have a severe backlash on businesses that are not immediately connected to the number of fish allowable to retain. More specifically, a much more complex supply chain of businesses (such as hotels, resorts, beaches, vacation activities, restaurants, real estate, and the list goes on). Moreover, the loss of incentive to recreational fisherman, equates to a "loss of use" value that could be very damaging and trigger an unknown response from those who have personally invested much of their lives (and resources) to this hobby. There are ways to calculate the loss of use of a natural resource (refer to the BP financial settlements from the oil spill).....this can also be researched in the hazardous waste industry and Natural Resource Damage Assessments (and settlements).</p> <p>In summary, please be prudent and back up to where and how the fishing population data have been collected and presented. And finally, do not under estimate the impacts that sector segregation could have on the recreational fishing industry. If anything, be more conservative with the protection of the recreational sector. It could be easily mis-understood and mis-represented by those involved in the rule-making process who do not hold the same value as the recreational fisherman.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> | Tampa, FL 33611 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:04:18 | Mason Gilfoil | masongilfoil@yahoo.com | Sector separation sounds like a capital bad idea. There is no benefit to conservation. It should be rejected. | Humble, TX, 77396 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:05:55 | frank ortega | frankortega711@yahoo.com | do not mess with our coast lines. let us fish freely. | san antonio texas 78247 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:06:23 | Robert B Bicknell | robert_bicknell@yahoo.com | <p>Dear Members of the Congressional Sportsman's Council</p> <p>This is in regards to the Plan of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Managements Councils plan to separate recreational fisherman into those with their own boats and those without. As I understand it the allotted amount of fish I am able to keep would be reduced so the charter fishing boats could keep more. The limits on fishing in the Gulf are already too restrictive. I am opposed to Sector separation as it is just another assault on the few freedoms we have left in this country. When the issue of sector separation comes to a vote I urge you to vote against it.</p> <p>Respectfully Robert Bicknell</p> | Lampasas Texas 76550 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:06:44 | Ryan Halsrud | Ryhalsrud@aol.com | Why would for hire fisherman be entitled to anything more than a rec fisherman. They are already using a natural resource for profit. | River ridge,la, 70123 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 6:07:01 | Nicolas Hernandez Sr | nredfish@yahoo.com | I OPPOSE SECTOR SEPARATION OF RECREATIONAL FISHERIES. I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO REJECT THIS PROPOSAL. | Marrero, La, 70072 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:07:06 | David Bell | david.bell@epbreaux.com | I am against sector separation for numerous reasons. It creates opportunity for groups to exploit our fisheries and it will have a long term effect on resources and economic effects on certain recreational marine industries. | Youngsville LA 70592 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:07:47 | George L Dunaway | geomarge@bellsouth.net | NO !!!!! Please vote against separation. There is no tangible conservation benefit to doing this. | Walker, La, 707885 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:07:58 | Bruce H. Crocombe | crocombe@sbcglobal.net | Sector separation in the Gulf of Mexico is a BAD idea. Please reject this proposal. | Spring, TX 77388 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:10:03 | Lillian Shaver | lgshaver@comcast.net | Thanks. | Sugar Land, TX 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:10:30 | william steve pahlman | steve@farrisbrothers.com | Sector separation is unethical and is a bad idea. You people already know this!! Stop trying to make rules that effect people's way of life! | hattiesburg, ms 39401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:10:37 | Darrin Ivey | dlibrnc@gmail.com | I believe this is a bad idea | 39564 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:10:43 | Danny G Seale | danyseale@aol.com | Sirs: I am not in favor of the sector separation, keep things exactly like they have been, thanks, Danny Seale | Orange, TX 77630 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:11:52 | Charles Cocks | ccocks_2000@yahoo.com | This is just another example of special interest groups lobbying for their benefit! The fish belong to EVERYONE, not just a special few. Charter boats are just like commercial fishermen. They profit at the cost to recreational fishermen. Please vote "NO" on separation. It stacks the deck even further against recreational boaters/fishermen who spend a lot of their personal money on the sport they love without hoping to make any profit other than a great day out and a reasonable catch. Limits on all species of recreational fish have dwindled in recent years, almost to the point of making it "not worth it" to go 20-30 mi. to catch 2 snapper over 16" in a very abbreviated season. These limits have come about because of overharvesting by commercial fishers. Don't make a bad situation even worse by giving them the right to take any more than they currently do at the expense of the recreational individual. Thank you for your understanding!! | Portland, TX 78374 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:14:40 | Robert Crown | bobc_513@yahoo.com | | Katy, TX | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:14:55 | Ben Adams | dradams1@gmail.com | Please reject sector separation as it will harm the rec fisherman and limit resources. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:15:12 | Apolinar C. Gamino Jr. | dukegamino@comcast.net | I am against Reef Fish Amendment 39-SectorSeparation. I think it's a bad idea. | Lake Jackson Texas 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:16:03 | Peter Markey | aransaspete@gmail.com | I do not think Sector Separation is a well thought out or good idea. It benefits charters and for-hire boats to the detriment of others. Bad idea. Please reject it. | Aransas Pass, TX 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:16:18 | John Ritchie | john@sunbeltvalve.com | Rejegy separation, it is a real bad idea. | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 6:17:20 | James dobson | Jldobson@hotmail.com | Please refrain from approving any sector separation regarding gulf fisheries the impact would reach far further than, less fishing by individuals such as myself. A typical trip consists of 300 gallons of fuel, bait, ice, food and all other supplies to which I purchase from a small community called SurfSide tx. If there were to be more decisions against our recreational fisheries I assure you these already expensive trips on my boat would be basically worthless if there were no fish to be caught legally. I would not need my boat anymore and I would also not take a charter ever as I prefer the challenge of myself vs . The fish. I cannot imagine not fishing but that would be the course of action I would follow. Thanks for hearing my voice. | Houston tx 77056 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:17:31 | John Charles Wilkinson | jackwilkinson1@msn.com | Although I do not hire out as a charter boat, I am on the water every week of the year! What group am !! I strongly object to any "separation" or other allocation of our natural resources for the exclusive, or preferred, use of commercial interests. I warn that the Council risks losing the support of the fishing community which originally gave it the momentum to exist. | Irving, TX 5062 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:17:41 | John W Battles | john_battles@hotmail.com | Please reject sector separation for fishing in the Gulf of Mexico | Bryan, Tx 77801 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:18:28 | Richard Hair | Casablanca747@hotmail.com | The Ammendment is a bad idea as recreational fisherman far outweigh the commercial charter people in numbers and voting power. Richard Hair | San Antonio, Tx 78232 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:18:30 | Thomas Walker | tommyw@cawalker.net | I am against splitting the fisheries! | Houston, TX 77043 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:18:31 | blain arthurs | barthu3@yahoo.com | I am completely against sector separation. | thibodaux,LA, 70301 | |
| 8/8/2012 6:18:44 | Thomas M Page, Jr. | thomasmansfieldpage@yahoo.com | I, as a citizen of the USA, reject that anyone has the authority to restrict my rights as a fisherman by separating out some portion of any marine resources for the exclusive use by commercial or any other interests!!! | Rio Medina, Texas 78066 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:19:35 | michael kalupa | kalupa@gte.net | I can see no benefit to this sector separation except for a select few. This is bad for the state of Florida, recreational fisherman and local business in general. in these hard economic times there can be no reasonable explanation for these regulations. Mike Kalupa kalupa@gte.net | tampa, fl 33629 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:20:11 | Steven Wayne Earle | swearle@cox.net | I am an avid recreational fisherman, both inshore and offshore. I spend considerable money supporting, storing and operating my small boats. Why should any part of the "recreational" catch be given to the charter businesses that run commercial fishing operations? They may not be selling the fish, but they are making money by fishing. Those are clearly commercial operations. The take limits for charter fishermen should be included in the commercial limits. As it stands now, the tight limits on recreational fishermen make it impossible to make a worthwhile offshore trip. The limits are tight and seasons are often closed. If you don't catch your targeted fish there are often no options to "save the day" by catching other species. Those trips generally cost from \$500 to \$1000, even for small boats like mine. It's becoming too costly to justify the limited catch. Please do not give any part of the recreational catch allotment to the charter operations. Their catch should be part of the commercial catch. | Metairie, LA 70002 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 6:21:03 | Clinton B. and Merry G. Mesker | cbmgm@sbcglobal.net | To divide the private recreational anglers from the business fisheries into sectors is the most ridiculous idea we have ever heard of. We have a place at Crystal Canals, Crystal Beach, Texas, where we will be able to saltwater fish. Not only did our taxes by Galveston County increase 97%, but now we the people have to deal with more government restriction on our freedoms. This is absolutely the last straw! If this is passed, the private sector, again, will be the ones bearing the brunt of government interference on our freedoms. The private recreational angler is the loser all the way around. The private citizens are the losers. The individual tax payers are the losers. Please reconsider this crazy idea, and give us private citizens some consideration for a change. Thank you. Clinton B. and Merry G. Mesker | Odessa, TX 79761 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:21:14 | Jose N Valdez | jvaldez@rmspecialist.info | This would be a very bad idea, as it is now head boats take and kill most of the fish. They take whatever they catch for their customers. I think it should be the other way around, watch head boats catch and limit their daily catch instead of recreational anglers. | Austin, TX 78739 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:21:18 | Richard Alexander | alexa041@gmail.com | No sector separation. Why? Just follow the dollars. They guarantee the long term success of the fishing and boating industry. | Mobile, AL 36606 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:21:34 | Laurance Wesley Campbell | wes@tticompanies.com | I understand that the Council is considering separating gulf anglers into 2 groups - one that hire charters and one that owns their own vessels. I do not understand the reasoning behind this. First of all, everyone of these anglers care about the fishery. That's probably more so with the vessel owners - they love the fisheries enough to own a boat! From an economic standpoint the vessel owning anglers contribute much more (ie, \$\$ per pound of fish harvested) than charter or head boats. As you know the marine industry has been devastated in the past 5 years. This would be a nail in the coffin for them. Please reconsider your position and think about those people who would lose their livelihood. It's certainly not easy to make it these days. . | Wetumpka, AL 36092 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:22:52 | Patrick Giesler | Patrick2108@yahoo.com | I personally feel that adopting a law that divides recreational anglers into two sectors is an extremely bad idea. Regulations have begun to tighten over the past decade, some for good reasons but more so for that bad. I can not help but feel that this action is a stronger motive for the government to tighten their grip on coastal fishing. The question I leave is where do we draw the line with how much power over [recreational fishing] do we allow our representative to take and eventually enforce their will upon us? | San Leon, Tx, 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:24:20 | Greg Gilbert | gregorylgilbert@yahoo.com | Your proposed new regulations segregating fisherman and micromanaging the Gulf of Mexico fisheries is disturbing and overreaching. Proposed fish limits have been a vital tool in conservation of the resources. But your proposal to limit access merely based on my status is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in a free society. I will oppose you at every level and make sure to vote against any local, state, or federal politician that finds this measure acceptable or in any way associates himself with this proposed outrage. | Bellaire, Texas 77402 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:24:39 | jesse martinez | jmartinez@dianal.com | bad idea people!!! | houston tx 77075 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:24:55 | Jeff Benham | benham534@gmail.com | No sectors no more regulations you people are killin us with this stuff wherein the world do y'all come up with this craziness For instance snapper season this year every snapper I caught was full of eggs. Y'all Claim snapper numbers are low but y'all open our 1month season while they are fixing to spawn real smart y'all and the use of gill nets to get talks count ever heard of scuba gear Please people use some COMMEN SENSE!!!!!! | Hattiesburg | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:26:41 | Thomas M. O'Brien | tobrien@nixhealth.com | I oppose sector separation. | San Antonio, TX 78205 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:26:56 | gary moreno | gmoreno269@yahoo.com | I think this is one of the worst ideas i have wver heard. | baytown, tx 77523 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 6:28:54 | Pam Shuler | pshuler44@yahoo.com | I Think this Separation is STUPID and should be DONE AWAY WITH!!! | Alice, Texas 78333 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:29:00 | Anthony J. Moherek | tmoherek@gmail.com | Please reject Sector Sepaqrtaion as recreational sportfisherman & America's large tourism derived income will be affected . | Richmond, TX 77407 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:29:52 | Allen E. Berlin | aeb39@yahoo.com | I am firmly against any plan that separates the Harvest of Offshore Resources between Private Recreational Fishermen and Charter Businesses. Any plan that proposes this action is utterly ridiculous. I hope that common sense will prevail and this plan will be defeated . Thank you, Allen Berlin | Magnolia, TX 77355 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:30:16 | Justin Ward | justin.ward@live.com | What you guys are proposing is an absolutely terrible idea representing a skewed agenda. Rethink the possibilities. | Houston, TX 77004 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:30:22 | dennis phillips | dphillips230@comcast.net | lets vote this down...lets stop them from tearing down anymore of our rigs...they are killing what little of an eco-system we have in the gulf | houston, texas, 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:30:24 | Terry Blankenship | tlbbob@aol.com | I am against sector separation. It is not right to take away fish from all recreational fishermen and give them to commercial operators. | Sinton, TX 78387 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:30:52 | Samuel W. Marshall | smarshall@bankseng.com | reject separation. | Fort Myers, FL 33905 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:32:34 | Dan Suckley | Drsuckley@yahoo.com | Please conserve this resource for future generations. | Corpus Christi, TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:32:44 | Michael A. Reesby | mareesby@bellsouth.net | Sector separation in the Gulf of Mexico is a very ill conceived and bad idea. I can see no positive outcome for this except lower catch limits for private fisherman and cash in the pockets of the charter services.How does this help the fisheries you are supposed to be managing? I respectfully request that you abandon and reject sector separation when it comes up for a vote. Thank you. | 70806 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:33:37 | J.M.CURRAN | jmcurren37@sbcglobal.net | We do not need two classes of recreational fisherman. This smells of corruption/pay off/money etc.... | HOUSTON, TX 77215 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:34:00 | Michael S. Petit | mpetit@gt.rr.com | REJECT separation of recreational anglers From the surface, this seems to be another terrible act by our officials. | Beaumont,Tx 77706 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:34:10 | Lyn Goldman | jameslyngoldman@yahoo.com | The snapper limit is short and small enough. Leave the recreational fisherman (and women) alone. | Katy, TX 77450 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:34:45 | sang van duong | sangvandung@sbcglobal.net | I am strongly disagree to dividing catch and share sector separation over recreational anglers and charter, and for-hire boats. | beaumont texas 77707 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:35:45 | Mark Reagan | markreagan@yahoo.com | Please reject the Sector Separation proposal. | Austin, TX 78727 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:35:49 | giacamo meeks | giacamo@sbcglobal.net | reject separation | houston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:36:04 | John D. LaFleur | b_faster@yahoo.com | I strongly oppose the seperation of recreational fishing. | Washington, LA 70589 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 6:36:06 | Jeffrey L. Sen | senjeffreyl@gmail.com | vote no on seperating fishing into charter and recreational | Dripping Springs, Texas 78620 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:36:29 | Donald Bouchie | dbouchie@gvtc.com | Thank You for this oppotunity for expression of our views. | Canyon Lake Tx 78133 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:36:37 | Deborah Weaver | sd12weaver@yahoo.com | I am not only a recreational angler. We fish to provide food for our family. I do not feel it is right for this amendment to take food from my family's table only to give it to charters to make money from it! | Vidor, TX 77662 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:36:40 | russell day | rday47@comcast.net | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple, please help in this matter. | 77346 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | Sector separation remains a bad idea. There is no good reason to allow charter/headboat operators to have any different regulations/standards than the main body of recreational anglers. | | |
| 8/8/2012 6:39:26 | Terry Winn | winnterry@msn.com | This is a public resource and should not be allowed to become one which can be bought and sold by the highest bidder. Headboats and charter captains serve the recreational angler that does not have the opportunity or desire to own their own fishing vessel, they should be considered as the same group of anglers that utilize their own craft and should not be given an oppotunity to have an exception based on whether they are a for-hire vessel or not. | Osteen, FL 32764 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:39:33 | William Kent Lacy | kentlacy@comcast.net | Seperating the limited catch in the Gulf of Mexico between charter/for hire anglers and anglers who own their own boat makes no sense at all. Please do not institute such a policy. | 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:40:17 | Terry Joe Debrow, Sr. | jdebrow@scrgllc.com | Once again the Federal Government has no feel for those that fund the government (middle class tax payers) but rather those that have the most influence. Please do the unusual for a government agency and think of the common man!!! Do not pass Amendment 39. Sector Seperation | Mobile, AL 36606 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:41:20 | Lura Joseph | Lurajoseph@att.net | Sector separation is simply ridiculous. Abandon it and find something useful to spend my money on. | Spring, Tx 77389 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:42:27 | steve ehrhart | stephenjehrhart@aol.com | separating private boaters from commercial boaters, and then splitting fish regulations between them, is a bad idea. pls vote down the proposal at your new orleans meeting. thank you | ocala, fl 34482 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:42:32 | Wayne Aucoin | wtaucoin@cox.net | This is not a good policy. | New Orleans, La. 70131 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:42:40 | Daniel M. Hafner | redfishdan@yahoo.com | Do not enact sector separation | Nacogdoches,Tx 75964 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:43:54 | Darrell Zabldo | fastcat27@hotmail.com | Please don't reduce the fish we can catch. We only go once in a while and it would be nice to catch more than 4 grouper. We put a lot of money into the local economy by going fishing ourselves. | Tallahassee, FL. 32311 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:43:54 | Joanne LeBeouf | lebeouf0691@att.net | Reject the fishing division!!! What an unbelievable proposal. These people who think up these ideas have the people's best interest? I think not. Again politics as usual. | Bourg, La 70343 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:43:55 | STEVE MCNEMAR | steve@usimpactinc.com | Sector Separatiion and catch shares -VOTE NO | MANDEVILLE LA 70471 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:44:17 | Arthur Donald Marx | poppadon39@gmail.com | I think that you keep coming up with absurd new regs. to try to justify your existance. Just set commercial harvest limits and recreational harvest likimits that are fair and equitable!! Ex. 2 red snappers per person on a rec. fishing trip is the most rediculous thing that I've seen yet. Get realistic or get out!!! | 70665 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 6:44:28 | Richard Elliott | ricnardaelliott@att.net | Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation is a bad idea. There is no logical reason to persue this amendment and the councils support for this ammendement only serves to validate what most citicens already think about the current administration and it's attempts to use concervation laws to to exploit the public resources for the bennifit of a chosen few. This amendment is for the recreational fisherman, and bad for the fishery. It's politics at their worst and a sad commentary on the entire councils warped sense of duty. | Houston, Texas 77089 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:45:05 | Lance Barnett | lanceusa11@gmail.com | Please vote against this proposal. | Groves, TX 77619 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:45:09 | Clifford B. Waters | Genisiswaters@aol.com | Please vote against this so called SEPARATION of the gulf and protect my rights to fish wherever I want to fish. | Harlingen, Texas, 78552 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:45:14 | Roger J. Eisner | rjescrunt@aol.com | Please vote against sector separation. It will lead to more politics, favoritism and hurt the recreational fisherman and future anglers. Bad Idea. | Lake Charles, LA 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:45:36 | Paul Douglas | brhomebase@hotmail.com | I am writing to voice my personal opposition to the separation of recreational anglers and for-hire charter boats into two sectors. This does not have any tangivble benefits to conservation and cretes a windfall to select businesses at the expense of the general public. | Baton Rouge, LA 70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:45:39 | Wesley Hallum | wesley852@aol.com | I am against sector separation. It has no conservational benefits and is a straight shot to destroying one of the greatest fisheries in the world. | Dayton, TX, 77535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:46:21 | charles carrol schoeffler | pisnapper@att.net | no sector separation-totally unfair to anybody- | maurice, la. 70555 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:47:04 | Wade B Bradley | Whbbradley@yahoo.com | No | Daphne, AL 36526 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:47:28 | Robert Lindsey | mcojudge@centex.net | Oppose to the proposed sector separation. Does not meet conservation goals and is not balanced. | Goldthwaite, Texas, 76844 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:48:50 | Eugene Wakefield | gene@billeaudcompanies.com | No need for new regulations. | 70518 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:51:53 | Herb Frierson | herbfrierson@bellsouth.net | As a recreational angler and a member of the National Assembly of Sportmans Caucus Executive Council, and MS House of Representatives Appropriations Chairman, I am oppsed to the Sector Seperation in the Gulf of Mexico. I question the need for it basised on the lack of real informantion on the impact to future fishing in the Gulf. It is a bad idea! | Poplarville, MS 39470 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:52:41 | Charles W. Reyna | cc.reyna@yahoo.com | I am opposed to "Sector Separation", as a member of CCA I along with other members have tried to conserve our natural resources and this plan does not help our efforts. | Livingston, TX 77351 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:52:59 | Larry A. Strohm | larrystrohn.bellsouth.net | Reject Saperation | Saucier, Ms. 39574 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/8/2012 6:53:08 | paul roeh | perj@suddenlink.net | please vote no to sector separation for reef fish | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:53:09 | Jeremy D. Harding | jharding95@yahoo.com | PLEASE Reject this measure. We already have enough government intrusion into our lives as it is!!! The last thing we need is welfare for fishermen!!!! | Pineville, LA 71360 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 6:53:13 | James Kip Portis | jkportis@gmail.com | Sector Separation is a bad idea. I believe it is of absolutely no benefit to recreation or for-hire fishing. I urge you to reject sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations. Sincerely, James K. Portis Rockwall, TX jkportis@gmail.com 972-922-7932 | Rockwall, TX 75087 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:53:59 | Thomas Knighten | dustables@yahoo.com | I am against sector separation! | Magnolia, TX 77355 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:55:33 | Derek Roberts | derek9920@att.net | reject separation | Richmond, TX 77406 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:57:49 | Richard A. Zapalac | Razapalac@yahoo.com | I oppose segmentation. | Matagorda, Texas. 77457 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:58:30 | Tom Hellwig | thellwig@comcast.net | please do not vote for the separation. Thanks. | Houston, Tx. 77073 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:58:44 | Lloyd Saunders | lsaunders4@comcast.net | This is another example of crony capitalism with utter disregard of "we the people". I am opposed to Sector Separation and have requested members of my congressional delegation to oppose it also. | Dickinson, TX, 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 6:59:07 | Ronald Taylor | justront@aol.com | I agree | Gretna, Louisiana, 70056 | |
| 8/8/2012 7:00:05 | John Griggs | john.griggs@bt.com | Sector separation in the Gulf Coast will have a continued negative effect on the recreational angler. Continued erosion of catch limits and open season dates, combined with high fuel prices, are impacting the ability for the common recreation angler to fish Gulf waters. | Humble, TX 77396 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:02:24 | Robert Fisher | robert.fisher@weatherford.com | As an American citizen and avid sportsman I am sending this message on behalf of myself and countless others like me to say don't give away any of our annual allotment of fish to the commercial fishing fleet -for hire boats. Robert Fisher | Houston, Texas 77092 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:02:33 | Danny Norman | danny.norman@yahoo.com | I am against amendment 39 Sector Separation. | Alexandria La 71303 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:02:41 | Rob Ward | rward@southernrr.com | Please reject seperation. | Hitchcock, Tx. 77563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:02:52 | chris richard | crichard4law@yahoo.com | Please oppose the bill regarding sector limits. | lafayette, LA 70501 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:02:54 | ricky cox | rcoxmailesc4@yahoo.com | don't seperate the sportsman from the commercial fishermen fish limits. the people, who fish with the guides, etc... are sportsman just like me and should have the same limits as me. | houston tx 77015 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:03:19 | Lynette McCoy Largent | lynetterw@yahoo.com | I REJECT THE SECTOR SEPARATION! | Clute, TX 77531 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:03:21 | John Shannon | Johnj@teamshannonfishing.com | Do not allow this! Let well enough be! We don't need anymore government intervention in our lives. | | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 7:03:56 | Daniel T Hanrahan | danielt275@att.net | What possible purpose is there in setting up sectors? The only one I can see would lead to corruption involving decisions made based on money passing hands from businesses to politicians. If there is no scientific reason for this idea, it should be dropped! | Richmond, Texas, 77469 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:04:49 | David Gruener | fgruener@coastal-link.net | Please reject sector separation | Freeport, Tx, 77541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:04:50 | Mark Parish | parishmk@cox.net | I am not in favor of Sector Separation of Gulf coast fishing..Please reject this idea. I support CCA's effort to reject sector separation. | Shalimar, FL 32579 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:05:07 | cole newman | cole@chnewman.com | Do not change or allow commercial operator to take part of the private angler portion. | austin, tx 78747 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:06:22 | Garry Phillips | phatcatcharters@yahoo.com | I oppose The Gulf Council's proposal to divide recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats and will help fight any such regulation imposed. I urge the Council to reconsider and kill such proposal.. | Cuero, Tx, 78184 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 7:06:25 | William F. Hawk | wfhawk50@yahoo.com | I am sure I join ALL Private Recreational Anglers in voicing my sincere opposition to Ammendment 39 - Sector Separation. | Danbury, Texas 77534 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:07:19 | Jerry Hanes | jjandmchanes@peoplepc.com | The idea of giving away the rights of the recreational fisherman to the charter business stinks. The charter boats should follow the same rules and reg's.as any body using the waters on the gulf. | Holiday, Fl 34691 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:07:28 | Scott Witt | switt@gstoyota.com | I DO NOT support plans under consideration to separate the recreational catch of Red Snapper into separate allocations for private anglers and boats for hire. Thanks in large part to actions by the council, there are very few boats for hire remaining on the gulf coast. The economic impact generated by headboats is miniscule compared with the impact of recreational anglers. Don't make another critical mistake in managing this resource. | Fulshear, TX 77441 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:07:43 | Gunner Waldmann | gunnerwaldmann@cox.net | Dear Sir. I'm against sector separation. All Recreational fisherman that I know are also against this amendment. It serves NO successful purpose. Thank you for your valuable time. Gunner Waldmann 337-781-9581 | Abbeville, LA. 70511 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:08:44 | lee c gregory | l45g20001@yahoo.com | save the freedoms | brazoria texas 77422 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:09:09 | Robert J. Rizzuti | ecmboatman@hotmail.com | I do not want sector separation !!! I owned a very successful marine dealership for 22yers which I sold 31/2 years ago,because of the economy and the regulations imposed on reeational fishing. There are far less boats being sold now! With the price of fuel and the regulations, people are not fishing as much as they use to. Any facts that say this is not true is total fabrication. There are more Red Snapper and bigger ones then I've ever seen. (YES even when I commercial fish over 40 years ago !) I am going to be 70yers young. But if I was younger I would fight this with whatever is necessary. We MUST stand up for our rights !!! And we HAVE the right to fish and to keep them !! If we allow the minority to dictate to us, then we have lost our freedom. | Lillian AL. 36549 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:09:50 | Julie Blackwood | jandbbythesea25@yahoo.com | I strongly oppose your sector separation idea and encourage you to reject this separation. | San Antonio Tx 78259 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 7:10:03 | Hunter Shepard | hunter.shepard@gmail.com | Recreational anglers are recreational anglers, whether they are fishing from their own vessel or a for-hire craft. Keep the limits the same for each. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:11:36 | Capt Scott Hickman | Info@circleh.org | I fully support sector separation/separate charter for hire allocation, and the further exploration of a charter for hire business plan in the form of a pilot programs. | League city Texas 77573 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 7:12:22 | Anthony J. Cash III | tcash3@cox.net | I am against sector separation, please do not pass this. Instead try doing something like balancing the budget. | Jefferson, LA 70121 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:12:25 | Matthew J Zuniga | mjuniga@gmail.com | Sector Separation is a terrible idea. The Gulf Council can't even properly manage things the way they are now--splitting everything in half and effectively doubling your "management" duties is ridiculous. Captain Matthew J. Zuniga USCG License #2853800 | Port Aransas | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 7:12:48 | Randal J Dunham | tigers6158@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a very bad idea. We do not need another Federal program. | Sulphur La 70663 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:12:58 | Robert W Graves | redfishrob@cableone.net | I vehemently oppose dividing up any and all recreational fishing allocations into one set for private anglers & one for charter boats. Fishing is a challenge as it is and giving one segment of anglers special treatment is not right. The ocean's bounty should be available to all on equal footing. | Aransas Pass, TX 78336 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:13:32 | joe w thornton | mopwau@dishmail.net | sector separation for fishing is a bad deal ! | angleton,texas 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:14:15 | Ernest R. Philippi Jr. | Philippi74@hotmail.com | PLEASE DO NO ALLOW THIS SECTOR SEPARATION FISHING TO PASS!!!!!! IT LOOKS AS IF THERE ARE NO RECREATIONAL FISHERMAN ON THE COUNCIL TO HELP THE RECREATIONAL FISHERMAN. | Hudson, FL, 34669 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:14:18 | CHARLES RODER | CHARLESRODER@GMAIL.COM | I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF SECTOR SEPARATION, PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW SUCH AMENDMENT TO TAKE PLACE. | ATHENS,TX. 75752 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:14:25 | Stanley Shenker | stanleyshenker@ymail.com | I support the CCA's position | Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:14:33 | Michael David Boswell | trpaint@hotmail.com | Enough has been taken away form the private angler, it's tiome to take some from the commercial fishers. | San Angelo, Tx. 76904 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:15:09 | Steve Jackson | actionjaxn2@gmail.com | Please do not futher decimate our fishing. Make the gag grouper, black grouper, and American red snapper sport fish only and regulate them as such. There are more than enough other species of deep water and cold water fish to satisfy the restaurants of the world. If people wish to eat the above species, they can go fishing, enjoy the sport, clean the fish, and cook and enjoy them more than they ever will in some restaurant. Do not attempt to divide and conquer recreational fishing. | Suwannee, FL 32692 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:16:00 | Greg I Keffer | dockeffer@sbcglobal.net | Sector separation is a bad idea. Present management is flawed also. Recreational snapper is so short I had time to do one trip. You assume that people will go every day that it is open. Perhaps you forget we work to pay for the boat. My snapper quota was 6 snapper this year. Hardly makes owning a 300,000 boat worthwhile. What really makes me angry is I can go to any fish market when the season is supposed to be closed, and find red snapper for sale. These fish are caught illegally. The smart thing to do if you want to rebuild stocks is take snapper off the commercial market like was done with redfish. As long as there is a price on the snapper commodity, it will be overfished legally and illegally. It seems like every decision made by this council over the past 20 years has favored the commercial fishery, and slapped the recreational fisherman in the face. Greg Keffer M.D. | Bay City Tx 77414 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 7:16:19 | Robert Vail | directdrive8@gmail.com | <p>It has come to my attention that the GMFMC is considering "Sector Separation" in the Gulf of Mexico. This is, without a doubt, one of the worst ideas to be hatched in the history of the Council. Pitting one group against another in the name of "management" is ludicrous and dangerous. Not only does it solve zero problems in the Gulf but creates a whole host of other issues that should never have been created in the first place. The Gulf belongs to ALL ANGLERS. Telling one group they can't fish in a certain area is unfair and represents bad management practice. This is either a means to divide recreational anglers against one another or is just poor, thoughtless, bad management. I would vote a resounding NO,NO, NO on this plan. We, as committed recreational anglers will fight this tooth and nail. The Council is creating a tempest that need never see the light of day. Shame on those who have brought this up and shame on those who support it.</p> <p>Sincerely, Robert Vail</p> | 32503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:16:55 | Xavier Montalvo | Xmontalvo@yahoo.com | Vote no the amendment | Austin, Texas 78749 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:17:59 | Anne Russell | annejrussell@gmail.com | As a private angler trying to teach my children the love of sport fishing, I implore you to reject this separation amendment. | Birmingham, AL 35223 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:18:48 | joey sienkiewicz | jsienkiewicz@stx.rr.com | I am not in favor of the proposed idea of regulating the gulf for two types of fishermen. Can't you stay out of the lives of American citizens and quit trying to micro manage our society. You have already done enough damage. | corus christi, tx 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:19:15 | Bradley J Bongers | Bradbongers@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a poor, poor idea and I am 100% against it. | Fort Worth, TX 76116 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:19:43 | Peter P Gaillard Jr | peterg@gaillardbuilders.com | Please reject sector separation at the Gulf Council in August or anytime in the future if it comes up. Ridiculous idea | Mobile, Al 36611 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:20:04 | Albert B. Curry III | Tcurry@aol.com | This policy of splitting sectors is a terrible idea, but it continues to come up. I encourage you to oppose this issue and help send a message that we don't want this in the Gulf. | Brandon, MS, 39047 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:21:25 | dex walton johnson | dexj@missmusic.com | bad idea | hattiesburg ms 39402 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:22:26 | Ryan Cole | rcfiji@hotmail.com | There are no benefits to sector separation. Do not allow this to take place | New Braunfels, TX, 78130 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:22:26 | Robert Thomas Kraft | tomkraft234@yahoo.com | <p>The most RIDICULOUS idea ever. Why do they get more than us. I pay TAXES like every other United States citizen and deserve equal rights.</p> <p>THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF RED SNAPPER IN THE GULF OF MEXICO!!</p> <p>Please put someone in a position who knows what he/she is talking about.</p> | Missouri City, Texas 77459 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:23:27 | roberto rodriguez | rrodrig3@yahoo.com | Stop separation. | mcallen tx 78504 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:23:31 | Michael Tullier | mwtullier@cox.net | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | Metairie, Louisiana, 70003 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 7:24:13 | Julian Gonzalez | julian@gonzalzmd.com | Please support rejection of separation of Gulf Coast anglers into 2 groups. With 40 years of outdoor angling experience, it is my opinion that the separation will hurt the population of sport fish significantly. Please help protect the fishery for our future generations. Do not emulate the Mexican "meat haul" philosophy which is destroying their fishery in areas like Cabo San Lucas. | Houston,Tx,77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:26:47 | Robert Mathews | robertwmathews1@gmail.com | Please reconsider all plans to add sector separation to the other incredibly stupid burdens you have placed on private recreational anglers in the northern Gulf of Mexico. You are killing the goose that laid the golden egg for our coastal communities. Worst of all, your regulations are actually wiping out our fisheries resource. You must, and you will be, stopped. | Baton Rouge, LA 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:27:47 | Darrell Litwiller | dllitwiller@yahoo.com | Stop taking away fishing rights from individuals. | Port Lavaca, TX 7979 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:28:38 | greg minor | gregminor@att.net | Please don't do sectors | san antonio,tx 78232 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:28:49 | Pratt Brown | prattbrown1@aol.com | I am totally AGAINST the sector separation amendment! There are FAR MORE recreational anglers than Charter Boat Opreations, and the recreational anglers spend much more money supporting ALL ANGLING than Charter Boat Captains. The recreational angler is the one supporting local economies more, and so needs to be protected more! | Birmingham, Al. 35213 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:28:51 | Charles Smith | csmith@netapp.com | I am against this proposition. thank you. | Houston, TX. 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:29:31 | scott callender | scottcallender172@yahoo.com | It's a bad idea to give my fish away to charter captains. I hope you think about this as I am a voter. | 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:29:46 | Mark E Deshotels | markehf@cox.net | Please vote against separation. The Gulf fishing is under enough stress. | B R, LA 70809 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:30:55 | Elizabeth Litwiller | ejlit@hotmail.com | I do not believe in UN Agenda 21 and this appears to tie into that mindset. I am opposed to any regulations that take away individual freedom and rights and stops individuals from the ability to be self-sufficient. | Port Lavaca, TX 77979 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:31:11 | david f lawrence | lawmarin@sbcglobal.net | reject sector separation | liberty tx 77575 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:31:35 | Patrick J Wilson | Pjwbarpilot@comcast.net | I would like to strongly discourage the separation of classes for recreational anglers. | Mobile,al 36605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:32:23 | james young massey | jymassey2008@gmail.com | Sector Separation....what a stupid, useless, crazy idea....must have come from a stupid, useless, crazy politician!! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:34:39 | John Wemyss | jswemyss@hotmail.com | I suggest you weigh the economic impact of the private recreational angler vs the for-hire group and factor that into your decision. | Humble, TX 77346 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:35:35 | William Hoffmeister | bakkraker@yahoo.com | I oppose this.Bad idea to separate. | Orlando, fl 32809 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:36:48 | WARREN LEJEUNE | lejeunew@yahoo.com | REJECT THE SEGRAGATION LAW. IT IS A VERY,VERY BAD IDEAL. ALL IT WILL DO IS CAUSE CONFLICT ON COASTAL WATERS AMOUNG ALL FISHERMEN AND POSSIBLY DEATH DUE TO CONFRONTATIONS. WILL YOU BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS? WE HAVE ENOUGH CONFLICT ON THE WATER NOW. IT IS A VERY STUPID SUGGESTED IDEAL AND ANYONE INVOLVED SHOULD NOT EVEN BE ALOUD ON THE WATER. | 70611 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 7:38:03 | Mac McCracken | jan_mac22@yahoo.com | Our fisheries are declining rapidly. Why not go for a catch and release program for a year of two and look at the results. Do not hinder recreational fisherman Thank You for listening, Mac | Bastrop, Tx 78602 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:39:22 | Terry L. Williams | fluffwilliams4@gmail.com | I am opposed to the plan to separate private and commercial fishermen and to redistribute the allowable catch. | Brazoria, Texas, 77422 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:39:39 | Eric Bachnik | ebachnik@tampabay.rr.com | Dear Gulf Council, Please reject Sector Separation, it is an unfair way to allocate a public resource. Eric Bachnik | 1415 East Bay Drive Largo FL 33771 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 7:40:42 | T.L. Samuel III | jandssamuel@charter.net | Please vote against separation of recreational anglers and commercial fishermen. | Montgomery, AL 36111 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:41:29 | Jay Polivka | jaypolivka@hotmail.com | Just say no! | San Antonio, Tx, 78217 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:41:34 | Ronnie Bement | rbement13@gmail.com | Sounds like some lobbyists for the charter boats have wiggled their slimy little fingers into the pockets of a few less than ethical congressional members who have obviously never wet a line in the Gulf of Mexico! I seriously doubt if the total amount of money spent by the charter boat industry would amount to much more than a pimple on a flea's butt when compared to the monies generated by the private recreational anglers! So basically I must ask why is this idea even being tossed around? If the charter captains/owners can't make it in their chosen industry then the free enterprise system edicts that they choose another venue. | Houston, Texas, 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:44:03 | Robert Linder | rlinderhaus@aol.com | I am totally against Separation. What are you thinking? Leave this part of fisheries alone. Keep the government out of fishing other than managing numbers. Thanks Robert Linder | marble falls,tx 78654 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:44:31 | Judson Champlin Farrar | judsonc76@yahoo.com | No to sector separation! | Dallas, TX 75214 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:45:07 | Robert Foil | rfoil007@hotmail.com | Vote no to the sector | Alabama | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:45:33 | Debra Yencer | redfishdeb@yahoo.com | Please do not separate the fishing. This is the only enjoyment that our family gets to do...I take my elderly mother and aunt fishing when they are able to go and it would be terrible if this happens. I just do not see this as fair for those of us who fish for enjoyment and not for hire. | Victoria, Tx 77901 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:48:07 | Kenneth N. Gregory | kgregoryproduce@comcast.net | Members of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, as a dedicated Recreational Angler, Businessman, and Conservationist, I implore you to reject "Sector Separation" as an option for Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management. This is a bad idea, and offers no tangible conservation benefit. Sincerely; Ken Gregory | Vero Beach FL 32962 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:48:16 | James C. George | jim.george@att.net | Recreational fishing by the private citizen must take precedent over anything else. | Brownsville, TX. 78520 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 7:50:56 | david a murray sr. | slasher4538@yahoo.com | vote NO to amendment #39 Members of the Council, I am a Private Recreational Angler and I am in no way in favor of any changes or amendments that would further restrict my access to OUR gulf fishery as it exists. For you to attempt to pass an amendment of such potential importance without providing substantial details, specifics and impact on those of us that harvest from the gulf fishery, is unimagineable. My opposition to this amendment is very strong and ask that you do not pass the Sector Separation Amendment. In the future, please do not be so reckless with our precious resources. | fulton, tx. 78358 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:51:33 | David E. Koch Jr. | dktxrosa@sbcglobal.net | Thank you David E. Koch Jr. | Castroville, TX, 78009 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:52:01 | Edwin A. Monette | ed@boswellins.com | Vote Against Amendment 39, not in favor of a new radical federal program. | Shreveport, LA 71105 | Other |
| 8/8/2012 7:53:01 | Jonathan Carter | jonaman5@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea period ! | Kenner, LA 70065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:54:22 | Martin Lambert | Mlambert555@aol.com | NO to separation. | Opelousas, la 70570 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:54:52 | Shane Lewis | shaneaz27@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a BAD IDEA. Please work diligently to keep this from happening. | Magnolia, Texas, 77354 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:55:33 | Mitch Brownlee | mitch@escobarroyalty.com | Please reject sector seperation. Thank you. | San Antonio, TX 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:55:41 | Mark Vancil | markovancil@mac.com | Very bad idea. What are you thinking? | Rockwall, TX, 75087 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:55:45 | wayne felder | wf@felderbumper.com | bad idea | baton rouge la 70819 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:56:18 | Rhett Murphy Majoria | rmajoria@aol.com | I am strongly opposed to sector separation. As a business owner, voter, and recreational fisherman, I will be very interested in following who votes in favor of this. Sincerely, Rhett Majoria | Gretna, LA, 70056 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 7:56:35 | Michael Ortega | the4ortegas@gmail.com | The proposed change will greatly impact fishing for generations to come if changed. Please reject this proposal. | Kingsville, TX 78363 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:00:17 | Liz Hewitt | pescaliz@aol.com | Dear Sirs: I am a recreational fisherman in Texas and I adamantly oppose the implementation of sector seperation/catch shares in the Gulf of Mexico. Thank you, Liz Hewitt | San Antonio, Texas 78239 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:00:53 | JOHN WALTHALL | jaywalthall0822@att.net | I request that you oppose this "Special Interest Legislation" that dilutes the rights of private sportsman. "For-Hire" boat owners should have no more rights to our national resources than private sportsman. | Edna, Texas 77957 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 8:01:57 | Kyle Eckhardt | kyle.eckhardt@yahoo.com | Separating the fishing sectors is a bad idea,don't do it | Sealy,Texas 77474 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:02:36 | Janet Lofquist | djlofquist@yahoo.com | Please don't separate fishing sectors, especially with no studies done to show the impact on each sector. Through license fees recreational anglers support conservation and management of fishing areas. | Rockport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:03:38 | Steven Vanden Heuvel | Sovan01@live.com | I am against sector separation! It is not right to single out the recreational fishermen! | 32541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:03:57 | Reuben Trevino | rtrev16@gmail.com | don't separate | bayview,tx, 78566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:04:14 | heather peterek | heatherhilldesign@yahoo.com | PLEASE REJECT dividing recreational anglers into two sectors!!!! | galveston, tx 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:04:37 | yancey long | yancey.long@pacificwood.com | do not pass this it does hurt the recreational fisherman | livingston tx 77351 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:04:45 | H.Joseph Hughes M.D. | hh466@bellsouth.net | Sector Separation is a bad idea! | Birmingham,Al. 35213 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:06:45 | ronald jackson | roncaroljackson@comcast.net | Reject separation | houma, la 70364 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:09:09 | jim whitmore | collinstructor@yahoo.com | bad plan, par for the course of this administrtion | crockett,texas 75835 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:09:35 | Richard Taylor | rtaylor@mossyoakproperties.com | I am WHOLE-HEARTEDLY against sector separation. You want to stir up a hornet's nest, go ahead and pass this. It will not be pretty and will be an economic disaster for the fishing industry and a nightmare for fisheries enforcement. Rick Taylor 601-341-1131 | McComb, MS, 39648 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:09:47 | jim whitmore | collinstructor@yahoo.com | bad plan, par for the course of this administrtion | crockett,texas 75835 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:10:46 | Lowell R Bash | randy.bash@graphicpkg.com | Reject the separation. guides and sport fishing boats get away with going over the limits the way it is. You are only giving them more power and the oportunity to go outside the limits even further. I never see a guide or sport fishing boat checked for fish or safety. They run amuck as it is and attempt to run off the lone guy and family who wants to enjoy a weekend. | San Antonio, TX, 78260 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:11:35 | Ronald P Cuenod | rcuenod@tibodo.com | Please vote against Sector separation. This is a really bad idea! | Houston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:11:38 | Marcus C. Smith | letsgefishing2@msn.com | I am strickly against this, there is enough government relugations with out sound profit and findings. | Port O'Connor, Tx. 77982 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:12:06 | Mark Seid | seidm@att.net | No to sector separation. | Houston, TX. 77042 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 8:13:49 | Fred | rocfred@yahoo.com | I have no confidence in the NMFS and the Gulf Council. I have not seen any evidence that you are for Private Recreational Anglers! I am against this ammendment. The only thing I can see coming from this ammendment for the private recreational angler is a shorter season yet! Please provide any information to the contrary. Sincerely, Fred Patrick 6005 Breaux Rd Vinton,LA 70668 | Vinton, LA 70668 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:15:05 | Carson Reichert | Carsonnye@aol.com | This should not be passed. Our local limits for fish are tight enough, we don't need anymore federal regulations limiting our sport. Please vote against this law. | Houston, tx 77062 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:15:39 | Jeff Hernandez | jeffhernand@hotmail.com | I absolutely, 1000% reject this proposal! Catering to a few and leaving out thousands does not make sense! It does not start with sector separation, it starts with equal management of our resources regardless of who is involved! | San Antonio, TX 78230 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:15:45 | David Jenkiins | jenkins12@sbcglobal .net | Please vote NO to this proposal | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:16:12 | Jeff Duffy | westfield4202@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a BAD idea, please vote this down. | Houston, Texas 77082 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:18:04 | Martin Melancon | Melancon1@me.com | I do not support sector separation. Please do not let this happen!! | Caplen, Texas, 77617 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:18:06 | Kyle Cronan | kyle_cronan@Hotmail.com | Successful fishing trips for the recreational fishing families are difficult enough without politicians getting involved to deter our opportunities. Personally, I know of many "For-Hire" boats that use a majority of their time to "SCOUT" for the fish. My question is, "How are you going to manage this portion of their time?" They are a "For-Hire" boat but there are many times they are pulling in fish for their own families. The Answer: You Cant...In all reality, many of these captains are already pushing the legal limits in order to gain greater tips and repeat customers. Now you are going to separate the fishing and provide more opportunities. I understand you desire to want to keep the "PROFESSIONAL" fisherman involved but at the cost to the general public is not the way. | Conroe, Tx, 77385 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:19:23 | Larry D Page | pageco@msn.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. We need your help to drop the discussion and move on to more important topics.. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:20:36 | Eddie Longhofer, Jr | longlhofer@texasbb.com | Not in favor of sector allotment of fish to for hire guides or commerical fishers | Brenham,Tx 77833 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:20:43 | Ron Stallings | marlin6969@att.net | This act of separation is uncalled for. These are the waters of the United States Of America. And they are not to be shut down from recreational anglers. That would kill thousands of jobs and devistate our industry. LEAVE IT ALONE!!! Let people fish freely as registered anglers that pay taxes by way of licensing. It's not right what you are proposing. | Titus, AL. 36080 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:21:11 | Tom Alexander | tomalexander@mygrande.net | This is a BAD idea. It makes NO sense. WHO comes up with this stuff? | Corpus Christi, tx, 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:22:26 | eric I strever | estrever@att.net | No way, this is a bad idea, please do not proceed with plan. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:23:44 | Gary Goff | ggoff@ufl.edu | This Sector Separation is a bad idea all it does is screw the recreational fisherman it's not right at all | Trenton Fl, 32696 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:25:36 | Timothy Leigh Allen | makaira1@hotmail.com | I am AGAINST Sector Seperation. This rediculous attempt at control is unwarranted. | Friendswood, Texas 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 8:27:40 | Byram H. Carpenter, III | bcarpenter@moremanmoore.com | Please reject seperation. | Shreveport, LA 71105 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:28:59 | Elgin Thomas | texaset2@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple and I for one would like for the Gulf Council to know my feelings about this issue . Thanks for listening | 77512 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:30:06 | Charles Michael Williamson | maxnitz@comcast.net | I oppose the sector separation amendment. It appears that the council is trying to take away a portion from the recreational angler to give to charter fishing. As a recreational angler, I have invested much money and time to be able to fish as a boat owner on the gulfcoast. In these economic times, the cost goes up each year and you want it to be worth your while. This will limit private anglers. | Petal, MS 39465 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:30:35 | Joseph T. Rabalais | joemarrab@aol.com | Do Not put in effect for dismanteling the last few things that a personal fisherman still has. Remember who elected you and for what reasons. Thanks | Lake Charles, La. 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:31:04 | MH Phillips | mh.phillips@yahoo.com | There is no rationale for separating recreational anglers into 2 sectors. This is a bad idea proposed by a few greedy individuals at the expense of the whole recreational population. Owning a boat for hire is a personal choice and should not afford that individual anything apECIAL. The opean seas are for all! | Friendswood, TX 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:33:02 | John W. Stewart, Jr | eckols1924@yahoo.com | Strongly do not beleive in dividing up fishing areas in our coastal waters. | Kenedy,Tx. 78119 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:33:12 | Timothy D. Stallings | tj@tticompanies.com | Dividing resources to the benefit of a chosen few is bad for everyone. Much like the first and second amendment, fishing is a right for ALL law-abiding citizens. Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. Thank you for your time, Sincerely, T Stallings | Wetumpka, AL 36092 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:33:24 | David Gorham | dagorham48@yahoo.com | Do not let it happen!!!! | Houston, Tx. 7702: | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:34:39 | Michael gylnn Heaton | Heatonrabbits@ yahoo. Com | I have my own 32 foot offshore boat and I fish regular. It cost me the same as a boat my size for charter to go out. At 300 gallons fuel tank, it takes me 1150 dollars just in fuel to go fishing. I make atleast 3, two day trips to port aransas Tx a month. I don't think it is right that they can tell me where to fish. I am paying around 2500 dollars to fish two days where someone is paying 100 dollars per person to charter. Private fishermen are paying Alot more so we should fish where we want. Thanks Michael Heaton 361 564 8764 | Cuero Tx 77954 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:35:47 | David Frady | frady.david@yahoo.com | Please reject separation. This legislation appears to have no benefit to our natural resources, only certain segments of anglers. Please reject. | Mandeville, LA 70471 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:38:18 | Bart Hernandez | bartman1968@hotmail.com | Sector seperation is a Bad Idea!! | Hollywood Park, Texas 78232 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:38:50 | Joseph Edwin Keener | keener.joseph @yahoo.com | Please treat the recreational angler fairly. I have a \$500K + boat for fishing. Now the way it works I can go after 2 red snapper in federal waters and one Amberjack in a very short season. This is ridiculous and I would be glad to take anyone out to the Gulf and catch red snapper all day long as this fish isn't endangered, but a charter can take out 100 people and catch 2 red snapper and reduce the population by 200 in one day. Charters are the problem as they can catch more fish than any private recreational fisherman who has paid a lot of money for a boat and equipment along with paying taxes for these purchases. Thank You | Corpus Christi, TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 8:38:59 | Albert Troy Lively, Jr. | goodag2@hotmail.com | There is no valid reason for implementing this and this kind of law except for the desire to further a socialistic agenda. Please cast your influencing vote against adoption of this counterproductive, openly anti-American effort. | Houston, TX, 77075 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:40:24 | James Hall | jchall1@airmail.net | I do not support this motion to divide recreational anglers. Anglers with their own boats supply a lot of economic support to the gulf coast region. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:42:55 | Bradford Brightman | brightman@bellsouth.net | Recreational angler cannot afford ANY further degradation of our fishing allowances or seasons. It is going to KILL the boat owners and boat business if the allocation is split. We will see boat sold off in thousands if this is enacted. The economic impact will result in MILLIONS of lost revenue in the Northern Gulf Coast which is already in deep recession. This will Kill the condo, fishing tackle, restaurant and many otherstruggling small businesses as well. | Mobile, AL 36695 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:46:32 | gus wilson jr | gawilsonjr@yahoo.com | This proposal is stupid, and another example of government at "work". Reject Sector Separation! | harvey,la,70058 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:47:40 | Emily Lee | emilyaslee@aol.com | Senseless "help" for a select few is simply not justifiable. Every business in our country would love to feel some "stability" right now. Government agencies picking and choosing to whom such benefit will be doled, while currently in vogue, is wrong. Never mind the truly important consideration...the long term effect on our fisheries. | Houston, TX 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:47:53 | William Crist | william.crist@testronicsusa.com | reject separation | Richwood, Tx 77531 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:48:56 | James Pamplin | jgpamplin@verizon.net | As a recreational Gulfcoast fisherman and conservationist ,, I do not agree that the sector separation amendment will be in the best interest of the overall fishery. Special interests must be set aside ... and the focus maintained on ensuring the overall good of the resource. | Plano, TX 75023 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:50:25 | Nancy M Thompson | nancythompson1712@gmail.com | I am vehemently AGAINST the proposal to divide recreational anglers into two sectors | Corpus Christi, TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:50:26 | Ed Kainer | ed_knr@yahoo.com | Who would even think up some regulation as this..... | Victoria, Texas 779404 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:52:54 | Frank P. Miller | frmiami@bellsouth.net | kill sector separation. rest assured i am so disgusted with the federal fisheries management i will take what i want when i want | jupiter,fl.33458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:53:08 | Frank P. Miller | frmiami@bellsouth.net | kill sector separation. rest assured i am so disgusted with the federal fisheries management i will take what i want when i want | jupiter,fl.33458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:55:32 | Joseph Burke | fishnvet@austin.rr.com | I want to express my opinion against the proposed sector separation for offshore fishing for recreational anglers. I see no value in splitting recreational anglers who fish on their own from recs that utilize a commercial charter or service. I am concerned this is regulation that is not needed and will further complicate fisheries management. | Buda, TX 78610 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:55:50 | James A Brown | jbrown549@aol.com | Sector Separation really is a BAD idea and should not even go to a vote. | Shoreacres, TX. 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:56:28 | Matthew Brooner | mbrooner@grandecom.net | Afer hearing about the new changes being discussed on dividing the gulf water fishermen into two sectors i a was asstonished! I feel that some people who fish for recreation with friends and family like genrations before should not be compared to comercial or charter fisherman. A leisure fishing trip is for a "father/ son" type outing and should be regulated with equals rights as any other class of fisherman. If any more stringent regulations should be put on any class it should be heavily crowed charter boats who deplete our structural and natrual reefs. | Corpus Christi, Tx 78412 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 8:57:29 | Roberto Thoma | bthomae@yahoo.com | "Vote No" on fishing sector separation | San Antonio, Texas 78232 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:58:32 | John H Pinder | Pointwilly@aol.com | I reject sector separation. Where in the "Marine Conservation" handbook does it talk about "Sector Separation"? When calculating sector separation do you use SPR, biomass? I reiterate I oppose Sector Separation, but since charter boat captians make their living catching and selling fish, why shouldn't their allocation come from the commercial sector? | Winter Park, FL. 32789 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:58:45 | John Barry Teare | Jbteare@gmail.com | Bad idea | Tiki Island, Texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:59:22 | Adam W. Braune Jr. | adam.braune@yahoo.com | I love to fish and hate the high cost of fuel it takes to get to the fish but if we don't control the amount of fish taken from the gulf there may not be any for the commerial fisherman later and then what will they do? | Elmendorf, Texas, 78112 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 8:59:36 | Patrick Cook | catpatpkc@yahoo.com | This a really bad idea, VOTE not to allow seperation of "commercial / for hire" and recreational fishing. We already have enough regulations, vote for Rigs to Reefs. That is something that is just too logical , it is simple and it works to everyone's benefit, not seperation. | Corpus Christi, TX 78410 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:00:03 | James Eledge | toyoman3@hotmail.com | I wish to voice my opinion to REJECT the seperation of the fisheries. If the Council takes a portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally gives it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, this would be insane. | Houston, Tx 77065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:00:39 | Matt Aicklen | rmaicklen@cox.net | Sector Seperation will not work and will just lead to more headaches. | Cocodrie La 70344 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:01:58 | Mark Da Luz | hookemmark@yahoo.com | I do not agree with "Sector Seperation" | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:03:09 | Jeffrey Vadakin | jfishstixrods@gmail.com | Another attempt by the commercial industry (tiny compared to the recreational industry) to control regulations. I am a tackle (custom) manufacturer, and I vehemently opposed the attempts at sector separation. | Fairhope,Al. 36532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:04:30 | Hunter MCGUIRT | Huntermcguirt@yahoo.com | Plas vote against sector separation in the gulf there is no need to divide us into different groups this is one more of gov putting there noze where they don't know or have all the information. I oppose this and will stand with many other private boats to fight this tell the end and bring on what ever it takes No no. No. To sector separation | 77077 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:05:36 | David Zima | shanzima@verizon.net | The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it awayto a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. And what would those businesses pay for this windfall? Nothing. What are the tangible conservation benefits of this course of action? Nothing BAD IDEA | San Leon, TX, 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:07:41 | W.P.Edwards ,III | bayou@connections-lct.com | Please note that I am against Sector Separation . What is the reason for such a regulation ? | Abbeville,La 70510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:08:18 | Timothy P. Thiac | timthiac2@gmail.com | REJECT Sector Separation!!!!!!! | thibodaux, la 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 9:08:52 | Don T. Schwartz | donschwartz@yahoo.com | I like a lot of my other fishing buddies own a small 23" Seacraft and because of the boat's small size and my age I am somewhat limited as to when I can go snapper fishing. The current limits for snapper are already cost prohibitive and has substantially diminished sales of small offshore boats. Allowing the fishing industry exclusive rights to harvest and sell snapper as well as other offshore fish is totally unfair to the recreation fishing industry. I have been fishing out of the Matagorda area for 40+ years and the snapper fishing has never been better. The limits need to be raised if not doubled for recreational fishermen. Don T. Schwartz, attorney at law | rosenberg Tx. 77471 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:09:21 | Ben Pooler | pool7698@bellsouth.net | Please vote against separation, or class warfare of the fish in the Gulf of Mexico. I am very much apposed to dividing the Gulf up for different people that fish. | Lafayette | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:09:54 | Pamela Heaton | Heatonrabbity@yahoo.com | I recently purchased a 33 foot offshore boat for my husband. We purchase at least \$500 in fuel and a \$100 in bait twice a month. We also stay in a motel and eat our meals at local restaurants. I purchase a saltwater license just as everyone else does. Also all the friends that we take out purchase a license to fish. It is not fair to allow individuals that take out numerous people everyday and catch their limit each day and get paid for this to have specific places they can fish that I can not fish. We practice catch and release many times in order that my grandchildren may have fish to catch. If anything we should start putting a stop to the party boats that go out. Please do not limit the pleasure I have of going out with my family for a weekend fishing trip. | Huntsville, Texas 77340 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:10:33 | Eugene Goodenough | hatterasman65@aol.com | bad idea, because it divides the sportfishing community, and will cause further friction between these groups, just like the division between commercial and rec. we need to stick together to have a stronger voice, and require regulators to use good science and fairness in setting rules, not bullying by divide and conquer strategies!!! | Hatteras,NC 27943 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:11:28 | Mauro Cervantez | micsw01@gmail.com | no seperation | 77076 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:12:38 | Tom Anderson | twa1945@sbcglobal.net | i am astounded that some governmental beaucrocat has once again decided to make rules that don't make sense, like separating anglers into classes. I can't believe the American people would agree with this-we spent lots of money to preserve, conserve, and increase the numbers of fish in our Gulf of Mexico. We have put up with confusing rules about limits, sizes, and all kinds of other stuff in order to conserve resources and now we are going to take from the poor and give to the rich-kind of sounds like the reverse of our President's ideas. Let's just aggravate every single segment of our life. Please vote against this separation into classes of anglers. Thank you. Tom Anderson | Tomball,tx.77377 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:12:55 | ora don wollam | skeeterwollam@yahoo.com | Please vote no on the separation issue as there is no need for more rules that are not directly tied to conservation of our fisheries. | danbury texas 77534 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 9:14:40 | Brian Kawazoe | bkawazoe@yahoo.com | As an avid and lifelong saltwater fisherman as well as the proud father of four more avid and lifelong fishermen, not to mention any future grandchildren. I am disgusted with anyone trying to limit or take away our fishing rights for financial benefit of others. While I respect and am okay with (monitored and controlled) commercial fishing as a way of life, I do not believe you take from one to give to another (typical government nonsense, rob Peter to pay Paul). Especially without any scientific evidence to prove this has any tangible conservation benefits! Sounds more like some kind of bailout for commercial fishing or another way for radicals to take away fishing rights! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:17:07 | Kevin Englade | Kefc@chevron.com | I am an avid recreational fisherman, both inshore and offshore. I spend considerable money supporting and operating my small boat. Clearly, charter boat operations is a business which should be on the commercial side and their limits should be shared with commercial fisherman. Please do not give any part of the recreational catch allotment to the charter operations. Their catch should be part of the commercial catch. | Metairie, LA 70001 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:17:32 | Carlos Hinojosa | chinojosa@otslv.com | Please vote NO to Sector Separation | Mission, Texas 78572 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:18:25 | Henry Drushel | tidedancer@sbcglobal.net | Do not separate recreational fishing. | Edna, Texas, 77957 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:20:47 | John Dee Mauldin | airbornedee@gmail.com | reject separation | Plano, TX 75023 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:22:24 | Adam Sanchez | asanchez@diamantehomes.com | I absolutely oppose sector separation! I own my own boat, and to be subjected to some lesser amount of bag limits simply because I am an individual fisherman is simply not right! It doesn't make sense to classify "commercial vs. private" owners any differently. Especially if it gives commercial fisherman more of a precious resource without any mitigation, fees, or other conservation efforts on their part! | San Antonio TX 78255 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:22:46 | Francis J Budd | fjbudd@gmail.com | Separation is a terrible idea. The private recreational boat owners would have little if any say in regulations as the Charter Captains would have the political backing to have regulations benefit them only. | Katy, Texas, 77494 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:23:45 | DAVID KENNY ACOSTA | kennyacosta@bellsouth.net | Please leave as is. I am already at an unfair advantage. | DONALDSONVILLE LA. 70346 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:23:49 | David Alan bower | outdoord@earthlink.net | Do not separate the sectors in Gulf of Mexico. | Naples, FL | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 9:24:42 | Leo A. Smith | lasmrs@gmail.com | <p>Good morning.</p> <p>I will admit to knowing essentially nothing about life science in general and fisheries management in particular as my PhD is in engineering. However, having read the proposed amendment, the sector separation idea makes little sense to me.</p> <p>First, logic places the for-hire business into commercial fishing not recreational; it is a segment of commercial fishing that provides entertainment to customers as well as fish for the table.</p> <p>Second, if one (incorrectly) chooses to view for-hire fishing as a customer owned business and classify it as recreational, it appears that nothing positive is to be gained by segmenting the "recreational" fishing population into those who hire a commercial service to assist their fishing and those who do not. There is likely no documented data supporting the assumption that for-hire operators and other commercial fishermen report landings data more accurately than other fishermen given the opportunity to report. It appears that what is needed is the development of an accurate data reporting system, not an increase in the number of categories into which fishing activities are subdivided and regulated.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments as you debate this proposal.</p> <p>Leo A. Smith, PhD</p> | St. George Island, FL 32328 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:25:08 | Arthur E. Whitmer | awhitmer@yahoo.com | Please do not implement sector separation at the expense of recreational sport fishermen. | Houston, Texas 77005 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:26:24 | Don T. Schwartz | donschwartz@yahoo.com | Sector separation will eliminate offshore fishing for small boat owners and have a negative effect on the industry that caters to recreational fisherman. Sector separation needs to be eliminated. Don T. Schwartz, 1821 Mons Ave. Rosenberg Tx. 281 342 2806 | Rosenberg Tx. 77471 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:27:44 | Ronald T Langlois | hardram@charter.net | This is a bad idea. These fish are just as much mine to catch as is the next fellow, charter fisherman or not. I should have equal rights to these natural resources. Please reject this separation proposal. | Slidell, LA 70458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:27:49 | Julie Hebert | jhebert@hebertengineering.com | I definitely oppose the sector separation of recreational fishing. If any sector separation occurs, perhaps Charter Captains need to be put in with the category of "Commercial Fishermen" and pay a significantly larger fee for licensing, as they fish 5+ days a week with clients from outside the state of Louisiana, thus producing a strain on the fisheries far greater than the weekend recreational private angler. Let's be clear; Charter Captains are NOT recreational fishermen! Let's not let politics affect our ability to share the culture of Louisiana with future generations. | Luling, LA 70070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:27:49 | Harvey mutz | Kualmiha@sbcglobal.net | Do not agree under any circumstance a separation. Cannot see any benefit whatsoever | Mission Texas 78572 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:30:22 | Rodd Rizzo | rodd_rizzo@yahoo.com | I support private and charters in the Gulf | pearland, tx 77584 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher, NGO, Other |
| 8/8/2012 9:30:56 | Bronwen Chapman | bronwen.chapman@yahoo.com | Dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats, is a bad idea. I am against this legislation. | Rockport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 9:31:38 | Stephen Griffin | sgrifn@sbcglobal.net | Please reject sector separation as it is a bad idea that will harm many anglers and help a few greedy businessmen. I stand with CCA and millions of other license paying anglers who are concerned about the future of recreational fishing and the enormous economical impact of recreational fishing . | Nacogdoches, Tx 75964 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:32:08 | Dillard Grasty | dillard@graphtecinc.com | Please do not divide the recreational anglers into two sections. | Houston Tx. 77040 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:32:32 | Stephen P. Conklin | stpconk2@aol.com | Please do NOT implement sector separation. I used to Halibut fish in Alaska but don't any more because they implemented a similar program. The recreational anglers hate it. | 78578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:33:38 | James Reeves | jimreevesmd@yahoo.com | Not a good idea. | Wimbereley, Tx 78676 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:33:50 | Marc | Z71marc@yahoo.com | I vote NO | Baton rouge la 70714 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:37:14 | Russell G Burwell III | russ3@burwellnebout.com | I am opposed to the government giving away a portion of the recreational fishery, an asset which belongs to the public, to a group of businessmen simply because they hold a permit. Please reject sector separation for the charter businesses. | Texas City, TX 77591 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:38:06 | Stephen Moon | stephen@sbmoonlaw.com | We strongly disfavor any sector separation and ask you to reject sector separation. Taking fishing rights away from recreational fishermen and giving it to guides and commercial operations is wrong and cannot be tolerated. Thank you, Stephen Moon | College Station, Texas 77845 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:39:01 | Donald Tabb | dontabb@bellsouth.net | None | Baton Rouge, La. 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:40:47 | Darren John Jupe | darren@jupefeeds.com | I think this is a bad idea !!!!! | Temple, Texas76502 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:41:30 | richard w smith | richard.smith@jpl.com | Please do not vote for Sector Separation..... | san antonio | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:42:02 | Peggy A. Comeaux | ralphcomeaux@att.net | I do not believe the separation of anglers is right. Seems as though the big money wins again. The Charter Boats should not have any special priviige over the recreational fishing people. Lets make it equal to all. Peggy Comeaux | Plaquemie | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:44:20 | David R. Gaard | davegaard@yahoo.com | RE: Sector separation, no | Robstown, Texas 78380 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:44:33 | Brad Gilfoil | bradgilfoil@hotmail.com | No sector separation, please. | humble, tx 77296 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:46:30 | clemen john ditta | johnditta@twincityglass-la.com | please do not consider dividing recreational fisheries into two sections, dividing fishermen into those who own boats and those that do not own boats. Thanks for your support on this important matter. | monroe louisiana | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 9:53:02 | Darrell hingle | Darrell_hingle@yahoo.com | As a charter boat owner operator I support sector separation and a separate fmp to help grow my business. Darrell hingle F/V Catillac Galveston, Tx. | Hitchcock, tx 77563 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 9:53:40 | Tom Morgan | tomm1957@hotmail.com | NO to sector separation | Richwood, Tx, 77531 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:53:51 | Lee Dannhaus | lee_dannhaus@yahoo.com | This is a bad law you are trying to pass. The recreation fisherman contributes much more to the economy than commercial fisherman. Since dollars are the only thing that seems to impress you, do the math and you'll withdraw the bill. Give the sports fisherman a break for once. | Bay city, Tx. 77414 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:56:36 | Danny J. Hebert | dhebert@hebertengineering.com | I definitely oppose the sector separation of recreational fishing. If any sector separation occurs, perhaps Charter Captains need to be put in with the category of "Commercial Fishermen" and pay a significantly larger fee for licensing, as they fish 5+ days a week with clients from outside the state of Louisiana, thus producing a strain on the fisheries far greater than the weekend recreational private angler. Let's be clear; Charter Captains are NOT recreational fishermen! Let's not let politics affect our ability to share the culture of Louisiana with future generations. | Luling, LA 70070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:57:27 | Pat G Williamson | Pgwilliamson@hotmail.com | Not fair - simple fix- make fish not available for sale- like trout- Leave season open! | Pearland tex 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 9:58:14 | Bobby Lamb | bobbyatlantic@bellsouth.net | As a local boat dealer, avid fisherman, and active member of the CCA, I have to highly disagree with this idea of sector separation. This would not be good for my retail sales or service at my business, nor will it be good for my ability to justify "Going Fishing" The idea of "Boating/Fishing" used to be easy and fun, not to mention a great source of revenue for everyone involved. With the catch limits and shares in jeopardy, I have seen a loss in interest over the past few years. Thanks for listening Bobby Lamb Atlantic Marine 2287-467-2847 | 39576 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/8/2012 10:02:29 | Richard K. Barnett | richkbarn@gmail.com | Dear Gulf Council, I believe Sector Separation is a bad idea and ask you to reject Sector Separation. Thanks! Richard K. Barnett | Goliad, TX 77963 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:03:38 | Bill Blome | wblomejr@gmail.com | Dear Gulf Councilmembers, I support exploring sector separation as a viable management tool for charter for-hire fishermen. The potential benefits for data collection and monitoring, Gulf fishing communities, and sustainable fisheries outweigh the challenges of implementing a workable system. Bill Blome, Chair Outreach and Education Advisory Panel Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council | Austin, TX 78702 | Other |
| 8/8/2012 10:04:11 | Edith Watson | coastalconciergetx@gmail.com | I support exploring Sector Separation for Charter boats. | Port Bolivar, TX 77650 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 10:06:37 | Thomas Cangelosi | huntin6921@yahoo.com | As a recreational angler, primarily fishing the gulf, I believe recreational anglers should be allocated a certain number of red snapper per fishing license. Dividing recreational anglers and charter would not be the answer. I have located more legal snapper this year than I ever have. Please keep me informed. | Houston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:08:13 | Frank Still | frankbstill@yahoo.com | Maybe the worst idea ever conceived | Nacogdoches, Tx 75965 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:09:35 | Michael Tillerson | Squalo61@gmail.com | Just say NO' to sector separation, please. | Galveston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:10:29 | Michael Mercer | mmllee10@yahoo.com | I reject the idea of separating the private angler | Fairhope, AL 36532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:10:29 | Russell Bland | rbland@caprockhp.com | I strongly oppose sector separation between recreational and commercial anglers in the Gulf of Mexico. As a third generation offshore recreational angler who fishes with his 3 sons I encourage you to resist any effort that would create differing classes of anglers or provide differing bag limits between recreational anglers. Sincerely, Russell Bland | Galveston, TX 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:10:50 | Shannon Hickman | shickman11@hotmail.com | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation. Kindest regards, Shannon James-Hickman | League City Texas 77573 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 10:10:54 | Yvette Davis | davis7@centurytel.net | Please reject the Sector Separation Amendment. | Welsh, LA 70591 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:10:57 | John Sturman | jpsturman@att.net | I do not feel that it is right that commercial/charter vessels be given areas that private vessels cannot access to fish. Why should they have the sole rights to fish these areas. There are currently so many restrictions that it is almost not worth spending the money on fuel to go fishing. Maybe that is what the environmentalist and fisheries management want. I have fished for the past 60 years and the way regulation is going I may not be fishing much longer. | Jacksonville, fl 32223 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:11:50 | Bryan E. Beatty | bryanbeatty@bellsouth.net | I am vehemently opposed to the possibility of some Gulf fisheries stocks (red snapper, grouper, amberjack) being divided up and certain amounts allotted to charter/for hire operations. No one group or entity should own portions on a resource managed by fees from licenses I purchase or excise taxes on fishing equipment I buy. From an economic standpoint, less fishing days/opportunities for private boat owners will have a severe negative impact on the economies dependent on that business. Marinas, hotel operators, bait stands, etc. will definitely be impacted adversely. From what I read, charter operators have no problem filling their available dates. | 70809 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:12:31 | maurie dennis | m.c.dennis@sbcglobal.net | I reject separation(I see no reason for this) | | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 10:13:28 | Richard Willis | willis.bo@gmail.com | Wow, why does this not surprise me? Does the gulf coast council just try to think of ways to diminish recreational fishing? I frequently fish in Venice, LA on my own boat and spend thousands in the community during the process. I can afford a charter, but I enjoy catching fish on my own. Why would you take away the incentive for the recreational fisherman to fish with sector separation? The red snapper season and limits are already at a bare minimum, so if I have even fewer to catch and/or a shorter season, why would I bother to go? These fishing communities rely on recreational angler's business survive and we overwhelmingly outnumber the charter boats. I can promise you that you will never see me on a charter boat if sector separation passes. I guess I will just take up golfing. Please reject sector separation!!! | Calhoun, LA, 71225 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:13:49 | dwain j. bailey | jimbailey723@hotmail.com | I am totally against splitting quotas between recreational and for hire fishermen. | crosby, tx 77532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:16:05 | Raquel D Castillo | putermensa@yahoo.com | NO! to separation There is no benefit to anyone other then to charter/for hire .. | Houston, TX 77093 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:17:09 | Charles N. Erigan | cerigan@stx.rr.com | This is a bad idea because it gives the for-hire boat owners an unfair advantage by giving them part of the overall fish quotas that are reserved for recreational boat owners. Also, the for-hire boat owners seem to always get a bigger piece of the total allotment of fish to begin with so giving them part of the fish quotas reserved for recreational anglers is just not the right thing to do. | Corpus Christi, TX 78460 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:17:29 | Chris G Pastrano | cpastrano@diamantehomes.com | Sector Separation is a BAD IDEA!! Please reject this idea and continue to search for a better and more reasonable solution that takes into consideration the majority opinion of the recreational fisherman | San Antonio, Texas 78238 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:17:42 | Steven J. Pinson | spinson8@gmail.com | Separation is extremely bad idea. Will pit neighbor against neighbor and build animosity in towns. No advantage in fisheries will be gained! | Driftwood, Tx. 78619 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:18:18 | Raymond Dean Butler | rdbutler0701@gmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea plain and simple. | Bartow, Florida 33830 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:18:24 | Salvatore J. Versaggi | sal@versaggi-shrimp.com | I am opposed to sector separation of recreational fishing. I see no tangible economic benefits for either class of fishermen, nor do I see any rational benefit to the resource. This is an amendment with a hidden agenda to be implemented later on after the framework is in place. | Tampa, FL 33675 | Private Recreational Angler, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/8/2012 10:18:45 | Douglas Williamson | dwilliamson@wdclaw.com | I oppose Sector separation and encourage you to continue with the present rules that allow limits on all anglers whether private or on a charter. The proposed change will result in more fish being harvested as recreational anglers seldom go out more than once a week/month or even year. | St Petersburg, Florida 33707 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:18:46 | Jo Gardner | jog3110@msn.com | Reject Sector Separation. it is a bad idea that will hurt many businesses that support recreational fishing. Please listen to those who really know what goes on in the conservation of our natural resources and those who protect the rights of citizens who fish and hunt - I support the SCS's efforts along with the CCA. | Corpus Christi, TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:20:14 | Paul T. Parsons Jr. | tomparsons14@gmail.com | It is utterly ridiculous to give away my fish & my rights to a charter fishing business. What were you thinking ? The only promising thing about it is you can get a better assessment of the fish being caught. I could call in my catch everytime I go fishing if that is what it is. Whats next ? give quota shares to commercial fishermen ? No wait you are already doing that. | Punta Gorda, Fl. 33950 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:20:15 | Richard O'Donovan | r_odonovan@hotmail.com | I see no justification for this proposal. Smells of corruption. | Monroe LA 71203 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:20:16 | John Klander | johnklander827@yahoo.com | This is BAD idea! Why do you want to fix if it ain't broke, don't ruin a great recreational passtime. Thank you. | houston,texas 77064 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 10:25:33 | John Craig | jagrinoch75@yahoo.com | You're ruining what little we have already by standing by and letting Interior blow up idle rigs and the fish that are there that otherwise wouldn't be there, why not do the absurd and give away what little we have for free!!! | Corpus Christi, Tx. 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:25:40 | Thomas Shaw | tshaw150@comcast.net | Stop this fraud now. You are stealing a public resource. Your corruption knows no bounds. Have you no shame? | Marco Island, FL 34145 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:31:04 | Steve Daniel | scdaniel1@hotmail.com | Do not approve sector separation. My rights are as important as anyone else. If you choose to err do so on the side ofg recreational anglers. There is a lot more to life than commercial activities. | Auburndale, FL | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:34:38 | Peter A. Marzek MD | PDMarzek@aol.com | I can't really fathom how one could logically come to the conclusion that "Sector Separation" will benefit the fisheries, and also feel it would be a travesty to the sporting angler to try to do this! Don't let the politics of the commercial anglers and non-recreational anglers allow this terrible plan to go through! Thank you. | Leesburg, FL 34788 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:35:06 | Ben Fairey | benfairey@gmail.com | I support sector separation and the cfh industry have its own allocation. | orange beach alabama 36561 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 10:35:38 | dale mauduit | dalemauduit@yahoo.com | this is not for the benefit for everyone. It should not be passed. | grand isle,la. 70358 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:36:14 | Robert Bartholomew Morey | bartmorey@gmail.com | I am adamantly opposed to the proposal to divide recreational anglers into 2 sectors. Commercial fisherman and guide services already make enough money on a natural resource that belongs to everyone. | Houston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:36:43 | Thomas Talbot | treytalbot@hotmail.com | I do not think that this separation act is a good Idea. Everything is fine the way it is. I vote no. | Lafayette, La 70503 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher, Other |
| 8/8/2012 10:36:46 | Dewey Bonner | deweyntracyb@yahoo.com | I do not want the separation. | Willis Tx 77378 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:37:53 | Gregg Filtsch | greggfiltsch@yahoo.com | I am against Sector Separation, someone who is a charter boat operator and makes money off the great natural resource, the gulf of mexico should not be allowed more rights to fishing, more fish or any other benfit than someone who fishes soley for the pure enjoyment. Why should a charter boat with paying recreational fisherman customers be allowed more catch shares than average Joe Recreational Fisherman who is no different. This is unfair and unjust and should not be allowed. Thank You, Gregg | San Antonio, TX 78215 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:39:07 | Don Lantier | drlmses@gmail.com | The passing of such a regulation of sectoring the Gulf of Mexico between recreational and commercial fishers would be as devastating as sectoring wildlife management ares between recreational and commercial hunters. This being said, there is no possible intelligent reasoning why such a regulation should be considered, much less enacted upon. There is enough situations, whether fishing or hunting, without causing further riffs between recreational and commercial entities possibly resulting in problematic confrontations as a result of the creation of additional anger issues | New Iberia, LA 70563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 10:41:38 | Mark E. Tidwell, Jr. | markt@blancobank.com | Reject Seperation, Please | Blanco, TX 78606 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 11:11:47 | Charles Keever | mlkcsk@verizon.net | Please vote to reject separate allocations for recreational fisherman vs. charter for hire. | League City, Texas 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:15:40 | debra deckard | debhuntdeer@yahoo.com | REJECT PLEASE !!!!!!!!!!! FOR OUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHRILDREN !!!! | colmesneil,tx. 75938 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 11:16:05 | John DePersenaire | jdepersenaire@joinrfa.orf | <p>Dear Chairman Gill:</p> <p>Please accept the following comments from the Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA) in regard to the scoping document for Amendment 39 to the fishery management plan (FMP) for the reef fish resources of the Gulf of Mexico. In general, RFA is opposed to the use of sector separation when applied to specific modes of the recreational sector. In its simplest description, such a system would take fish away from individual anglers and then re-distribute these fish to a limited number of permit holders who in turn sell them back to private anglers. The application of this management concept fractures the recreational fishing community and pits the 'haves' against the 'have-nots'.</p> <p>RFA points out that the idea of sector separation between different modes within the recreational fishery is extremely unpopular. The concept was discussed in Amendment 32 and the Generic Annual Catch Limit/Accountability Amendment as far back as 2009 but was subsequently removed from those documents due to overwhelming public comments in opposition. Non-governmental environmental organizations based out of Washington DC, Philadelphia and New York City and with absolutely no stake in the long term health of the fishing industry have been paying members of the Gulf fishing community to advocate for their agenda of advancing catch shares and sector separation. By implementing these measures, their intent is to reduce the overall number of people fishing and mold the remaining participants into their "model" fishermen who display a specific demographic and attitude towards fishing. This influx of environmental organization money into the Gulf region is the primary reason that the concept of tearing apart the recreational sector through sector separation is back on the table. RFA, as all fishermen should be, is troubled by this influx of money that aims to manipulate the public record.</p> <p>Specific to the Scoping Document, in the purpose and needs section, RFA disagrees with the tone and context of the entire section. The section explains that it is the intention of the Amendment to improve the management of the recreational sector by reducing scientific and management uncertainty associated with the current data collection efforts. The section implies that since the data collection system used in the private angler sector remains poor, that fish should be taken away from this sector and allocated to the for-hire and head boat considering that data collection in those sectors is better. RFA is disgusted by this notion considering the flawed and inaccurate data collection system which drives up uncertainty in the private angler sector is the sole responsibility of the National Marine Fisheries Service. The solution is not taking fishing away from individual anglers and giving them to federal for-hire permit holders but to improve the data collection system. Recreational anglers are already disadvantaged by National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) failures through the application of annual catch limits and accountability measures which deduct available fish in response to uncertainty resultant of inaccurate data collection systems. RFA will not stand by as recreational anglers are punished for NMFS' failures.</p> <p>RFA agrees that the for-hire and headboat sectors accounted for a decreasing percentage of red snapper landings, and other species, as the stock has continued to rebuild. On average, red snapper landings from the for-hire sector has decreased 9.935% per year since 2004. The basic tenant of US fisheries management is to rebuild and maintain fish stocks to the benefit of the fishing industry and public. The main obstacle that prevented for-hire and headboat landings from keeping pace with private anglers landings is the permit moratorium implemented in 2004. The artificial limit on the number of federal for-hire permits can only be described as a failed experiment that has not only forced the constriction of the for-hire/headboat sectors but has also eliminated important recreational infrastructure. Considering the reef fish fisheries of the Gulf are managed under annual quotas, the number active federal for-hire/head boat permit holders should have no relevance on longterm conservation</p> | | Other |

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| 8/8/2012 11:16:05 | John DePersenaire | jdepersenaire@joinrfa.orf | <p>objectives. Perhaps the Council should consider returning the for-hire/head boat sectors to a free-market, open access fishery. It is difficult to find examples with positive outcomes where the federal government intercedes and attempts to manipulate competitive, consumer driven markets. RFA believes the road to a healthy and vibrant for-hire/head boat fishery in the Gulf of Mexico that is able to keep pace with rebuilding progress of reef fish must include steps to restore open access. These steps should also include assurances that those involved in the fishery are committed to the long-term health of the for-hire/headboat industry.</p> <p>In conclusion, sector separation within the recreational reef fish fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is bad public policy. The RFA urges the members of the Gulf Council to listen carefully to the grassroots members of the for-hire/headboat sectors and individual anglers whose collective voice is fiercely opposed to recreational sector separation. RFA also cautions council members of those advocating in favor of recreational sector separation and suggests following the money trail which will no doubt lead back to environmental organizations based outside of the Gulf region who are promoting the use of catch shares and sector separation as a means to carry out their agenda of reducing the number of fishermen on the water. RFA opposes this divisionary scheme and would ask each Gulf Council member consider the ramifications of their vote on the future generations of fishermen and vote against this policy designed to cap fishing participation through the trade and reallocation of a public resource.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jim Donofrio Capt. Tom Adams RFA Executive Director RFA Forgiven Coast Chair</p> | | Other |
| 8/8/2012 11:16:18 | Louis Wayne Gordon | fishfearmewg@yahoo.com | Please do not allow this seperation of recreational and for hire anglers to happen. It is not in the best interest for anyone except the for hire anglers and that is totally unfair. The recreational angler is the only one hurt by allowing this to happen. There is already enough onesided laws. Please DO NOT allow this to get even more unbalanced. | Corpus Christi, Tx. 78414 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:17:41 | JOHN PAUL CHAPMAN, SR. | JC@CHAMPIONCARTAGE.COM | DO NOT MAKE THE SEPARATION. | HOUSTON, TEXAS 77077 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:18:02 | Douglas R. Nelson Jr | DougNelson20@gmail.com | I strongly disagree with sector seperation. I believe it is a way to take more away from the private/recreational fisherman and give it to the commercial fleet. Again, I strongly disagree with it! | 39564 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:18:42 | Sara McConnell | saramcconnell08@gmail.com | As a Coastal Conservation Association member, I am against sector separation. | Carencro, LA 70520 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:18:44 | howard robinstein | colrod@eastex.net | do not mess with with my fishing | onalaska TX. 77360 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:19:30 | John Horsley | jhorsley1@comcast.net | I am totally against any form of sharing. Foolish management decisions have been going on too long. I would much rather see a reasonable limit set with the stipulation that all fish caught must be kept and go toward the limit. No catch and release. This would help prevent keeping only the larger mature sow fish and keep it in balance. | Pinehurst, texas 77362 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:26:32 | Lisa Parks | aquamanwater4@yahoo.com | Please reject the idea of separation. Separating anglers is a bad idea. Rules and regulations should apply to all anglers regardless of their work background or industry of income! | Boerne, TX 78006 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:34:10 | William Rogers | rogers911@sbcglobal.net | Do not allow seperation!!!! | Friendswood, TX 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 11:37:11 | sam hall | samtfrescue@hotmail.com | i am against the approval of the reef fish amendment 39-sector separation | flat,tx,76526 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:40:13 | Rhonda Reed | jamescrhonda@msn.com | STOP, STOP, STOP--QUIT TAKING AWAY EVERYTHING FROM US!! THIS IS AMERICA-- A DEMOCRACY; NOT A SOCIALISTIC COUNTRY. GREED, GREED, GREED | Nampa,ID 8a3686 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:43:28 | philip gagnon | philipgagnon@att.net | This is bad legislation and discriminates against what should be equal rights of access. | corpus christi, tx, 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:46:01 | Barbara Rowe | mobull@aol.com | Vote against the separation of recreational anglers!! | Webster, TX 77598 | Other |
| | | | <p>I oppose separating the pure recreational fishermen (those with their own boats) and the for hire charters boats. This is getting ridiculous!</p> <p>Off Topic:</p> <p>I also would like to see the snapper fishery managed by regions instead of using the entire gulf coast as a basis for seasons and limits. There is an obvious major difference in the snapper populations on Louisiana oil platforms as opposed to for example the middle grounds off Tampa (I have been under water in both areas, no comparison).</p> <p>Food for Thought (another Off Topic):</p> <p>I have been diving the rigs south of Louisiana for approximately 31 years and one thing I have noted over time is this. The snapper population in our area has grown. However, I feel that the voracious red snapper has had an affect on other species (ie: eating them to the point of major decline). We used to see much more of the other snappers like lane, vermillion, etc, as well as many more gags in the fishery. I feel the overprotection of snapper in our area is dimenishing the population of the other species. Has any research been done on that?</p> <p>Sincerely, John Fortier Lafayette, LA</p> | | |
| 8/8/2012 11:46:32 | John Fortier | john@johnfortier.org | | 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | <p>Mr Crabtree</p> <p>Sector separation without the basis of real information on the impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations is simply a BAD idea, Please reconsider your motivation for these measures and start focusing on a new State based Plan to harvest real data from the active recreational community. If your dead set on separation, then lets give the power of Fishery Management back to the States. Their track record for managing game fish is filled with Success!!</p> <p>Best,</p> <p>Joe Wegmann Jwegmann1@cox.net</p> | | |
| 8/8/2012 11:48:10 | Joe Wegmann | jwegmann1@cox.net | | Br, La 70817 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 11:48:53 | Christopher Parks | Chrisgdfarms@live.com | I strongly disagree with this. Is it the intention of this amendment and others like it to criminalize every activity the everyday tax paying American does. All this will do will make people stop fishing or break the law. With fuel prices as they are, why go out fishing for a few fish. The quotas are already lopsided for special interests already. Everyone that make these rules up should be voted in and out and have some accountability, instead of hiding behind bureaucracy. I will be contacting my congressmen , governor and any one else I can to oppose this. Thank you, Chris Parks | 34219 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:50:39 | Fred Robinstein | frboots@yahoo.com | Limits should be equal not limiting one angler to increase business for another group. The resource is property of all legal anglers. | Channelview, Texas 77530 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:51:37 | David Walters | davidwalters15@yahoo.com | Sector seperation is an extremely bad idea and very poorly thought out. It does nothing for conservation. My vote is NO | New Braunfels, Texas, 78130 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:57:16 | Matthew R. Neal | mattneal123@yahoo.com | Commercial fisherman should follow the same rules as recreational fishermen. I do pay attention and I do vote! | Pineville, La. 71360 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 11:57:56 | John Tompkins | jtompkins@boyerinc.com | The seperation of a person who takes a game fish based off of private ownership does not impact the fish that is taken. A seperation by recreation angler versus a for hire boat only pushes restrictions against those who own boats or own boats which is an attack against individuals and in no way impacts the longevity or quality of the game fish population. | | |
| 8/8/2012 11:58:14 | Kevin Browne | Kbrowne@satx.rr.com | I am not in favor of recreational gulf fishing sector separation. Please reject sector separation. Thank you. | San Antonio, Tx 78210 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:00:48 | GENE HUBENAK | genehubenak@yahoo.com | This new set of proposed rules is nothing but B.S. The commercial guys are getting enough fish! Why would they need more? The answer is just one word. GREED. To whomever this email gets to please stop this proposed B.S. way to divide up the fish shares. I am 59 years old and hope myself and my two sons can continue to enjoy going out and catching a few fish, WITHOUT PAYING MORE FOR SOME B.S. PIECE OF PAPER TELLING ME I'M ALLOWED TO CATCH ONLY X AMOUNT A FISH. | wharton, texas, 77488 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:03:51 | ROBERT GRIFFITH | SSOBRET@MSN.COM | As the owner operator of a 43' trawler cruising and fishing Florida coastal waters every year or two, I find the idea of sector seperation more confusing than the already daunting rules applying to occasional recreational anglers. As such I am definitely opposed to any form of "sector separation". | GAMALIEL AR 72537 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:04:18 | Russell McPike | rmmcpike@gmail.com | The private NOT FOR HIRE sport fishermen/women need NO further GOVERNMENT imposed restrictions or regulations! Not ONLY do I spend countless THOUSANDS of dollars to come home with an EMPTY boat with NO FISH due to State and Federal Regulations... NOW I have to sit around and watch COMMERCIAL and FOR HIRE CHARTERS take a cut when I finally stumble on to a fishing spot that has not been VIOLATED? NOT GOING TO HAPPEN! If it does, I would get my resume ready if I we're the ones who let it pass. We THE PEOPLE will remove you from office! I will send this to EVERY private sport fisherman/women I know and they WILL join the fight! | Dallas Texas 75370 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:05:35 | jimmy | tuna1@cableone.net | am opposed to separation | biloxi | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 12:07:19 | Steven Sanodz | ssandoz@aol.com | I am totally against Sector Separation as it is a bad idea for all people involved in fisheries participation and management. | Marrero, La. 70072 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 12:07:37 | Spencer Collins | spence@matexas.com | I am not if favor of sector separation. Please do not approve this. | Austin, Tx 78763 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:10:34 | Chad W Trosclair, MD | cwtdoc@yahoo.com | There is little science or reason behind this proposed ammendment. I am against the ammendment for sector separation. | Mandeville, LA | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:11:14 | Allen Rogers | allen@thetennant.com | I am overly tired of our government over regulating those who pay the way and giving any spoils away to politically correct nondeserving immigrants and those too damn lazy to work for it. We support it with all the licenses we pay and should have the right to continue as it is now even though it is severly regulated as we speak. | Houston, Texas 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:11:21 | Christopher E Prusak | f15gus@centurylink.net | Tell the feds to get a real job and support reality instead of living in a dream world. The Council is overstepping its authority if they vote to transfer my meager fishing quota to charter Captains. Access to natural resources should not be given away to biased parties at the detriment of other US citizens. | Ocala, FL 34482 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | I am a recreational fisherman and scuba diver living in Shell Point, Wakulla County, Florida. The measures taken in the last decade by so called conservation agencies such as Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to limit recreational fishing have devastated the economies of counties such as Wakulla County and coastal communities such as Shell Point. Shell Point in recent years has seen the local marina and hotel close and a substantial reduction in the number of visitors who come to fish in the Gulf. Shell Point, because of its proximity to Georgia, used to see a large number of visitors from that state, but no more. Because of the bag limits on grouper and snapper, many anglers no longer are willing to spend the time and substantial funds needed to go fishing to bring home 2 Gag groupers. Now I understand the Council is considering a proposal to further subdivide the recreational fishing allocation by awarding charter boats their own guaranteed allocation. The purpose of this communication is to register my profound disagreement with such an allocation. Given the limited recreational allocation, the only way the idea works is if managers take fish and fishing days away from private boat anglers and give them to a few private businesses. Private boat anglers supply the vast majority of license fees that support state fisheries programs. Today's Gulf red snapper allocation is 51 percent commercial/49 percent recreational. Before the Gulf Council further limits the recreational sector for the benefit of a few charter operators, I wish you would first determine what happens if you changed the allocation between commercial and recreational groups to reflect the fact that recreational fishers contribute so much more too local economies than the few remaining commercial fishing businesses. Please do not further damage recreational fishing by the passage of this ill-conceived allocation system. | | |
| 8/8/2012 12:14:37 | John H. Tenewitz | jhtenewitz@yahoo.com | John H. Tenewitz 41 Walker Creek Drive Crawfordville, FL 32327 | Crawfordville, FL 32327 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:15:32 | Stephen Hubenak | stephenhubenak@yahoo.com | Hell without any habitat (production platforms) there won't be any resource to divide. The Idle Iron executive order needs to be addressed first!! Then this needs to be shot down in its tracks. If we can't we put a stop to the Fed dictating what we can do in OUR Gulf, we might as well just stop fishing. | Rosharon, TX, 77583 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:16:55 | Edward A. Ulrich | ulrichea@aol.com | I have a place in Lafitte, La. and bring my people to fish, and we take the fish home to eat. | River Ridge, La. 70123 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 12:17:30 | Alfred Singer | bayeloi@live.com | I am asking the Gulf Council to reject the separation of commercial fishing limits to private fishing limits. | 70445 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:21:10 | John F Lyons II | johnny_j79@hotmail.com | I would like to voice my opposition to "sector separation" and I would like my opinion to be noted in the the next Gulf Council meeting. Taking some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and giving it away to a select few businesses is the worst proposal I have heard and I do not support it. Thanks. John F. Lyons II | Ocean Springs, MS 39564 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:22:48 | Denis Breaud | dbreaud@aol.com | HELL NO to Sector Separation!! | Hammond, LA, 70403 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:23:37 | Capt. Mark Magouirk | tg3936@aol.com | I do not agree with the Sector Separation. I believe we need to address some issues, but I do not believe this is the way to achieve our desired goals. | Harlingen, Texas 78550 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 12:25:06 | Phillip e. McClain | philmcc@swbell.net | Separation is a bad idea!! | Spring, Texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:25:17 | Charles T Beckham | ctblynx5185@sbcglobal.net | Please reject Sector Separation. | Houston, TX. 77015 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:26:03 | George G. Schu;tz | georgeg.schultz@yahoo.com | Reject as a bad, ill-conceived concept without merit. | Bullard, TX 75757 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:27:20 | Jim Mailhes | jmailhes@ccfinancialgroup.com | Sounds like the private charter industry has advocated for longer open season for fishing certain species. Keep it the same and have bag limits set using current monitoring methodology. From the Amendment 39 pdf... page 25... "Finally, it is impossible to predetermine the allocations assigned to the for-hire and private vessel sub-sectors and associated season lengths that each sub-sector would enjoy should sector separation be implemented. The question most often asked by those who wish to know the length of the private recreational and for-hire fishing seasons before taking position for or against sector separation can only be answered once (and if) the Council makes the policy decision and apportions resources between the for-hire and private recreational sectors. | Corpus Christi, TX 78418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:28:55 | Noe Hernandez | nlhjr@yahoo.com | This is a terrible idea!!! | 78641 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:29:04 | Randy Waymon Oaks | r-goaks@hotmail.com | I use to be a shrimp boat captain and the laws that has been set have more than killed this industry. Now the laws are constantly changing against the Recreational Angler with the possession limits and size limits on various species. I Do Not Support the separation of the recreational angler. The recreational angler does not make money when they go out fishing, while the Charter and For-Hire Boats get paid for their service. Why cant the charter and for-hire boats fall in the category of Commercial Boats. If this keeps going my grand kids will not be allowed to even go out and enjoy the out doors due to all these new changes against the Recreational Anglers. | Sweeny, Texas 77480 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:29:07 | Dan Middlebrooks | Danmiddlebrooks | I urge the defeat of the sector separation Amendment as a recreational angler. There is absolutely no science involved in this Amendment which would support its implementation. It is a proven fact recreational anglers have a more positive economic impact than commercial fishermen yet the GOMFMC continues to bow to the lobbying efforts of the commercial industry. Please defeat this Amendment. | Houston, Texas 77063 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 12:30:35 | Gary W. Richard | gwr73056@aol.com | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation. | League City, Tx 77573 | |
| 8/8/2012 12:32:48 | Charles Millikin | bill@billmillikin.com | Sector separation of recreational fishing is a horrible and unfair concept. Only someone on the take would consider it. | San Antonio, TX 78260 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:33:04 | kenny capritto | kenny.capritto@gmail.com | Please reject sector separation at the next Gulf Council Meeting. | Mandeville, LA | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:35:42 | Robert Corley | corley.1@sbcglobal.net | Sector separation sucks and you suck for supporting it. You are attempting to sell a public resource to a select few and it is not right. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:37:55 | Mark A. Sitka | m.sitka@hotmail.com | I disagree with the sector separation concept. Please reject the separation of anglers. | Richmond, Texas, 77469 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:38:01 | Ryan Touchet | rtoosh@aol.com | Ryan | Maurice, LA 70555 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:39:15 | KEVIN CARTER | KEVHTEX@AOL.COM | THIS IS A VERY BAD IDEA. HOW WILL THIS BE ENFORCED? | MAGNOLIA, TX 77355 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:41:43 | James Lee Millikin | lee.millikin@gmail.com | I am against separation of the fishing quota for recreational anglers. | 76258 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:41:59 | Frederick P. Ellis, Jr. | ellisauto@sbcglobal.net | Dear Council, The sector separation proposal is a terrible idea. I cannot see how this program can do any good at all for the private recreational angler. The private recreational anglers are already facing regulations that make pursuing a favorite pastime almost a thing of the past. Please eliminate this nonsense. Thank you, F. P. Ellis, Jr. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:42:33 | JOHN B TAYLOR | bigbangbaits@swbell.net | DON'T SPLIT UP THE RECREATIONAL QUOTAS!!!!!!!!!! To the Gulf Council, | DALLAS TX 75229 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:46:47 | Dan Seitz | danseitz@rgv.rr.com | Please do not approve separation. Vote No, against separation. | McAllen, Tx 78503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:50:12 | Johan Thomas McElroy | johan59@yahoo.com | As an avid recreational fisherman I reject the idea of dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. This will cause lots of problems and start a lot of hardships between fishermen and very badly hurt the sport. I ask that you not separate them. Thanks My vote is NO! | 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:50:29 | Brien Todd Conner | tconner@c4env.com | No to Sector Separation! | Spring, Texas 77379 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:51:05 | Robert L. Lopez | jrcopiers1@yahoo.com | Bad idea to separate, anything that is for recreation. Gulf fisheries management is really getting out of hand! | Santa Rosa, Texas 78593 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 12:52:24 | Dennis J. Menard | dmenard2000@yahoo.com | What is happening in the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is not big, its utterly insulting to recreational fisherman & totally ridiculous. Sector separation is a VERY bad idea, plain and simple. We need your help to beat it. Please vote NO to Sector separation! | Abbeville, LA 70510 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 12:54:28 | Jeremy Keith Landry | jlandry@deepsouthcrane.com | Sector Separation is a bad idea. Please do not make a decision until all the facts are know. Jeremy Landry | Baton Rouge, LA, 70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:02:36 | john w kelsey | john.w.kelsey@mssb.com | A terrible idea. The commercials fought the fishermen tooth and nail against conservation. Now that we have the benefits they want a special share. A more likely event would be to severely limit commercials such as they do in Nova Scotia. | houston texas 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:03:00 | Benjamin Richard | benjaminrichard1@yahoo.com | I stongly oppose sector separation. There is no reason a charter boat fishing 50 yards from a recreational fishing boat should have different regulations. From an environmetal aspect the allocation of catch should be equal between recreational and commercial fishing. Reducing the private recreational catch to boost the charter fishing economy is just plain wrong. | Louisiana | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:03:55 | Hillrie Rouse | timeoutms@aol.com | This proposal is completly out of the question and against all COMMON SENCE----- The regs on the gulf fisheries are complely over regulated and out of hand. We need to get all new gov. installed and that is the route I am, and a lot friends and relatives are going to help do. | Saucier, Ms 39574 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:04:30 | Mark | Domingue | sector seperation is a bad idea, please reject it. | 77009 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:06:25 | patricia h wallace | phw5435@aol.com | I do not feel that the catch numbers reflected in the amendment are accurate. The numbers seem to be pushed to favor the headboat coalition..Fish management should be for the whole not altered for a few. | 78401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:07:12 | Leslie C. McDonald, Jr. | les@lesmcdnald.com | I REJECT separation. | | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/8/2012 13:08:57 | Mike Treace | oprahdog123@yahoo.com | This is a ridiculous amendment. How do you guys see it fair to the rec fisherman that spend thousands of dollars to local economies. Some of us only have a select few weekend to fish and you have drastically diminished that already. You should also consider the Texas gulf coast weather. How many of us have a vessel that can go offshore in 4-6' seas? Them you are trying to give some of our catch to chater captains? | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:10:57 | Matthew L. Reitzell | matt@coastcs.com | Count my vote as NO!!!! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:10:58 | Douglas Schonacher | pwrdad2002@yahoo.com | Please reject sector separation. This is a terrible idea that could hurt recreational fishing for generations. | Mandeville | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:10:58 | Douglas Schonacher | pwrdad2002@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a VERY bad and unethical idea and shouldn't even be considered for a vote. I emphatically oppose this proposed change. | Houston, Texas 77084 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:11:31 | Jerry Eppner` | jepner@comcast.net | Sector Separation for the recreational fisheries on the Texas Gulf Coast is a bad idea. It would allow for hire guides to use the fishery as they wish and not for the common good. I strongly urge this proposal to be defeated. | Lake Jackson, TX 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:12:49 | Oliver J LeBlanc, III | ojl1383@louisiana.edu | I am in opposition to the proposed to the Sector Separation as stated in Reef Fish Amendment 39. | Opelousas, LA 70570 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:21:27 | Bradd Barker | bradd@flipfold.com | After reviewing the proposals on "Seperation" between commerical and recreational interests, this appears to be a bad path for future generations of recreational anglers. Why this is needed is unclear. As past President of the Sportfishermen of Broward a recreational fishing club since the 1970's, I have been able to review many initiatives concerning conservation that benefits all parties. This "Seperation" concept does not seem be one that is fair to all concerned using the resource. | 33308 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 13:22:42 | cordell normand | tntbnorm1@yahoo.com | xxxx | bentley, la. 71407 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:25:13 | Craig McClain | mcclain201@sbcglobal.net | Please reject separation. | Liberty Hill, Texas 78642 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:32:42 | mikeal g stamper | mike1archptg@sbcglobal.net | Please reject separation of fish allocations | pinehurst, texas 77362 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:37:17 | Gerald Richards | ggrich1951@gmail.com | I am a charter captain and I do not support this proposal. | Hernando, FI 34442 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 13:37:22 | james cople | jcople@msn.com | I am writing this as a private recreational angler to say that the proposed sector separation will further limit the catch share of the recreational angler and should not be passed. I guess that I need to remind the council that the recreational angler is responsible for most of the economic benefit that coastal communities receive from fishing. Also, from a fairness stand point it seems that recreational angler gets no consideration when it comes allocation of the catch. I will also point out that that the recreational angler votes and that he is very tired getting the last consideration. | heath, tx 75032 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:39:41 | Bj Malota | Bmadmalota06@yahoo.com | I use my vote to vote against this idea. | 77471 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:41:58 | monteshugart | mshugart_3@hotmail.com | please dont allow for seperation.having and maintaining my own boat is costly enough.then the short snapper season, high fuel prices.only got out 4 times this year due to powerhead failure on my outboard that i blame on ethanol.please dont punish us anymore! thanks for your time, monte | ingleside tx. 78362 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:42:44 | gary shipman | gcshipman@windstream.com | It is getting harder and harder to find fish these days in the bays. Now they want to limit what little we have. Sounds like something Obama would come up. | 77480 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:42:59 | Perry L Robins | PLRobins@Dow.com | I am against dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. There are no tangible conservation benefits with this course of action | Katy, Tx. 77494 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:43:35 | patrick w mitchell | jackoarts@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | baton rouge, la 70817 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:45:38 | Roger DePauw | rad.ical@verizon.net | Sector separation as described is an extremely bad idea. Charter boats operate for hire to make money. As such they should be classified as commercial operators, NOT recreational fishermen. The fishes in our waters belong to the PEOPLE. Anyone wishing to take those fishes for their personal gain should be TIGHTLY regulated and their right to do so considered secondary to the rights of those fishing for individual use and enjoyment. | New POrt Richey, FL 34655 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:45:52 | Robert Corbett | Bcor1159@yahoo.com | Please do not pass Amendment 39- Sector Separation | Dunedin, FI 34698 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:48:04 | Jorge Rolando Salinas | Lukyroll777@yahoo.com | Separation is a bad idea that will sacrifice the quality of fishing for generations to come | Harlingen, TX 78552 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:49:01 | matt lindsay | MLINDSAY32@YAHOO.COM | sector separation is a bad idea and vote against this please. | CYPRESS | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:51:23 | Joe Sirmon | joesirmon@bellsouth.net | The issue of sector separation and catch shares for the recreational angling sector has drawn opposition from governors, Congress and recreational anglers. And yet, the Gulf Council members continue to toy with the idea like a puzzle they can't quite fit together. Are you listening??? | Theodore AL 36582 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 13:53:58 | Leonel Teran Jr | Leonel@wtsindustrial.com | I think it is a bad idea, and theres no reason for it. | McAllen, TX 78501 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:57:17 | frank cangemi jr. | franksheetmetal@yahoo.com | why do a select few get to take advantage of a resource that people that pay billions of dollars in taxes & fees in my opinion guides & charter boats put way more pressure on fish than recreational fishermen. recreational fishermen go most of the time whin its calm. charter fishermen go because the are paid this is a resource for the people of this country . not for a few to make money charter for hire are fishing commercialy it should come out of the commercial quotadah when does it stop when a marxist flag is flying over this over this country ? | houston tx.77031 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 13:59:12 | Claudia Briell | cbriell@qualbio.com | I implore you to reject sector separation. This idea is not supported by conservation research, and serves only to benefit charter and for-hire boaters. Please reject Ammendment 39. Sincerely yours, Claudia Briell Seguin, TX 78155 | Seguin, TX 78155 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:04:28 | Leslie Grover Gourley Sr | peanut1939@hotmail.com | Please reject the sector seperation reef fish amendment #39 | Angleton Texas 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:04:53 | Joshua Malcolm Cook | josh@cookrealestatetexas.com | It makes no economic sense for anyone but a handful of fortunate operators. By catering to a very small segment of the Gulf reef fish fishery, the Council is apparently willing to shortchange the private boat angling sector that is many times larger and far more economically vibrant. NOAA's own economic studies show that for the period 2009 to 2032, private boat recreational anglers will contribute \$9.1 billion of the value in the Gulf of Mexico shrimp and reef fish fisheries, followed by the commercial shrimp fishery at \$1.6 billion, and the recreational for-hire fishery at just \$0.83 billion. It shouldn't make any sense to state wildlife management agencies. Given the limited recreational allocation, the only way the idea works at all is if managers take fish and fishing days away from private boat anglers and give them to a few private businesses. Private boat anglers supply the vast majority of license fees that support state fisheries programs. Charter/for-hire vessels supply a much smaller percentage of revenues. It is very likely a move to separate the recreational sector will create challenges for state fisheries directors by influencing the growth in the number of licensed anglers and fishing opportunities in their states. Please don't let this happen. Josh Cook | Cedar Park, TX, 78613 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:04:59 | Barbara W. Picard | inhernet2@hotmail.com | I an not in favor of this change. | Houma, LA. 70364 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:06:08 | J. Charles Rummel | jcrummel@swbell.net | I am asking that you consider the fact that the waters that house our fisheries are owned and to be enjoyed by all those that live in this country and other countries that border our water resources. Granting an industry that happens to be a fisheries related business the right of ownership of natural resources is an act of piracy. The fact that all persons contribute to the protection and enjoyment of these resources is felt by government at all levels of taxation. To select one group over another for there benefit is absurd. | San Antonio, Texas 78229 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:08:53 | Brad VanMarion | bvanmarion@yahoo.com | I utterly oppose the new regulation concerning sector separation. | Orange, TX 77630 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 14:08:59 | Thomas Cunningham | tommysfishing@yahoo.com | Please do not pass Reef fish amendment 39 | Baton Rouge, LA 70817 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:09:13 | michael am | michaelma1025@gmail.com | sector separation is a bad idea. please take the time to consider the many people who fish the gulf. michael ma | Houston, tx 77041 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:10:32 | Audie Nelson | Audie.nelson@gmail.com | Amendment 39 has no factual background for implementation. The true reason for this amendment is hidden. The whole proposal makes no sense and should be removed. | Bastrop, TX 78602 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:11:44 | james walters | jlwalters1@comcast.net | Please reject sector separation | friendswood, tx77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:11:59 | J. L. Vernor | j_vernor@sbcglobal.net | I urge you to defeat this amendment. | Arlington, Texas 76012 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:16:41 | Lester P. Picard | lespicard@msn.com | I am against Sector Separation Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council, | 70364 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:17:08 | Kyle James Graham | kjgraham74@gmail.com | I am a private recreational angler who enjoys nothing more than to spend my weekends on the water fishing on our beautiful Texas Gulf Coast. I take great pride in my personal conservation efforts keeping what is legal to eat and safely returning all other fish back to the Gulf to live and fight another day. Sector Separation would take this commitment to conservation that I share with all other recreational anglers and place it in the hands of businesses wanting to use the Gulf as their own asset to turn a profit. The Gulf is a public treasure shared by all and we should all be able to have access to it's riches equally. | Manvel, TX 77578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:18:37 | Jeffrey Sistrunk | msistrunk311@comcast.net | The charter?for hire guys chose to do that either full or part time for a living, the rest of us should not be penalized for thier wants or needs. | Richmond TX 77469 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:18:47 | Donald L Henslee | dlhenslee1523@sbcglobal.net | DO NOT DIVIDE Recreational anglers into two sections!!!! GOM FMC: | Nederland, Texas 77627 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:20:51 | Kevin Meyers | kevinmeyers@yahoo.com | This is a very bad idea. It is not logical (or right) to take from the "true" recreational angler (those of us who have our own boats or jump on with a friend) and re-allocate it to those boats who hire out (i.e. charter). Please vote against this non-sense. Thank you. | 78015 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:22:07 | Jimmy George III | jig32000@yahoo.com | I have seen this happen in another country and it took only about 3 to 5 years and there was no more game for EITHER groups to harvest. Government needs more money for payroll, that will come from the fines from people not following the new law. | Raymondville,Tx, 78580 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:27:17 | Chris Cumberland | ccumberland@kelleykronenberg.com | This is just another in the long line of very poor decisions and "ideas" which have come through this office. Please begin to use real data collected in real time to implement the management of the species. Please stop with the senseless rules which make no sense such as this. The recreational sector brings in more revenue than any other sector and the continued attempts to stop fishing has gotten way out of control. Please gather your senses and stop the madness. | Panama City, Fl 32401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:28:08 | Trevor Poitevent | trevor.poitevent@gmail.com | Do not pass sector separation, there is no need for it and definately no conservation benefit. I also charter a boat dor trips omce in a while and see no benefit, only harm coming from sector separation. | | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 14:28:45 | John Paul Watts | johnpwatts@mac.com | I am shocked to hear that Gulf Council is seriously considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors. For what purpose? It certainly cannot be said that this will have a measurable effect on conservation but would have a lasting negative impact on angler's rights for generations to come. I strongly oppose the senseless action and reject sector separation all together. Kindly, John Watts | Shalimar, FL 32579 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:29:09 | Paul Brumley | pbrumley@vernerbrumley.com | I was raised on the Gulf Coast. I lived through hurricanes, development and droughts. Sometime after I left, it became apparent that commerial exploitation, while necessary, should drive the train down the track. Common sense and compromise is what is needed. Please do not act to separate commercial and recreational fishing. One guy in a boat with his buddies should have equal access to the bounty of the Gulf of Mexico with the sophistication and effience of commercial fishers. Remember mistakes in nature are hard to undo. | 75219 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:29:09 | vernon ebert | debert1@austin.rr.com | reject amendment 39 sector sep. | austin tx 78735 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 14:33:05 | robert longoria | longoriafamily09@yahoo.com | Look recreational fishing is a big part of my family life.It provides me a chance to spend time with my four sons and teach them the importance of enviornmental protection and just nature itself while keeping them busy and out of trouble.The government is always preaching about staying involved with our kids,but want to restrict where and how. vote against this new proposed law or we wont have a place or reason to teach these lessons first hand. Thank You | hou.tx.77070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:37:32 | Carmen R. Schroedter | harolyns@cox.net | I am against dividing recreational fisherman in two sectors, bad idea! | Lafayette, LA 70506 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:39:24 | Scott sebastien | Scott@ckrs.us | I do not think we should support this separation!! | Opelousas,la 70570 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:39:35 | Kearn J Roy | kearnroy@gmail.com | Keep Government out of private matters. This country would be much better off if governmant would do the job they are ellected to do. Which is to represent the people who ellected them. | Ventress, La 70760 | Other |
| 8/8/2012 14:40:22 | Nalton Thompson | nthompson45@cox.net | To whom it may concern, I do not support this new notion of sector separation!!!!!! | Venice, La. 70091 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:42:34 | benjamin weeks | benjamin_weeks@hotmail.com | This doesn't sound very equitable. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:42:47 | Luis martinez jr | lou-n-sweetpea@comcast.net | They should pay just like everyone else if buisness don't pay it's like stealing don't steal the government dosent like competition !!!! | Alvin,Texas ,77511 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:43:04 | Norvin Schexnaldre | nschex35@cox.net | I do not think that any part of my allotment of the recreational catch should be specificially split with the charter boat industry | Metairie, LA 70003 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:43:16 | Mary Elizabeth Borsa | maryborsa@suddenlink.net | Please do not allow this seperation to take place. | Pineville, La. 71360 | Other |
| 8/8/2012 14:44:02 | Matthew Robert | Mattpaulr@yahoo.com | I sincerely ask you reject the proposal to separate the private angler from those for hire! | Darrow la | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:44:02 | Matthew Robert | Mattpaulr@yahoo.com | I sincerely ask you reject the proposal to separate the private angler from those for hire! | Darrow la | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 14:46:53 | Bill Conner | billc@ozarkmarketing.com | This separation of PRIVATE fish angler & Charter fish monger is not nor can it be considered the same as Separation of Church and State. PLEASE, study before you decide. Leave our Gulf Waters alone. Thanks, Bill Conner Gulf Council, | Destin, FL 32541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:48:00 | Juanita Coyle | jpcoyle@ymail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea! I am AGAINST that. Please reconsider. Thank you JP | Cypress, Tx 77433 | Other |
| 8/8/2012 14:48:23 | dennis gagnon jr | dennisjr@ahifl.com | Seperation of "sector" within recreational fishing is a very poor idea. Please vote no for siad proposal as it will deteriorate an already damaged scenario that we all deal with in FL. TThank you for the consideration | destin, fl 32541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:48:33 | Kerry L Veach | kerry@gosouthern.com | Please do not consider seperation from recreational angler's and charter boats on fish quotas. Recreational fishermen are the one's that charter the boat's in the first place. | Niceville, FL, 32578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:52:29 | Bonnie Morris Conrad | bonashdav@aol.com | I support sector seperation. Thank you! To whom it may concern: | Houston, Texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | For the sake of protecting our recreational resources, I encourage this council to strike down the Sector Separation proposal in the gulf. Passing this movement has several negative impacts on our country. Some of those impacts include but are not limited to: Further endangering our ability to raise our children to learn to enjoy the outdoors without exploiting them Threatening our tourism economy Discouraging experienced adults from furthering recreational activities that teach others their knowlege of geography, ecology, and biology of the earth that they have grown to love and appreciate. By striking down this proposal, middle class recreational anglers, like myself, will be encouraged to stay enthusiastic about the outdoors and share their enthusiasm with generations to come. There are so many more experiences that we can share with our future leaders that the education system does not offer. Whether it is fishing, hiking, religion, or community service it is all about sharing a multitude of experiences with our friends and family. It is difficult enough for US cities and States to secure funding for public recreational areas for camping and hiking, but even that has become more difficult. Our waterways are one of the last places that we are still able to enjoy the outdoors without having to worry about those issues. Don't make recreational fishing more difficult. It is the responsibility of this council to protect and encourage outdoor recreation, not make it more difficult. Especially when it is unnecessary. | | |
| 8/8/2012 14:53:45 | Michael Mathews | MichaelM@SkiBackpacker.com | Please strike down this motion and protect our freedom to enjoy outdoor recreation to its fullest. | Baton Rouge, LA 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:53:47 | William E. "Bill" LeJeune | welajeune@yahoo.com | Please do not allow sector separation in the Gulf of Mexico fishery. | Kenner, LA 70065 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 14:56:50 | Samuel A. Leonard, MD | andyjudy@bellsouth.net | I oppose the proposed change in the fishing regulations. | Slidell, LA, 70460 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 14:57:28 | David Paine | dpaine583@aol.com | No new regulations are needed. Fisheries are in good shape. Why change 99% for 1% or less. I say NO! | Sulphur, La. 70665 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:04:27 | Lee Dillon | ldillon@acadian.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | Franklinton, La. 70438 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:08:01 | Scott broussard | Sbrou0717@yahoo.com | Reject plan | Abbeville, La. 70510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:16:29 | W. Ray Marshall | wrmarshall@comcast.net | Please do NOT institute Sector Separation. | Houston, Tx. 77079 | |
| 8/8/2012 15:18:07 | David Waters | mmechanical@hotmail.com | Lets try to keep this as fair as possible. The folks who hire a charter or head boat are still doing it for fun and a few fresh fish on the table, therefore they should be part of the recoreational group. | Lake Jackson, TX 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:18:51 | Michael Vernon Powell | powellm@helenachemical.com | Reject separation | 38654 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:20:48 | Larry G. Thomas | fstlgt@sbcglobal.net | A Charter/Headboat For-Hire is a comertial vessel!! LEAVE the recreational anglers alone. I am told these fish belong to the people. Let me have my share. | La Porte, Tx. 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:22:14 | Tommy Lenz | tlenz4@yahoo.com | Members of the Gulf Council please reject this proposal of seperation. Thank you. | Bryan, Texas 77808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:22:15 | jeff hebert | texdj65@yahoo.com | Please REJECT this ...SOOOOOO Not fair to take away our fish!!!!!!! | deer park tx 77536 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:22:56 | Mark Lee | cat22mtl@yahoo.com | Why should they just have rights to fish in any open water. | Port Charlotte FL 33948 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:23:03 | William Whaley | cwhaley52@gmail.com | Reject separation | Nederland, TX 77627 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:24:37 | Joseph Rodriguez | janthonyrod@yahoo.com | <p>Adjusting the limits or even having the opprotunity to adjust the limits from recreational anglers to the for hire/charter boats is a bad idea. The Recreational angler spends many more taxable dollars on their passion than the for hire/charter sector. Charter buisness owners will only write off all expenses. The recreational angler will pay these Taxes Happily without batting an eye. Pushing these good folks out is a bad idea especially when the regulations have already stopped so many from going fishing on a regular basis as is. ie the reduction of snapper limits and shorter season.</p> <p>DO NOT DO THIS.</p> <p>As a private angler I Have spent over \$80,000.00 in taxable goods purchases this year to fish. Cutting back the limits or worse taking them from people like myself and giving them to the small group of charter boats will be devastating.</p> <p>Go to any outdoors store in any city and see who are making the most purchases and listen to those folks!!!!</p> <p>Concerned Texas Resident and Angler. Joseph Rodriguez</p> | Houston, Texas, 77058 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 15:24:39 | Jerry Mike Spanhel | spanhel@verizon.net | I, as well as many fishermen, are against the separation proposal being considered. | Port Richek, FL 34668 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:24:50 | Jerry Mike Spanhel | spanhel@verizon.net | I, as well as many fishermen, are against the separation proposal being considered. | Port Richek, FL 34668 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:29:59 | dennis kowal | dennisjkowal@gmail.com | if things keep going the way they seem to be going.....fishing regulations will be irelevant.....dennnis | sarasota,florida | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/8/2012 15:36:35 | James C Symmank | jim.symmank@gmail.com | Sector Separation is a terrible idea. I urge you to reject Separation. | Houston, Texas, 77040 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:36:41 | James C Symmank | jim.symmank@gmail.com | Sector Separation is a terrible idea. I urge you to reject Separation. | Houston, Texas, 77040 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:39:20 | Roland M Robin | robin.roland40@gmail.com | Sector separation is ill conceived and should in no way be promoted. Be aware of the special interest groups trying to promote this separation idea. Be aware of the political and economic implication in promoting this concept. Promoting this idea is also hazardous your status and well being. A bad idea at best !!!!!!! | Leonville, La. 70551 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:39:37 | Brian Keith Sweeney | Bcountry1400@yahoo.com | There shouldn't be any seperation into two different groups when handling quota counts on harvested fish. The only outcome in doing this would be to squeeze out the recreational fisherman. | Houston, TX, 77096 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:42:20 | jerry w. speed | jwspeed@grandecom.net | this is a very very bad idea, | corpus christi,tx. 78411 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:44:35 | Robert Christopher | rchristo@verizon.net | Please stop Sector eperation for recreatona angles. | Bradenton, Fl, 34209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:48:21 | Alan S Proctor | drproctorms@gmail.com | The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. I find this to be unacceptable, given the expense of the individual anger has to simply go fishing. To diminish our creel limit is yet another financial burden which prevents individuals taking friends an family out for a fun day. | Gulport, MS 39503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:49:40 | Elton | eltonurfprofessional@yahoo.com | I don't understand why recreational fisherman are being unfairly targeted with sector separation. We are the life blood of many coastal economies. Isn't it enough that we're seeing the shortest snapper seasons on record ? I was only able to fish a couple of times this year due to weather windows and the rediculous season that was imposed. Enough is enough. | San Antonio, Texas, 78258 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:52:46 | Gary L Ivy | Gary_ivy2003@yahoo.com | I believe this is the wrong approach. Fishing is both a hobby and lifestyle leave government out of it. It is the one thing common people can enjoy without red tape. | Cypress, Texas, 77433 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/8/2012 15:54:14 | randy bitter | bitascout@embarqmail.com | Natural fishery resources should remain available to the public as a whole without allocating one user group any more access than another. Regulations should apply unilaterally to all (with no regard to segregating groups) if the governing body is fulfilling its obligation to the public, rather than special interests. Please consider your obligation to the general public with your decisions. Allocating a portion of the resource to a specific sub-group of anglers reeks of creative, carefully architected politics where the interests of a specific few have been considered. If there is evidence that creating special interest fishing groups provides a distinct advantage to improving the health of the resource, while maintaining equity for all groups, please be prepared to supply the data that supports the decision. | grand island, FL, 32735 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:58:53 | john honeycutt | john_l@charter.net | dont let them pass this bill | slidell la 70460 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 15:58:54 | john honeycutt | john_l@charter.net | dont let them pass this bill | slidell la 70460 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:01:07 | Tommie Walter walker | twwalker@mindspring.com | I am not in favor of separation of the rules, limits, etc. of private recreational anglers and commercial operators including charter boat operators. The rules should be left as they are now. TWW | River Ridge, | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:02:33 | Jeffery Harding | Jeffsoldmine@hotmail.com | We do not need to sector separation. This is a bad idea, and I ask you to drop the idea | Bay St Louis MS | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:04:26 | Hans Crump | hans.crump@att.net | Please reject separation Law, Already they have killed the snapper fishing to two and only one month, when they impose the new laws we will not be able to keep anything???? Thanks Hans | Haouston, Texas, 77074 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:07:56 | Tommie Walter walker | twwalker@mindspring.com | I am not in favor of separation of the rules, limits, etc. of private recreational anglers and commercial operators including charter boat operators. The rules should be left as they are now. TWW | River Ridge, La. 70123 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:09:19 | Heidi Dyer | dougheidi@yahoo.com | Our family has for years watched and obeyed all the conservation laws and regulations no matter how unfair they tend to be. We volunteer for the Texas Parks and Wildlife sponsored Kid Fish events and other organizations to promote smart wildlife management practices. Private middle class fishermen are under such restrictions, pay such high fuel prices, and fees for licenses and such just to show their children and grandchildren how important it is to respect and to take care of wildlife; as well as to get them outdoors and active, away from video games and mindless activities. It is truly sad to save for an offshore fishing trip, and be sitting across from a charter or party boat and watch literally hundreds of under limit snapper floating dead all around the for hire boats. I wonder who thinks that is conservation?. At the local fish markets, the non-licensed or foreign owned businesses are selling under sized snapper or illegal to catch grouper and the like. It is still sad to see how we are able to purchase seafood from overseas less that what we have in our own waters. Yes I agree that something definitely needs to be done, but come on guys, stop talking to career statisticians, get out of your air conditioned offices, quit eating on the lobbyists tab, and get on a boat somewhere. Giving private fishermen less and less is not your solution. Try looking at long-liners or gill netting. Leave something for your kids and grandchildren, it worked for Roosevelt. | Hitchcock, TX. 77563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:13:14 | Gerald Huval | gmoney86@cox.net | I think that the sector separation is a bad idea. | New Iberia,La. 70563 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 16:22:44 | Larry Seale | laserseale@aol.com | From what I have read about sector separation, it is a terrible plan. It does nothing for the protection of our natural resource, the fish, and appears to be in favor of the people who stand to gain financially from it. Ridiculous is the word that comes to mind. If anything, the season for Red Snapper needs to be expanded here in Texas despite whatever the fishery problem is in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi or Louisiana. How about addressing that. | Magnolia, TX 77354 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:22:52 | Chuck Hopson | 310 Somerset Rd | Another typical screwing of the little guy for big commerical fishing business. I guess we will just have to expand the effort to remove those council members who are not impartial and are lining their pockets with personal enrichment to the detriment of the recreational fisherman. | La Place, LA 70068 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:27:43 | Mike Nesmith | mwnesmith@yahoo.com | I have a degree in Fisheries Science from Texas A&M class of 1972. Have worked and live on the Gulf my entire life. This is the worst idea to ever come from the Gulf Council. Obviously you are now run by politicians and not someone who knows something! | Houston, Tx,77079 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:29:53 | Shane Kessler | PSDMEDIC@AOL.COM | I am concerned and outraged that you would even consider Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. How dare you determine that a for hire charter service have more rights on our coastal and Gulf water simply because they are making a living. As Americans stood up against the Government to defend out rights of the Second Amendment so shall we do the same with this. We will not allow you to do this with out a fight . Shane Kessler | Pineville, La. 71360 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:40:54 | Naylon R Sims | naylonsims@sbcglobal.net | Please reject separation. It's a very bad idea. It's tough enough to take your family fishing without more goverment control to divide and destroy our rights as an American!!! Naylon Sims | Sealy, TX 77474 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:42:46 | Tre' McCrummen | tre_mccrummen@yahoo.com | I have heard rumor of this separation of commercial versus recreational and apparently this is now a valid concern. The commercial sector already receives "favoritism" toward limits and I find it obserd that I cannot enjoy feeding my family a "fresh catch" from my own home. We had 47 days of federal fishing for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico! How about limiting the thousands of pounds caught and even the waste of snapper that dont survive from a vented catch and release. I oppose this separation and I believe there are multiple other options that will suit both parties. The arrogance of the commercial and charter fisherman pursuing this makes me ill. | Pearland, Texas 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:44:53 | robert preshong | astrosfans@sbcglobal.net | Do not allow this separation to happen. There are millions of recreation anglers and all arepoton voters for the people that are trying to pass this crap. | houston,tx 77089 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:46:18 | Bobby Lea | bobbylea@cox.net | I'm with you all the way, we need to stop this | Fort Walton Beach FL 32547 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:53:07 | Steve G Oubre | Steveoob@yahoo.com | It's "our" fish, our water, our air, our resources not to be rationed for a select group. | Prairieville, LA, 70769 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:55:19 | Mark and Karen Smith | smithk1018@aol.com | We disagree with sector seperation and feel that it would negatively impact fishing, especially for those of us that are recreational anglers. We cannot support this concept! | Corpus Christi, TX 78412 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:56:45 | nancy talley | nancyrae.t@hotmail.com | vot no | hitchcock tx 77563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 16:58:30 | Trudy Songy | tsongy@hotmail.com | I disagree with the sector seperation bill. | 70435 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 16:58:57 | John C. Landers | john.landiers@sbcglobal.net | Do not seperate professional and recretional fishing. Privete Recreational anglers should have the same rights and priviledges. | Corpus Christi, Texas, 78414 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 17:13:23 | Christopher C. Pratkan | ccpratkan@me.com | Council, this has gone way too far. Gifting a portion of the recreational catch to to a select group or any group whatsoever is virtually stealing from a public resource. Recreational fisherman have for to long had there allowable catch diminish more and more! Now its to supposedly satisfy unfounded stock concerns when there is poor documentation of what the biomass actually is! Not to mention the essential fish habitat that is being destroyed every time a rig is removed and reef fish displaced or killed by explosives. Trying to commoditize our snapper needs to be stopped! This apparent EDF backed steam roller trying to push this thru in spite of overwhelming opposition stinks in the worst way. NO TO SECTOR SEPARATION AND NO TO CATCH SHARES!!! | Pearland, Tx. 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 17:19:24 | James A. Shanahan | JAShanahanx2@aol.com | I should be free to fish from my boat, obeying reasonable rules, but not deprived from participation by a government directed to gift to specific businesses..... | New Port Richet, FL 34655 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 17:32:29 | David Smoot | drsmoot@cmaaccess.com | I think sector separation is a very bad idea, and would hate to see it passed. Sincerely :David Smoot | ngleton, tx 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 17:40:28 | Gary Kimbrell | gkimbrell409@att.net | I disagree with sector separation | Houston, TX 77096 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 17:43:31 | David G. Taylor | dgt_seasthemoment@yahoo.com | Gentlemen, Thank you for taking the time to consider my input regarding Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. Please be advised that I believe this is a very unfair proposition which will put recreational fishermen at a very severe disadvantage while allowing a select few to harvest the majority of the fish - and do so over the entire year. I find that the opposition by the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus is also a significant red flag regarding the potential passage of Ammendment 39. Again, please review the wide ranging negative impacts of this proposal and REJECT SECTOR SEPARATION. Thank you in advance, David G. Taylor | Hudson, FL 34667 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 17:44:00 | William B Tedrick | wbtedrick@theeagle.com | Please don't allow sector separation of the Gulf Coast it will serve no good end. | Bryan, Texas, 77802 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 17:48:39 | carl a potter | carl@potterpackaging.com | No No to sector sep. not fair to all | cypress tex 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 17:51:45 | William T. Buchanan, D.D.S., M.S. | wbuch1@bellsouth.net | Please reconsider and donot allow this. | Diamondhead, MS | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 18:04:24 | Ronald W. Ramm | rramm@att.net | Please DO NOT pass the amendment to separate the fisheries in the Gulf, or any other waters of the United States. As far as I can determine, this amendment is a setback to everyone involved in fishing in these waters. Ronald W. Ramm | Pflugerville, TX 78660 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 18:09:26 | Errol LeBlanc | errol@pabonleblanc.com | Separating commercial and recreational anglers is not a good idea. Recreational anglers spend more money than commercial guide boats, when you consider boat purchases and supplies for fishing. Most commercial guides supply all the tackle. Bad move. | Abbeville, LA, 70510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 18:11:22 | Gloria Walker | tinysaw@yahoo.com | Stop the separation. | Fort Worth , Texas 76119 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 18:17:59 | Charles S Fugatt | sfugatt@fugattindustries.com | I do not support the idea of dividing the fishing public into ones that own boats, and ones who charter boats. That is just plain stupid. I do both! I am 65 years old and I have never seen the offshore fishing so screwed up with job justifying, regulations! The public needs more say in what is going on. The fish population for red snapper, all types of grouper, and king mackerel. Who had the crazy idea of limits on trigger fish! You can't drop a line without a trigger or snapper getting your bait or getting caught. Were killing more fish than we take home!! Get some real fishermen on your board. Copy of this is going to governor Scott and all my Representatives. I'm not having that great Florida retirement thanks to all these uncalled for restrictions. | Lynn Haven, FL, 32444 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 18:19:31 | Charles S Fugatt | sfugatt@fugattindustries.com | I do not support the idea of dividing the fishing public into ones that own boats, and ones who charter boats. That is just plain stupid. I do both! I am 65 years old and I have never seen the offshore fishing so screwed up with job justifying, regulations! The public needs more say in what is going on. The fish population for red snapper, all types of grouper, and king mackerel. Who had the crazy idea of limits on trigger fish! You can't drop a line without a trigger or snapper getting your bait or getting caught. Were killing more fish than we take home!! Get some real fishermen on your board. Copy of this is going to governor Scott and all my Representatives. I'm not having that great Florida retirement thanks to all these uncalled for restrictions. | Lynn Haven, FL, 32444 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 18:22:39 | John Barry Cate | jblbcate@hughes.net | I feel that it is inappropriate to use favoritism for licensed charters when I, as a private recreational angler, would be excluded from the ability to obtain a license as a charter provider. Also, giving special privileges to certain people for the exploitation of natural resources is inappropriate. Everyone should play by the same rules. | Franklin, TX. 77856 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 18:28:22 | Jerry Karnes | jkarnes@texapp.com | I say NO, NO, NO to any idea of catch shares in the GOM or elsewhere in US waters. | Houston, TX 77082 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 18:28:25 | Larry J Glynn Jr | larry.glynn@ymail.com | Recreational angler who does not want to see this pass. | White Castle, La 70788 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 18:34:39 | Dona Tomplait | dtjt1974@gmail.com | Before any more regulations are implemented a through study should be conducted. At this time government is too big and this would just be another item the government would oversee as carelessly as they oversee so many other items. Please do not pass this amendment. | Fresno, TX. 77545 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 18:35:53 | Rick Collard | recollard@yahoo.com | The Recreation angler is already cut to the bone. | Deer Park Tx. 77536 | |
| 8/8/2012 18:38:49 | Stephen C Young | thastormrider@yahoo.com | Separating recreational fishermen looks a little too much like divide and conquer to me. Once again government is pandering to a few folks with deep pockets without regard to the impact on the resource or the long term effect on recreational fishing. STOP IT!!! Focus on coming up with a comprehensive management plan that is based on scientific facts and fairly addresses the interests of the various parties. | New Boston, Tx 75570 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 18:40:04 | glen I pranger | gpranger152@gmail.com | the fish in our gulf belong to all of us and needs to stay that way we all pay and benefit from the resource.taking away fishing rights away from us is and should be against the law.Our coastal communities are suffering from missmanagement of these resources.separating it will only make the one that do not have a boat to access the resource suffer even further. | bay city tx 77414 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 18:40:06 | Jerry Core | jlcore@bellsouth.net | Fisheries are for all of us to enjoy!! NOT the domain of a select few with a profit motive. Remember how many votes at election and how many \$\$ via lic., tackle, and boats are generated by the NON comercials!!! Cut the foolishness out!!!! Jerry | Slidell, la 70460 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 18:42:25 | Capt. Ed Walker | Info@lighttacklecharters.com | Dear Council members, I have been a full time charterboat operator for more than 20 years out of the Clearwater-Tarpon Springs area of West Central Florida. For the offical record, I am 100 percent opposed to the idea of "Sector Separation". While it might be nice to receive some personal gain if the GMFMC and NMFS were to grant me special access to the Gulfs resources at the expense of the recreational community, I believe such a move to be morally wrong. Recreational anglers have been crushed with shortend seasons and reduced access. To even consider taking away half thier 40 day red snapper season and giving it to me personally is wrong. Would you, as a fisheries management offical, be the one willing to stand before the hundreds of thousands of rec anglers and tell them that you have deemed it proper to take half thier breif annual season away so 900 charter operators can fish whenever they want? Would you really consider that fair management of the resource? It is not. My charterboat is a recreational fishing vessel and my anglers are recreational fishermen, same as it has always been. I encourage you to do the right thing and discard this Sector Separation scheme once and for all. This charterboat captain wants nothing to do with it. | Holiday, FI 34691 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 18:47:22 | Dallas Hebert | dallashconsulting@yahoo.com | Leave our fishing just the way it is right now and find something else to do with the time you are wasting on this issue!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! | Grand Isle, La. 70358 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 18:48:36 | David Campbell | campbellivdw@earthlink.net | Sector separation is a bad idea. Please reject this ill conceived idea. | Bellaire, TX 77401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 18:52:21 | Paul Ray Smith | psmith4646@sbcglobal.net | There should is no need for sector seperation. the allotment for recreational fishing should be just that for recreational fishermen. If the charter boat owners do no think they are making enough money taking recreational fishermen out on guided trips maybe the charter boat owners should find a new occupation. Not NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! | spring,texas,77373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 19:00:14 | Ben Landers | mblanders@verizon.net | Hell NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! | Baytown | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 19:00:42 | Brett Paul Matherne | Dr.brettmatherne@gmail.com | Please reject the separation of sectors. Please use science to make Conservation decisions. Your data collection is convenient sampling and cannot be used to explain the "true" nature of the population. Dr. Brett Matherne | Luling, LA 70070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 19:03:07 | John J McDonald | twomcdonalds1978@att.net | I oppose the proposed sector separation. This is a BAD IDEA!! | Houston, Texas 77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 19:18:26 | william I. sitton | sittonbill@aol.com | Please be fair and use common sense | Port Richey, Florida 34668 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 19:19:10 | Evonn Caraway | evonnkaraway@yahoo.com | Supporting the CFH fleet, past manager of the LARGEST Fishing Vessel in the GOM, I support Sector Separation. I have already seen the new manager of the vessel take over and completely stop all fishing to "Shark Cage Dive"?? What? Sector Separation is the BEST option Period! I do own my own boat and fish recreationally with my children who enjoy heat boats, 6pks and flat bottoms . | Freeport, Texas, 77542 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 19:22:11 | CHARLES ELMORE | CHARLES@GLOBEFLYER.COM | AS A PRIVATE RECREATIONAL ANGLER THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED | BAYOU VISTA TX. 77563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 19:26:52 | mark charles erie jr. | cserie@cox.net | i reject sector separation | denham springs ,la 70726 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 19:43:32 | PAUL PENNING | plpennin@aol.com | I just wish to register my opinion that the application of Sector concepts in the gulf is not in the best interests of the Gulf Coast and certainly not in my best interest. I want to be able to fish where and when I can and I don't support regulations that skew an area to a select few whose interest is of a financial nature as opposed to the rest of us who believe in conservation of resources. | HOUSTON, TX, 77008 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 19:53:01 | David Randolph | davidkrandolph@gmail.com | REJECT seperation of for hire and reeational Angler.The charter guys take a lot more fish than the recreational Angler . | Cypress Tx. 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 19:59:10 | S.L.Kelsey | slkod1@yahoo.com | Please contact me for any support, Stephen | Kemah, Tx. 77565 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:00:07 | Beth Lucia | bethany.lucia@gmail.com | Don't take away my only hobby. Please reject the notion of separation. | Corpus Christi | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:04:21 | Michael Simon | mjsimon88@yahoo.com | Sincerely, Michael Simon | Spring, TX 77386 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:05:05 | Brad Tabor | badbooger777@yahoo.com | The recreational limits have been reduced time and again. All of us recreational fisherman put more blood, sweat, and money into this sport than any one else. This benefits all of the businesses that we spend all our money on in this pursuit. | Corpus Christi | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:07:23 | Tim Halnon | thalnon@comcast.net | We STRONGLY oppose sector separation. Sincerely, Tim and Andra Halnon | Lake Jackson, TX, 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:08:25 | John D. Pratka | jdpratka@cvctx.com | There already too many Federal fishery regulations. Instead of adding more regulations, they should look at ways to reduce them. This proposed regulation is absolutely insane! | Schulenburg, Texas 78956 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:11:52 | John York Graham | York.graham40@gmail.com | Vote No to separation | Victoria, TX, 77901 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:13:48 | Gary W. Atkins | garyatkins1946@yahoo.com | get serious and promote the rights of the public. Think what is best for the majority of the public and not the special interest group. Do the job you should. | Matagorda, Tx 77457 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 20:16:16 | Uray J. POIRRIER | urayj@cox.net | I believe the Gulf Of Mexico belongs to no one, therefore no one has the right to give or take any portion of it from or to anyone. The Gulf Council has no research to prove that by giving portion's of the GOM to commercial, charter and headboat for-hire business will benefit The GOM instead it will benefit thoes that I just mentioned above. It will only hurt recreational fishing. Just like the small limits of red snapper (2) that was imposed on recreational fisherman while commercial fisherman limits are by weight (tons) of red snapper. All of this is directed towards the recreational fisherman by making it to expensive to fish or just to discourage them so they will quit fishing on there own. | Lafayette, La. 70506 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher, NGO, Other |
| 8/8/2012 20:18:01 | Theral Medford | tjm.medford@mailcom | No good to sector separation | Victoria texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:28:03 | Craig Mayeaux | craigmayeaux@yahoo.com | I am writing to ask you NOT to approve sector separation. Charter and For-Hire catch limits should be a part of commercial catch limits. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:35:16 | william l dafft | bdafft@yahoo.com | No to sector seperation please REJECT | alvin,tx 77511 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:48:08 | Francisco Lerma | frankylerma@yahoo.com | I do not agree with this plans. Concerned angler | Spring tx 77388 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:50:06 | Kathy C Hilton | kakihilton@gmail.com | NO, to the proposed amendment | Sugar Land, Tx. 77:78 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:54:40 | Chris g smith | Chrisgsmith@att.net | Do not give special privileges to professional fishing guides. | Houston, tx, 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:54:41 | Chris g smith | Chrisgsmith@att.net | Do not give special privileges to professional fishing guides. | Houston, tx, 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:54:42 | Chris g smith | Chrisgsmith@att.net | Do not give special privileges to professional fishing guides. | Houston, tx, 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 20:56:14 | tom ard | tom@orangebeachfish.com | Pro Sector Separation. | orange beach, alabama 36561 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 21:09:01 | David Lee Johnson | dltigerjohnson@gmail.com | I am against Sector Separation. Please do not allow this to happen. It is not fair to the Recreational Angler. | Sulphur, LA 70665 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 21:29:24 | Sean Gucken | sean.gucken@gmail.com | It fits right in with your perceived dislike of the recreational angler. Slowly but surely you are taking a public resource that should be available to everyone, and give it to a few special interests that you can easily manage. Divide and conquer. Your mismanagement of the gag grouper, red snapper and amberjack stocks is appalling. But you have managed, through your management practices, to make my fishing trips from a year round hobby, to one I only pursue 4-6 months of the year. And now, feel free to give away more of the recreational quota to another special interest, so that I take up golf. | St Petersburg, FL, 33701 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 21:37:09 | Grey Cane | greycane3@gmail.com | You should all be ashamed of yourselves. NO to Sector Separation Thank You Grey Cane | Fairhope,Alabama, 36532 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/8/2012 21:52:30 | Capt. Scott McCune | scott@fishntexas.com | <p>This is the most ludicrous plan to aliante recreational fisherman from chaerter for hire captains put on by commercial people in sheeps clothing! NOAA was NOT to have spend a dime moving forward with this proposal so how is it that this is even happening!</p> <p>Catch Shares DO NOT belong in a fishery that is recreational inclusive, period. NOAA needs to cut a huge percentage from the commercial TAC and give it to the recreational fisherman! Recreational only fisheries ARE healthy! Anyone who wants the IFQ bureaucratic crap in our recreational or Charter for Hire fishery Should expect a Fight!</p> <p>An interesting point was brought before me the other day...the quota is being filled more rapidly than ever...recreational people are catching a lot BIGGER fish which mean it takes fewer to reach the quota...which means that the fishery is better, good or has gotten a heck of a lot better...however they recreational angler gets PUNISHED because it takes much less time to catch these plentiful much BIGGER fish...this does NOT make sense to me!</p> <p>The CHF (Charter For Hire) is and should be a recreational sector because it is the license buying, tax paying, public access guy who is keeping his share of the bounty, however granted it should have more than 80% of the TAC! Commercial fishermen have lived off our fish for too long! SOS is not for a recreational fishery, if a fishery is so depleted it has to come to this then commercial fishing should be stopped...period...and especially if it is also a recreational fishery! Too much government money is being spent to try to get everybody a little bit and no one is happy! Ban commercial fishing for Red Snapper and Amberjack to save the economy of the fishing communities...recreational fisheries take care of themselves without greed of profit!</p> <p>I feel that as a charter captain I'm a recreational liaison, not a commercial fisherman... I still can't believe the amount of trouble/money the government goes through to mange a depleting fish stock...it seems as simple as Red fish and Speckled Trout...as technology, fishing pressure, popularity of cuisine changed commercial fishing was eliminated to save the species and the larger economy of the communities...why is that an off limits discussion from our government for Red Snapper, Amberjack and Grouper.... I'm sure there is a species, however I can't think of one off the top of my head that has been disrupted solely by recreational efforts, however I can think of many more that have made a significant come back due to the conservation nature and financial assistance of recreational anglers...it boils down to when you make money for fishing by any means (mass entrapment not Rod & Reel) to gather fish, no matter what restrictions are placed greed or the need to pay bills will make people do things that are illegal thus the down fall of the Red Snapper, Amberjack and Grouper... we had seen this happen in other fisheries to that are booming now after the any means available fishing (not single hook and single line) was banned...i.e. ...Speckled Trout and Red Drum...the commercial fisheries quotas were established years ago when the fishery was more viable, technology was different, the world was different...the demographics have now changed and so should the quotas to reflect a more sustained use of the fish stock going to the growing recreational sector and not the stagnant or receding commercial industry who are just becoming big companies and will get bigger with catch shares and only a few people enjoying the fruits of profit from the mass resource...even though I am not and Snapper/Grouper fisherman I'm not for IFQ's for single hook and line fisherman which included charter for hire which I</p> | Rockport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/8/2012 21:52:30 | Capt. Scott McCune | scott@fishntexas.com | <p>already stated is basically only a liaison for the recreational fisherman so they can enjoy a little more of their sport ...I believe if we let IFQ's into our sector this type of government regulation will run rampant...therefore I'm trying to be proactive before it hits my fishery...I believe as the NRA one more regulation will lead two more and two more regulations will lead to 4 more and so on...recreational only fisheries are well managed for charter and private individuals and conservation within that group has excelled! They should stop wasting money on all the regulation meetings, data gathering for their own interpretation, politics and start putting that wasted money into reef building, stocking programs or whatever idea that actually help PRODUCE more fish!</p> <p>Last but most important if you are a CHF charter captain you should not listen to ANY commercial fisherman (even if he has a secondary CHF business too), they are used to the bureaucracy, regulations, special equipment...they have people who keep up with those records and permits and paper work...they are betting that you don't have the time or the knowledge to deal with all that and WILL take your share...me personally I do NOT want too deal with the added regulations and bureaucracy...nor do I have time for it...I'm a single man operation...heck I don't have even have a wife to cook dinner at the end of a long day...LOL...but that is another story...the environmentalists and the commercial groups want to SPLIT CHF and Recreational groups, divide and conquer...then it will be CHF, recreational, environmental and commercial all fighting each other for their own shares...the only one who wins here is the government (in this administration liberals) because they get bigger trying to regulate all of you...I'm a CHF and I like having help from the recreational sector in lobbying...it's the longer road for the CHF guy...but it will be the one worth traveling for our CHF future! Remember...if it happens for snapper...then it could happen for every other fish you fish for...would you like splitting away from recreational fisherman...YOUR clients...with Cobia, Billfish releases, Wahoo, Dolphin...then Redfish and Speckled Trout...I think not!</p> <p>The CHF is and should be a recreational sector because it is the license buying, tax paying, public access guy who is keeping his share of the bounty, however granted it should have more than 80% of the TAC! Commercial fishermen have lived off our fish for too long! SOS is not for a recreational fishery, if a fishery is so depleted it has to come to this then commercial fishing should be stopped...period...and especially if it is also a recreational fishery! Too much government money is being spent to try to get everybody a little bit and no one is happy! Ban commercial fishing for Red Snapper and Amberjack to save the economy of the fishing communities...recreational fisheries take care of themselves without greed of profit!</p> <p>I feel that as a charter captain I'm a recreational liaison, not a commercial fisherman... I still can't believe the amount of trouble/money the government goes through to mangle a depleting fish stock...it seems as simple as Red fish and Speckled Trout...as technology, fishing pressure, popularity of cuisine changed commercial fishing was eliminated to save the species and the larger economy of the communities...why is that an off limits discussion from our government for Red Snapper, Amberjack and Grouper.... I'm sure there is a species, however I can't think of one off the top of my head that has been disrupted solely by recreational efforts, however I can think of many more that have made a significant come back due to the conservation nature and financial assistance of recreational anglers...it boils down to when you make money for fishing by any means (mass entrapment not Rod & Reel) to gather fish, no matter what restrictions are placed greed or the need to pay bills will make people do things that are illegal thus the down fall of the Red Snapper, Amberjack and Grouper... we had seen this happen in other fisheries to that are booming now after the any means available fishing (not single hook and single line) was banned...i.e. ...Speckled Trout and Red Drum...the commercial fisheries quotas were established</p> | Rockport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/8/2012 21:52:30 | Capt. Scott McCune | scott@fishntexas.com | <p>years ago when the fishery was more viable, technology was different, the world was different...the demographics have now changed and so should the quotas to reflect a more sustained use of the fish stock going to the growing recreational sector and not the stagnant or receding commercial industry who are just becoming big companies and will get bigger with catch shares and only a few people enjoying the fruits of profit from the mass resource...even though I am not and Snapper/Grouper fisherman I'm not for IFQ's for single hook and line fisherman which included charter for hire which I already stated is basically only a liaison for the recreational fisherman so they can enjoy a little more of their sport ...I believe if we let IFQ's into our sector this type of government regulation will run rampant...therefore I'm trying to be proactive before it hits my fishery...I believe as the NRA one more regulation will lead two more and two more regulations will lead to 4 more and so on...recreational only fisheries are well managed for charter and private individuals and conservation within that group has excelled! They should stop wasting money on all the regulation meetings, data gathering for their own interpretation, politics and start putting that wasted money into reef building, stocking programs or whatever idea that actually help PRODUCE more fish!</p> <p>Fish More, Live Longer! Capt. Scott McCune</p> <hr/> <p>Capt. Scott McCune (USCG Master)</p> <p>fishntexas.com with 'The Saltwater Cowboy'</p> <p>361.563.TUNA(8862)cell</p> <p>Email: scott@fishntexas.com</p> <p>Web Page: www.fishntexas.com</p> <p>Web Page: www.huntntexas.com</p> | Rockport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/8/2012 21:58:11 | David Anzaldua | danzaldua@grandecom.net | REJECT SEPARATION! | Corpus Christi, TX 78413 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/8/2012 22:54:39 | Danny M. Langlinais | dlang@delcambre.net | We as fisherman do not want the separation between recreational angler and charter, headboats for hire. | Delcambre ,LA 70528 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 2:01:17 | stephen cross | ranger1952@sbcglobal.net | All fish are the property of the general public. general public must be given high preference for the resource. commercial interests are minor in economic value and joy and are being unfairly supported. Sounds like there needs to be investigations, charges and jail time. Somebody is on the take. | houston tx 77062 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 2:03:30 | Mark A Tudyk | mark.tudyk@verizon.net | Please consider the recreational fisherman's contribution to the fishing Industries profits. They far out weight the commerical sector. | Bradenton,FL, 34202 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 2:49:01 | Gary L Gratzer | g1gratzer@gmail.com | I am against dividing fishing regulations between recreational fishermen and for-hire charter operators. See the recent National Geographic issue and the related article and pictures which clearly illustrate the drastic decline of the fishing population over the past fifty years. I support more restrictions - but on all sectors who take fish from the waters. Please, do not create yet another special interest group. | Sargent, TX 77404 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 3:08:26 | Richard Clifton | Rclifton2610@gmail.com | No Sector Separation Please. | Pearland Texas 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 3:09:38 | John Weinberg | WISHIN2BFISHIN96@YAHOO. | Sounds as if businesses will be given preferential treatment over the individual. | Punta Gorda, FL 33955 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 3:20:15 | Michael Stone Petit II | Stoneypetit@gmail.com | Against giving charter for hire boats part of limits for private anglers | Beaumont, TX. 77706 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 3:20:16 | Michael Stone Petit II | Stoneypetit@gmail.com | Against giving charter for hire boats part of limits for private anglers | Beaumont, TX. 77706 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 3:43:40 | Karol Scardino | karol.scardino@gmail.cim | Vote NO | Rickport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 4:00:56 | Frederick Lewis | flewisno@aol.com | How very stupid! | New Orleans, La. 70115 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/9/2012 4:13:20 | Alan Price | aprice43443@att.net | None | Marrero, La. 70072 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 4:20:39 | Lanier J Ripple | ljripple@airmail.net | Opposed to subdivision of recreational fishing. | Houston, Tx 77043 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 4:25:22 | Mack Davis | mhdavis55@hotmail.com | This is a ridiculous idea. I don't see any benefits to the recreational angler whatsoever. And recreational anglers represent a large portion of the spending and voting public. I vote against this amendment. | Katy Texas 77493 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 4:25:42 | Ronald Nye | rnye14@yahoo.com | I oppose Reef Fish Amendment 39. It is another bill that benefits one group at the expense of another. The "For-Hire" businesses are not paying a penny for the larger limits they will obviously benefit from. The recreational fishermen by far, contribute more in financial benefits to the local areas they fish than the "For-Hire" guys. Seems to me we need to band together and vote these "for big business at any expense" people out of office. | Lacombe, LA, 70445 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 4:33:44 | Robert Berg | Rberg01@aol.com | Further dividing catch allowances into additional sectors is one of the worst ideas this group has ever brought forward, and that is saying something. These fish belong equally to all citizens of the state and US and a small group of obviously biased political appointees is inappropriate and just plain wrong. This proposal needs to be summarily rejected-this body has a chance to finally get something right. Please do so. | Baton Rouge 70501 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 4:34:10 | Harold Schoeffler | Haroldschoeffler@ymail.com | Please defeat the changes to current limit law!!! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 4:35:03 | Connie | odayc@yahoo.com | I would ask that you not divide the areas for recreational fishermen and charter/for hire fishermen. I understand with the cost of a charter, there needs to be fish caught, but not at the expense or exclusion of the recreational angler. I own a boat that is sometimes chartered so I feel like I can see both sides. Absolutely a bad idea. | Pearland, Tx 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 4:39:34 | gregg thibodeaux | melonsncorn@centurytel.net | Please reject this proposal. It is not in the best interest for all recreational fishermen. | church point, la 70525 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 4:44:22 | Donny Landry | donny@donsseafood.biz | Please no more changes | 70506 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 4:51:20 | Joseph W. Bourgeois | jwbourgeois@bellsouth | i urge you to vote against separation of fishing rights at the next meeting of the Gulf Managment Fishing Council and to oppose this idea whenever it is on the agenda/ | Denham Springs, LA, 70726 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 4:52:52 | Tony Dodier | elmesquite7@hotmail.com | Sector seperation is not a good idea. I request that the Council reject sector seperation. | Zapata, TX 78076 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 4:54:42 | randy morrow | randylmorrow@yahoo.com | i reject the seperation in the gulf randy morrow | bulverde | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 4:59:59 | Mark Edward Lawrence | forestryenv@aol.com | Please vote against Reef Fish Admendment 39. I am a privat boat owner and recreational fisherman. Thank you, Mark Lawrence | 126 Highland View Drive Birmingham, Alabama 35242 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:02:36 | Michael Sturgis | bhsturg@hotmail.com | These fish should be shared evenly. Anything short of that smells a little fishy. | Vero Beach, FL. 32968 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:03:54 | Pierre G. Villere | pvillere@bellsouth.net | Sector Separation in nonsense, and is a bad idea. I support CCA in their opposition to this porrly conceived notion, and ask you to read CCA's position on this concept. http://www.joincca.org/articles/70 I strongly urge the Council to reject Sector Separation. Pierre G. Villere Mandeville, LA | Mandeville, LA 70471 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:07:45 | edward roberson | ed.roberson@worleyparsons.com | Totally irresponsible action and truly hurting the rec fisherman who truly bring the big bucks to the revenue stream. | houston, tx 77069 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:07:53 | David Lambert | davidlambert27@yahoo.com | I beleive strongly that the Council should reconsider redistributing the portion of fish that all recreational anglers have. This is a form of our rights and priveleges being taken away and given to a select few for no tangible reason. Similar to whats going on in our government now, it's a sad situation and should be reconsidered. | Lafayette, La 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:10:30 | Jeffrey Swartz | fishjas1@verizon.net | I am completely against sector separation. Taking more away from the recreational angler is ludicrous especially since this group has the most economic benefit. The recreational angler continues to get a bad deal from fisheries management when they should be getting the best deal because of they create the greatest economic impact. Fisheries management seems to base decisions on nonexistent or flawed data. Then they seem to compound this error by dividing the resources unfairly. | Sarasota, Florida 34233 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:17:30 | Lori Baird | boodabelly2001@yahoo.com | Why do you want to take away my right to use natural resourses? I have earned this right through my military service and by being a legal and lawful citizen of the United States of America. The concept of sector separation is flawed and boarders on infringement of my constitutional rights. Private recreational fishermen are as large or larger a voting block than Charter and Commercial fishermen (the only difference is lobbyists and money). | Milton, FL 32570 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:18:39 | Scott Foster | scottf@dsaengineering.com | I believe that sector separation is a ploy supported by the commercial fishing interest in an attempt to increase their share of the total catch and also to divide the recreational angling communities united voice over how to best manage the fishery in a sustainable, healthy manor. I urge you to vote AGAINST Sector Separation. | Youngsville, LA, 70592 | Private Recreational Angler, NGO, Other |
| 8/9/2012 5:20:47 | David Paul Crochet | dpcroch2@gmail.com | Seperation of Recreational Angler and Charter Angler is a terrible idea. The system is already terribly flawed. This is only another step in the wrong direction. | Walker, LA 70785 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 5:23:17 | Eliodoro Moreno | egm20011@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. | 77339 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:25:38 | Max Burnell | rosie393@att.net | This is the most absurd idea I have ever heard of. It accomplishes nothing that could be considered good for the G of M fisheries. Dear Sirs, | Kenner, LA, 70065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:25:43 | John T. Parker III | jparker@ideallbr.com | Please do not support "Sector Separation" or "Catch Shares" that would not fairly share our resources for all sectors. If recreational fishing by individuals provides the greater economic value per sector than Charter/Headboats For-Hire, then individuals should not be unfairly limited by allowing the Charter Boats a larger share and vice-versa. If Recreational Fishing provides the greater economic value as a sector than Commercial Fishing, then Recreational Fishermen shouldn't be unfairly limited by allowing the Commercial Fishing Sector a larger share and vice-versa. The key words are "share" and "fairly". | Galveston, Texas, 77551 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:28:11 | Max Burnell | rosie393@att.net | What could possibly be the selling points to accomplish this separation, and what group has even proposed such a bad idea?? | Kenner, LA, 70065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:29:32 | Edward J Sanchez | edsanchez1@sbcglobal.net | Please count me as apposed to any sector seperation in the gulf water fishing industry. I am a private boat owner/recreational angler. Dividing or seperating the fish in the gulf of mexico, or bay waters is a bad idea. It's my god given right to catch whichever fish I choose. So long as I follow the TX/federal fishing laws regarding lengths, and numbers of fish I may choose to keep. Please don't take that right away from me. | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:43:27 | William Guinot | BillyGuinot@gmail.com | I am an avid recreational fisherman, both inshore and offshore. I spend considerable money supporting, storing and operating my small boats. Why should any part of the "recreational" catch be given to the charter businesses that run commercial fishing operations? They may not be selling the fish, but they are making money by fishing. Those are clearly commercial operations. The take limits for charter fishermen should be included in the commercial limits. As it stands now, the tight limits on recreational fishermen make it impossible to make a worthwhile offshore trip. The limits are tight and seasons are often closed. If you don't catch your targeted fish there are often no options to "save the day" by catching other species. Those trips generally cost from \$500 to \$1000, even for small boats like mine. It's becoming too costly to justify the limited catch. Please do not give any part of the recreational catch allotment to the charter operations. Their catch should be part of the commercial catch. | Kenner, La 70065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:44:24 | Kenneth Cleveland | kenclve7@gmail.com | "Sector Separation" is the worst idea I have heard of in a long time. Please reject this idea. I can't believe this is even being considered. Those who want to implement this on the public should be ashamed. | LaMarque, TX 77568 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:46:46 | LES FOEHR | TRAFFICDEPUTY424@YAHOO | REJECT SEPARATION | AUSTIN,TEXAS 78753 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:49:57 | Barry Pullin | bcpullin@comcast.net | I am completely against the Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. | Spring, TX 77381 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 5:55:28 | ton Liles | Indiantom@gmail.com | Please do not split the fishery | plant city FI 33565 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:00:37 | conrad blanchard | casualconcepts@bellsouth.net | separation is not a good idea | west monroe,la. 71291 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 6:05:06 | Paul Coco | paul_coco@hotmail.com | I am concerned that the recreational fishermen are going to be further marginalized by this ammendment. By splitting the recreational catch even further, you are disenfranchising the private fishermen who spend far more per capita to fish than the charter clients that fish once or twice a year. Are they no less entitled to the natural resources of our country?? How can you justify reserving the use of a natural resource to a select group of people?? Furthermore, the division of the natural resources lends itself to a "separate but equal" mentality and governance that will not only NOT be equal, but is against the principles of equality that our nation is based on. | Baton Rouge, LA, 70806 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:08:49 | Marshall Hoverson | hoverson@att.net | I do NOT support separating the recrational sector into private and charter fishermen. I oppose any meddling by you the status quo of the gulf fisheries. Giving head boats a portion of fish they all ready use much to the detriment of sports fisherman is a bad idea! I'm mad and I vote. | 78578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:09:30 | Merrilee Towers | mleetowers@gmail.com | Please reject the proposal for sector separation in the Gulf. There are already too many regulations on the sport fisherman/boaters. | Port Alto, TX 77979 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:13:08 | Patrick Carlson | orvistrout@aol.co, | Please do not pass Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. | Austin, Texas 78703 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:14:52 | RONALD JANECEK | BLJANECEK@SBCGLOBAL.NET | BAD IDEAL ! LEAVE IT ALONE. | PEARLANDTX 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:20:24 | Robeart Leonard | Bobnrobn3@comcast.net | Solomon was faced with a similar situation where two women claimed ownership of the same child. Ordering the child cut in half forced the women to work out a solution. The resource(Fish) are not something that can be divided for much the same reason. The buying and selling of the right to catch fish will become an unholy mess. No amount of allocation will ever make everyone happy. So with that in mind I feel you should make everyone slightly unhappy by having no allocation and opening and closing the season when the best available science dictates. Thank You, bob Leonard | punta Gorda Fl 33955 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:22:37 | Sheri Sawyer | sherisawyer@yahoo.com | The government should not take away Americans freedom to give to big business who lines the pockets of politicians. | Needville, Tx 77461 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/9/2012 6:22:42 | Scott Sirgo | scott.sirgo@laitram.com | please reject the sector seperation plan | Abita Springs, LA, 70420 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:23:20 | michael b. regan sr. | cuttingedgecharters @yahoo.com | please do not use sector seperation. | destin fl. 32541 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/9/2012 6:28:19 | Charlie Caplinger | charliec@howardweil.com | Dividing recreational anglers up does nothing to improve the fisheries management, only complicating it more. The recreational fishing industry is as important if not more than commercial fishing. Please help support recreational fishing rather than dividing it into insignificance. Thanks, Charlie Caplinger CCA Louisiana Board Member New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club Board Member | Venice, LA | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 6:29:16 | steven swartz | bonsaisteve@comcast.net | This sector separation issue is a horrific proposal. I'm beginning to believe that our elected officials have no damn sense whatsoever, and are only being influenced by lobbyists, votes, and money. This is common sense!!!! | bonita springs,fl, 34134 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:29:36 | Jmaes M Frankson | jimfrankson@hotmail.com | I am totally against sector separation. | Bay City, TX 77414 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:29:56 | Kenneth M. Ware | kmware2@gmail.com | I never comment on things like this because I am smart enough to know that you people are going to do what your agenda is regardless of what "WE" (the people you actually work for!!!!) ask of you even if it makes sense! But this has gotten down right ridiculous!! Come on, not only do ya'll go by flawed data, but also if it comes back in favor of us, you either ignore it or find a way to turn it against us!! This is the straw that broke the camels back for me!! Fishing is my favorite thing to do as i have done it all of my life and will continue to do so regardless of what you impose!! I work all week to be able to fish come the weekend and have spent well into the tens of thousands of dollars doing so. All you will be doing by making more bullshit laws is to make normal tax paying citizens such as myself become outlaws, because i will refuse to abide by laws backed by liberal hacks with an agenda that has a main goal of ending fishing for all through slow but steady jabs at every type of fishing that you can get your hands on hoping no one notices because you have spread it out over a long period of time!!! The time for playing nice with this half-ass excuse for a council is over!! And before you say that I am an extremist who would like no regulation at all (because that is every liberal's defense, to discredit the opponent), think again, i am all for sustainable management because i enjoy fishing and hope my kids will be able to enjoy it as well one day, but if you have your way that will never get to happen!! Your policies have already cost states such as mine (LA) many millions of dollars in revenue and with many people being forced out of the hobby, the marine industry is next. So to rap this up, I as well as 99% of other fisherman believe that your council is a complete joke and i for one can not believe that we as tax paying citizens have to pay whatever your salary is!! Hopefully soon this council's sinister agenda will come to light in front of people (one's that have the power to stop you, not just a level headed citizen such as myself) that will actually do something to stop this nonsense, but until then, i will just keep praying that we don't get bullied by big brother into doing everything it wants us to do!!!! | Baton Rouge, LA 70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:31:24 | Daniel Franz | Franzdanielp@bellsouth.net | I support NOT segregating anglers. | Houma, Louisiana, 70360 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:33:45 | Jesse Blue | bblue@prestonexpl.com | This proposal is the most uninformed, poorly researched fisheries amendment imaginable to all mankind. Only people working for government agencies could possibly conceive such an idiotic dream. All of you, please voluntarily give up you jobs and go back to washing cars for a living. | Conroe, Tx 77385 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:34:38 | Thomas Dudley Hixson | tdhixson@suddenlink.net | This separation and giveaway is wrong. It smacks of "something for nothing", which we already have way too much of in our country. Please oppose this action. Thank you. | Alexandria, La 71303 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:36:09 | william bone | billydidit@att.net | please leave the gulf open to all. my grand kids are growing up and will not have the same rights as we american have had..I USED TO SHRIMP , FISH WITH NETS AND NOW AS AN AMERICAN I FEEL THAT I AM BEING CUT OUT BY BIG COMMERCIAL GIANTS. | houston,tx. 77040 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 6:38:10 | Lee H. Grafton, MD | did6868@aol.com | Bad idea!! The gulf should be managed by the State. The intrusion of the federal government will burden us with cumbersom regulations that don't help the fishery at all. Good idea- keep your first five red snapper!. Throwing back small red snapper for larger fish because the limit is 2 per person kills more than keeping the first five! Limit commercial fisherman, they kill more red snapper per year than the recreational angler! | Thibodaux LA 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:44:11 | Leo Hilton | hobohilton@att.net | I say NO to Sector Separation----catch shares. | Tyler, Tx., 75709 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:48:09 | sharon jackson | sjackson001@msn.com | Why? | franklinton, la, 70438 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:48:42 | Lynn Zarr jr | Lzarrjr@heritagetexas.com | Please reject the proposed policy for sector separation! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:50:11 | Timothy Scott Landrum | LTTSL2@Hotmail.com | I oppose sector seperation because it does not benefit the majority of people who use the resources of our Gulf and has no basis in science. This is clearly another power grab by the Federal Government bent on taking the freedoms Americans have enjoyed for centuries. Stop the madness! | Brandon, MS. 39042 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:53:30 | Ernest Rene garcia | Ernieg@gpsbcs.com | Oh come on. More government regulations? This time on fishing? This is a very bad idea. These waters are for everyone to enjoy. | Bryan tx, 77802 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:57:56 | Patrick McIntyre | ecpmcint@peoplepc.com | The separation is a ridiculous attempt to divide and conquer....please spend time on more meaningful endeavors. | Bryan, Texas 77807 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 6:59:44 | michael wine | captmikes53@gmail.com | We need LESS regulations not more! This isn't about conserving our resources....it is about someone making money at the expense of the general population! It is time to stop!!! | cocoa beach, fl 32931 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:12:47 | Jeff Powell Zarr | zarrmail@yahoo.com | Mike Wine | Houston, Texas, 77057 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:12:47 | Jeff Powell Zarr | zarrmail@yahoo.com | Please reject the separation! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:18:17 | Ernest Ramirez | Rami1907@aol.com | PLEASE REJECT SEPARATION!!!!!! | Sulphur,La 70663 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:20:03 | nikkie lea | two_out_of_5@yahoo.com | I am opposed to this happening. | port bolivar, tx 77650 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:20:08 | Michael Defourneaux | Mdefourneaux@yahoo.com | No separation | Metairie, LA. 70003 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:26:37 | David Richard | drichard@streamcompany.com | Not the way to manage a fishery! | Lake Charles, LA 70602 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:27:54 | R. Matthew Cooley | matthewcooley@att.net | I am vehemently opposed to sector separation! | Houston, TX 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:31:10 | Daniel Schnorrenberg | dan@joshenpaper.com | I wanted to take a minute to express my opposition to sector separation of Charter/For Hire and Residential Fisherman...There is absolutely no conservation benefit to this idea, therefore you cannot take a public resource and giveaway portions to businesses. | Ocala, FL 34471 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 7:32:15 | walle merritt conoly | wallec@stedwards.edu | I am opposed to any separate allocation idea between recreational and charter/headboat for hire anglers. I see no rational evidence for this idea. | austin,texas 78748 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:40:39 | Mike MCAdaragh | Wildirishrose3@gmail.com | Dear Council Members: This amendment must be deleted and I urge all to vote it down. Please also understand that many others are against this amendment and have not commented directly to you . | 34228 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:40:43 | Mike MCAdaragh | Wildirishrose3@gmail.com | Dear Council Members: This amendment must be deleted and I urge all to vote it down. Please also understand that many others are against this amendment and have not commented directly to you . | 34228 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:41:03 | William Stephens | wfsteph@yahoo.com | Please reject this for all sportsman anglers. Thank you, William Stephens | Brazoria,TX 77422 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:44:56 | david a. klein | dklein@austin.rr.com | against dividing anglers | spicewood, tx. 78669 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:45:40 | John D. Tumlinson | ktum@sbcglobal.net | In no way, shape, or form do I support any consideration to segregate Gulf waters that would benefit any commercial interests. The Gulf of Mexico belongs to the AMERICAN people first and foremost, to use for their recreational interests. The laws and regulations should stay as they presently are. Thank you, John Tumlinson | El Campo, Tx. 77437 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:51:00 | Richard B Richardson Jr | thearlinman@att.net | This is one of the worst ideas I have ever heard of. The recreational anglers are always getting screwed by the government to benefit the commercial sector. This has to stop. | Houston,Texas, 77090 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:53:43 | MARK F SCHRAM | MSCHRAMBSM@AOL.COM | PLEASE REJECT THE SEPARATION OF RECREATIONAL FISHING AND CARTER BOATS. THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN LOUISIANA ONLY GET TO SNAPPER FISH ONCE OR TWICE DURING THE SHORT SEASON DUE TO WEATHER AND LONG RUNS TO GET TO GOOD SNAPPER FISHING. THIS PAST YEAR I WAS ONLY ABLE TO MAKE ONE TRIP. WE CAUGHT APROX 70LBS OF SNAPPER WITH FIVE PEOPLE. | LAKE CHARLES LA 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 7:56:44 | Peter J Bambace | pbambace@holmbambace.com | Sector separation is a bad idea! There are no benefits, but only detriments for conservation of our fisheries. Further, the economic effects are ridiculous. The amount of money generated by the recreational fishing industry is far reaching compared to the limited amount generated for our economy by commercial fishermen. | Houston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:01:56 | David Disler | ddsl796@embarqmail.com | The sector seperation is a bad idea. It needs to be rejected! | Conroe,TX 77302 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:07:06 | Harold Green | haroldchip1@yahoo.com | I oppose sector separation. How dare this Gifl Council give a public resource to certain private companies. The recreational anglers generate much more economic activity and taxes than the commercial people do and you know it. This is pure and simple politics and lobbying. I will see to it that this becomes very public. | Houston, TX 77055 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:07:33 | Brad Bodin | bradbodin@gmail.com | This is a bad idea. It's not conservation, it's a direct attack on the freedom of citizens to fish where and when they want. Please reject sector separation. | Lafayette, LA, 70503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:11:54 | Gary Tost | 4721@cox.net | Thanks, Gary Tost | Gainesville, FL 32607 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 8:13:02 | Gerald Leining | gleining121@comcast.net | I am against giving away my fishing quota's to a select group of people who operate boats for hire. Limits imposed already On the sports fisherman is already hurting the pocket book. Before long, one would not be able to launch a boat for just catching one or two fish. | Santa Fe, Texas 77510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:13:08 | Gerald Leining | gleining121@comcast.net | I am against giving away my fishing quota's to a select group of people who operate boats for hire. Limits imposed already On the sports fisherman is already hurting the pocket book. Before long, one would not be able to launch a boat for just catching one or two fish. | Santa Fe, Texas 77510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:16:43 | James Steven McClure | mcclurejsteven@bellsouth.net | I believe the separation of private anglers with their own boats verses anglers on paid charter boats is a terrible idea. Why should my ability to take my family fishing be impacted by the fact that another individual has made a personal choice to be a charter captain? We all make choices and mine hs been to sacrifce and get an education so I can have a real job so I can afford a boat to take my family fishing. I am 100% against the proposal to separate these classes. J. Steven McClure, P. E. 668 Colonial Dr. Fairhope, AL 36532 | Fairhope, AL 36532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:19:58 | jaime x. martinez | jxmdm@aol.com | The idea of seperating fisherman into two different area is ridiculous. | mission tx 78572 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:20:22 | Christopher Thomas Reynolds | reynoldschris78@yahoo.com | This doesn't seem like a good idea. | Daphne, AL, 36526 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:22:48 | Charles Fredrich | Chase.fredrich@hotmail.com | Reef Fish Amendment 39 No Way!! This has to be the most unfair thing I have ever heard. Think of how many recreational anglers you will lose and the money they bring to our coasts. Not to mention the extra cost to patrol the restricted areas for recreational anglers aka the "bad guys" as it seems. To me it is as if we are being punished and for what? It should be everybodys coast to fish, and fish where you please. In conclusion I am against this rediculas amendment please do not allow this to happen. Thank you Charles Fredrich | Luling, Tx 78648 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:23:10 | Leon Buenger | topper415@sbcglobal.net | It might be time to start looking at eliminating the Gulf Council. I think more control should be given to the public and less to a council that the members probably do not even fish. How can you justify taking something from the majority and giving it to a select few? It appears that we have too much government. Why should a small group be given special privileges over the private recreational angler, who out spends this small group each year fishing? I do not believe these charter boats are going to be able to replace the money that will be removed from the economy and they should not be subsidized, so to speak. | Pasadena, TX 77506 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:23:33 | John B Carey III | Beckylanehome@yahoo.com | Do not allow this bill to go through as this is a bad idea. Thanks John | Harlingen, Tx 78550 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:23:59 | Christopher Landherr | landhc@msn.com | Please reject sector separation | Houston, TX, 77019 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:26:45 | Mark Gruetzner | mark.gruetzner@gmail.com | When it comes time to vote on sector separation, which could come as early as the next Gulf Council meeting, August 20-24 in New Orleans, please reject it. | Lincoln, TX, 78948 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:27:05 | Tony Pannagl | tony.pannagl@is-t.net | This is a terrible idea - it's not fair the favor one group anglers over another. | Houston, Texas 77057 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 8:27:15 | Timothy J Wagner | timdonwagner@prodigy.net | Please vote no to sector separation for the Gulf Coast. Recreational Anglers who love this area would be at unfair disadvantage to commercial fishermen and businesses and have then only limited access to what should be open to all and not a select few. | Shiner Texas 77984 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:31:05 | harry emmerton | stryker.emmerton@strykerfuels.com | Having been a boat owner for the past 30 years and a recreational fisherman in the Gulf waters, I personally believe that a move to divide recreational anglers into two sectors is ridiculous. It is entirely unfair, and I will not support this. Nor would I ever support the organization financially. | Houston, Tx 77056 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:42:03 | Danny Elton Marshall | danmarshall44@yahoo.com | Giving away even more of the already reduced level of catch for recreational fishermen to commercial interests and charter boats is totally unfair and egregious. It smacks of political cronyism, use of over reaching government power without regard for so many sportsmen to benefit the few having connections. This attempt to give unreasonable partiality to the charter and commercial fishing industry at the expense of so many individual sports fishermen is shameful! | Inez, TX 77968 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:45:09 | warren j kress | wk4652@swbell.net | no to reef fish amendant #39-sector separation. the council should be held accountable for its actions. | galveston,tx. 77550 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:45:25 | Bennis Moss | bcmoss@goldinc.com | Please Reject the proposal for sector separation. Furthermore; the recreation angler will never damage the fish population. We need to regulate business not recreation fishing for conservation sake. Limit commercial fishing so that there will be a fishing season for the person using a fishing pole without restrictions to enjoy. Ive fished the gulf coast for over thirty years both commercial and recreational and have watched my recreation limits and rights diminish dramatically. I guess we have reached the time when man doesn't know to recognize the right decisions from wrong ones any anymore. | Pearlington,MS 39572 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:49:23 | Marc Gentry | marlininc@comcast.net | The commercial / charter fishermen on the dock have a "kill them all" attitude and not a conservationist bone in their body.....they drive fancy trucks, live in big houses and are the reason we recreational anglers are cut back year after year....How many commercial / charter magazines do you see promoting catch and release...tagging.... saving the resource....? None..it's all about tonnage....The recreational side spends hundreds of dollars a pound to catch fish and supports many industries....please make your decision wisely....Thank You.... | Houston,Texas 77059 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:51:38 | Daniel Doyle | ddoyle@hwlaw.com | It is my understanding that the council is thinking of dividing recreational anglers into two sectors (those with personal boats and those with for-hire boats. The council then would allocate some portion of the fish now taken by all recreational fishermen and give it to certain businesses operating for-hire boats. I can think of no benefit to the fishery that this division of resources will provide. It seems to me it will only benefit those who own for-hire vessels, and will reduce the number of fish that other recreational fishermen can take. I think it's a bad idea and hope that you'll consider the opinions of the thousands of recreational anglers in the state before adopting this rule. | Tampa, FL 33602 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:59:16 | Colt Cook | colt_85@yahoo.com | I am strongly against separation of catch shares. I work hard to own my own fishing vessel and to have the opportunity to catch fish taken away from me would be a travesty. Persons on boats for hire are recreational anglers just like me and their catches should not be separated from mine. Please reconsider the idea of catch shares and keep this country fishing. | Port Aransas, TX 78373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 8:59:36 | Arthur R. Decker | arthurdecker@earthlink.net | The catch share proposal is a bad idea. I am opposed to it. Recreational anglers provide by far a greater percentage of funding for conservation of our resource and a better record when it comes to fishery management. | Texas City, TX 77590 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 9:06:22 | Murray Heath | mgheath2@gmail.com | Don't split. | birmingham, al, 35243 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 9:07:10 | frank sheffield bridgewater | valuecarpetshop@aol.com | Gentlemen....if you want to protect any species of fish in the Gulf I suggest you look at the commercial industry and leave the individuals like myself alone....charter boats and long-liners are the ones that can fish a location out....the red snapper population is stronger that ever and i commend you on that, but its more of a result of restrictions on charter boats and shrimpers and their by catch rather than us...please put our limits back to 4 and extend our seasons....i cant afford to take my children out 35 miles to catch snapper due to the cost of gas....they have missed out on a beautiful experience due to the restrictions already placed on the small guys like myself... | port neches, tx 77651 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 9:10:51 | Scott Reisetter | reissettersranch11@hotmail.com | Vote No | 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 9:20:51 | Garrett Cantrell | garrettgarrettc@yahoo.com | Reject sector separation | Sugar Land, TX 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 9:21:12 | Steve Carney | steve.carney@sbcglobal.net | I stand in total support with the Coastal Conservation Association, and respectfully request that you reject the sector separation proposal. Thank you. | THE WOODLANDS | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 9:25:41 | Jow Whitley | candyw@swbell.net | No seperation reef fish amendment 39 | Benbrook TX 76126 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 9:31:30 | Jonathan Primeaux | jonathan.primeaux@lcdiocese.org | Vote NO! Do not enact Sector Separation. | Lake Charles, LA, 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 9:36:38 | Hugh Foster Hamilton | hamilton.bills@yahoo.com | I do not support the separation of recreational anglers into two sectors. Protectionism does not economically produce efficient outcomes, regardless of the market or resource being distributed. Please reconsider this solution. | Houston, TX 77025 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 9:38:55 | William Kyle | bkyle4@comcast.net | Please reject sector separation. It is a bad idea. Recreational fishing is enjoyed by many. Let's keep it that way. | Pearland | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 9:39:13 | Angela Wright | wawangel@hotmail.com | Dumbest thing I've ever heard | Houston, Tx 77040 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 9:48:58 | steve w bowen | 3579 county road 531 | I am opposed to dividing recreational fishermen into two sectors. | alvin, tx 77511 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 10:00:08 | Mark Sjolander | marksjo@yahoo.com | Reject Seperation!!! | Dayton, Tx 77535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 10:11:06 | Michael S. Bishop | mbishop@bransonfowlkes.com | Reject separation. | Houston, TX 77056 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 10:14:54 | Richard Sellers | dick_sellers@msn.com | Please do not support segmentation ! | Punta Gorda Fl 33950 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 10:16:28 | Gary Snyder | gary.a.snyder@siemens.com | This is a stupid idea | 34232 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 10:17:36 | Otis L Johnson | omanj@att.net | I am completely against sector separation as it is a BS amendment that has no benefit to the recreational anglers. | Houston, TX 77093 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 10:21:35 | myra fontenot | myfont@bellsouth.net | Do not separate.... One quota for all | 70605 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 10:25:33 | timothy paul reynolds | timreynolds@allstate.com | do not seperate gulf fishing into two sectors. NOT FAIR> | ocean springs, ms 39564 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 10:27:05 | Jackie Lee Cunningham | jclee1952@yahoo.com | My son & I love to fish every chance that we get and we are amazed and truly appreciate all that the Gulf Coast has to offer any type of fisherman. We need to keep the interest of all fishermen as our top priority. We all must stand up for what is right for our children and their childrens children and so on...We only have one Mother Earth so let's take care of her and all of her oceans and their inhabitants. May God Bless and keep us all safe, healthy and happy. Sincerely, Jackie & Rio Jordan Cunningham | La Porte, Texas 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 10:32:41 | Nathan Viggers | Nathanviggers@hotmail.com | This is a pure left wing political move to control our natural resources, with radical environmental groups that contribute nothing to conservation as the final beneficiarys through financial gain. | Brenham, Texas 77833 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 10:37:40 | Ross C. Dunn | ross@rossdunnrealty.com | Sector Separation is NOT for me ... Period . | Houston, Texas 77056 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/9/2012 10:48:34 | Baker McConnell | bakerkyle99@yahoo.com | Reject sector separation! | Mobile, Al, 36606 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 10:48:39 | JamesS. O'Neill | jasoneill@earthlink.net | Reject separation. | Lafayette,LA 70501 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 10:48:47 | Bruce E. Duncan | bduncan001_houston1@comca | Please do not ruin this for all the fishermen | Houston,TX 77082 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 10:59:10 | Bruce L Smiley | blsmiley@bellsouth.net | Please leave it the way it is , I commercial fish on the side but my family fish for fun and to put food on the table , PLEASE let it stqay the same | Houma La 70364 | Private Recreational Angler, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/9/2012 11:04:51 | kory devillier | kory.devillier@thermon.com | REJECT seperation | groves, tx 77619 | Other |
| 8/9/2012 11:09:08 | Gary A Stouch | gstouch@comcast.net | Sector seperation in my opinion is entirely wrong. The natural resources of this state belong equally to ALL of it's citizens. Dividing that resourse and giving it to a small select group is in my mind unconsionable. | North Port,FL 34286 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 11:10:47 | Lauren Kimbrough | kimbrough.lauren@gmail.com | I reject the separation of commercial and recreational fisherman! Thank you!! | Orange Beach, AL 36561 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 11:19:04 | Robert A. Pietz | r.pietz@yahoo.com | Keep the fishery as it is Please help defeat sector separation... Thanks, | League City, Texas 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 11:19:44 | Oren Beal | orenbeal@hotmail.com | Oren Beal | College Station TX 77845 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 11:30:50 | Richard T. gilby | dickgilby@sbcglobal.net | Sector4 Sepration is a terrible idea. Please reject it. Richard T. gilby | San Antonio, Tx 78248 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 11:37:37 | William P. Martin, Jr. | b.martin@bokf.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. The manner in which proponents and NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations. Please reject separation. | Houston, TX 77025 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 11:42:23 | Michael G Svoboda | mgboda132000@yahoo.com | Please block this Amendment 39 on Sector Separation. | Angleton, Texas 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 11:46:22 | bryan kaminski | kamcoproperty@gmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Please reject seperation. | Plano, tx 75093 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 11:54:20 | Byron Webb | byron.webb@adph.state.al.us | Recreational Anglers already get less than half the quota in most of the fisheries, to reduce it even more by giving Charter Boats half of that is just wrong. I would like to ask the Gulf Council to reject this proposal. Thanks, Byron Webb | Daphne, AL 36526 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 12:01:34 | patrick lynch | flounder16807@sbcglobal.net | It's really ashamed what these people have done to our hobby. There are not even fishermen just a bunch of idiots. I've fished in the bays @gulf all my life first job on the party ketch clipper in 1957. I've lived the life of a real fisherman. Not some kid with a piece of paper thinking he's a captain get real. By the way if you deflate a small snapper he'll be eaten in 5 minutes, no fish can live through the bends. Who was the smart idiot that came up with poking a hole in the fishes bladder would save his life. That's what kind of people we have running this program starting with that so-called president get real. | pasadena tx. 77506 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 12:16:09 | Ray D. Ellis | sillejr@yahoo.com | I urge the council to reject this amendment.... Thanks Ray | Colorado City, Texas 79512 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 12:17:22 | Ramon Arciniega | ramon@verdant-media.com | DO NOT SEPARATE! | Houston, TX 77095 | Other |
| 8/9/2012 12:27:08 | Alfred Allen jr. | aa00501@aol.com | Please vote no on dividing recreational fisherman into 2 separate categories as this would allow future decisions that could be swayed by a favoritism toward either of these entities. Thanks for your efforts and support in stopping this amendment | Pass Christian, ms. 39571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 12:27:29 | ros shirley | rosshirley@comcast.net | You know I think every recreational fisherman is getting sick and tired of fighting for our right to go out every now and then to catch fish. We always seem to be on the short end of the stick when it comes to catch shares. Why on earth would you even consider taking more from us and giving it to for hire boats is beyond me. We have been pushed around by the commercial fisherman and the Gulf Council long enough. I beg of you to please reconsider your actions. I am a life member of CCA and consider myself a good steward of our marine fisheries. It is imperative that more recognition is given to the recreational fisherman in the future and stop hammering us when you think something needs to be changed. I am starting to believe that you are doing more harm than good when it comes to OUR GULF. Last time I looked we are supposed to live in a democratic society. There are way too many federal rules and regulations today, our forefathers would be ashamed of what this country has become. Yours Truly | monroe, la. 71201 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 12:28:56 | Alfred Joseph Pratkanis Jr. | Ajpratkanis@mybciteam.com | Sector separation is a crazy idea and makes no sense. Please vote against it. A | Houston,tx.77027 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 12:31:32 | Mark Stuart DeGrove, D.V.M. | gator1983@comcast.net | Please reject the poorly conceived idea of sector separation. There is no science to support this plan, and it will have a negative effect on recreational fishermen and the resource that is being further divided.... | Punta Gorda, FL 33982 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 12:32:27 | Cindy Spears | cindyspears007@gmail.com | Keep the fishing available for all! | Spicewood | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 12:37:14 | bryan gonzales | morriscamp@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. | new orleans, la 70032 | Private Recreational Angler, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/9/2012 12:45:38 | John K Favor | Jkfavor@hotmail.com | Please do not allow sector separation, this would be entirely unfair to private fishermen who should have as much right to the fishing as any charter business. | Pleasanton TX 78064 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 12:51:18 | David Brown | Wing_96@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, and is not something that should be practiced. The waters, and the fish should be open to all who wish to fish there. Commercial operators should not be granted their own special water to fish. | Sugar Land, TX, 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 12:51:21 | David Brown | Wing_96@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, and is not something that should be practiced. The waters, and the fish should be open to all who wish to fish there. Commercial operators should not be granted their own special water to fish. | Sugar Land, TX, 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 12:59:11 | Sheldon Anderson | sa.adventures@yahoo.com | I strongly object to sector separation | 70816 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 13:00:59 | William J. Lowman, II | billlowman@ymail.com | Vote to reject separation. Separation is a bad idea. | New Braunfels, Tx 78130 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 13:03:39 | John J. Nuce | jnuce77@gmail.com | Sector separation is not a good idea for the Gulf Coast. It would not be good for coastal conservation and could lead to other radical separations of our coastal areas. I am against this proposal and I urge the GULF COUNCIL to reject separation. | Boling, Texas 77420 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 13:14:12 | Bradley Crooks | bcrooks68@comcast.net | Please DO NOT separate anglers in the two categories. Please leave our fishing seasons and limits alone. Private anglers have a much larger impact on sport fishing than private charters. How can you consider making changes that help only the "For Hire" charters! LEAVE IT ALONE. Bradley Crooks | Monroe, LA | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 13:18:08 | Benjamin Kinney | kinney@tiltex.com | Please REJECT the Gulf of Mexico "Sector Separation" plan! We do not need another bad governmental regulation! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 13:27:34 | J. Michael Stefanski | jmstefanski@eszlawfirm.com | I have been a recreational Red Snapper fisherman since 1963. The proposal to divide the recreational take between charter and recreational entities would be unfair to recreational interests. The classification itself 'for hire' is a commercial definition. Obviously, Charter and Commercial interests should be grouped together in their allocation of TAC. On another topic, please consider recreational fishing zones to better allocate the catch, reflecting fisherman population, eg Louisiana vs Florida. The management agency for Migratory Birds establish waterfowl regulations to reflect hunter populations. Very best regards JMS | Crowley, La. 70526 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 13:34:42 | Nancy Guess | nancy.guess@gmail.com | This is a BAD idea! Please re-think. | Pearland, TX 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 13:39:52 | Michael H. Colby | captmike50@hotmail.com | <p>Thank you for accepting my online comment. I have spent several years gathering as much information as I could concerning sector separation. I have spent many hours alone and with others evaluating that information. My belief is that sector separation will not only help charter for-hire, but the private recreational angler as well. This management model will enable both sectors to develop accountability and data collection measures that are tailored to the individual needs of different fishermen.</p> <p>Reading through many of the comments in opposition to sector separation I continually notice a common thread. The belief that this sector split is between recreational anglers who own their own boats and a select few charter operators continues to work its way through the industry. In addition, comments like "your stealing our fish", "this is a give away to a select few" and "let them take fish from the commercials, not from us" appear continually and are troubling. They are the result of a poor effort on everyones part to define sector separation and build a legitimate understanding of it. The recreational anglers that truly understand sector separation are the millions of non-boat owning customers that rely on these "select few operators" for their opportunity to fish in federal waters.</p> <p>I believe that councilman Riley said it best, "There are to many definitions of sector separation, let's get it down to one". I hope we can do just that.</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>Mike Colby</p> | Clearwater, FL 33756 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/9/2012 13:44:47 | Karen Michel | kknebg@juno.com | <p>This sounds like some big dog is trying to take more of our freedom away. Please give him a bone and tell him to go lay down. Do not interfere with our free rights. Greed is a terrible thing, its like a disease. Once you have the disease you can't get rid of it.</p> | Abbeville, La. 70510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 13:58:14 | Gary Janise | grjanise@gmail.com | <p>Reject the Gulf Of Mexico Separation Act.</p> | Wadsworth, Tx. 77483 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 14:08:20 | bennie ross talmadge | likenewautomotive@att.net | <p>the council needs to reject seperation</p> | 77611 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 14:13:44 | James L. Adams | jladams1937@aol.com | <p>I am strongly opposed to the sector separation proposal under discussion by your Council. Once more you are trying to stick it to the Recreational Angler and favoring a few commercial fishermen. Come to Venice or Grand Isle on a weekend and see the contribution to the local economy made by the recreational fishing community.Thanks for your consideration of my views.</p> | Opelousas,La 70570 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 14:17:25 | LUKE | lukehill7@yahoo.com | <p>Sector seperation is one of the worst, meritless ideas I have ever heard of. Please conduct research before you pass baseless laws. Thank you.</p> | San Antonio, TX 78260 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 14:21:44 | James D. Pipes | jpipes43@yahoo.com | <p>Please vote against the "Sector Separation" amendment. This is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard of. Vote it down!!!!-----Thanks,</p> | Old River-Winfree, Tx, 77535-9080 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 14:24:17 | chris stauffer | cstauffer1@comcast.net | <p>sounds like a bad idea. what is the logic?</p> | richmond tx 77406 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 14:35:35 | WILLIAM GOSSETT | willieg@earthirrigation.com | <p>Please reject the separation of recreation anglers and commercial fishermen. What new conservation management of all fish species involved do you think will occur that will help the survival of any of them? Do you think opening up more available fish to commercial harvesting will help the survivability of each species? What the hell have you been smoking? Controlling catches have done wonders for numerous fish species. Now I understand, you are a gov't entity, O'bama supporter, and giving something away until nothing is left with no possible return. Help us all!</p> | Mcallen, tx. 78504 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 14:37:37 | Liz Yant | liz@yant.net | Dear Members of the Gulf Council: I would ask you to reject the plan to divide recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Texas Gulf Coast, particularly in the area in which I live, Rockport, depends primarily on recreational angler visitors for its local economy. Recreational fishing is what brings visitors to the area primarily. There are already issues in the fish count (due to issues with Cedar Bayou Cut) in Aransas Bay, and further restrictions on recreational anglers, with more commercial fishing allowed, is not going to help the fish count. What would commercial businesses pay for this additional right? Also, what research has been done to support any environmental need for this plan? Please do not go any further with this plan. Liz Yant, Rockport, Texas | Rockport, Texas, 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 14:41:47 | David Bass | bass_net_eng@yahoo.com | It makes no sense to separate charter and recreational fishermen. Please do not pass this! | Friendswood, TX, 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 14:48:30 | Bill Yant | bill@yant.net | Dear Members of the Gulf Council: I ask you to reject the plan to divide recreational anglers into two sectors: 1) those with their own boats and 2) those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Texas Gulf Coast, particularly in the area in which I live (Rockport-Fulton) depends primarily on recreational angler visitors for its local economy. Recreational fishing is what brings visitors to the area primarily. There are already issues in the fish count (due to issues with the Cedar Bayou Cut being closed) in Aransas Bay, and further restrictions on recreational anglers, with more commercial fishing allowed, is not going to help the fish count. What would commercial businesses pay for this additional privilege? Also, what research has been done to support any environmental need for this plan? Please do not go any further with this plan. It is the recreational fishing population that pays the return and will be hurt the most by implementing this plan. | Rockport, TX 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 14:49:19 | Chad Monsour | cmmonsour@yahoo.com | reject | Monroe, LA 71201 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 14:52:42 | David knight | Davidk24hr@yahoo.com | I think this separation is a bad idea. The extended season was good for the recreational fishermen because bad weather(wind) kept us off the ocean, meanwhile a lot of the bad days charters went fishing because they have bigger safer boats. Anyway they have a lot going in their favor, bigger faster boats Ore to spend on electronics ect ect... Why do this it doesn't serve any conservation effort, only helps charter business. They are catching more fish than recreational fishers Now | Fort worth Texas 76137 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 14:59:27 | Jeff McCann | mccannj@helenachemical.com | We as recreational fishermen are asking that you reject the sector separation . Thank you Jeff McCann | cordova, Tn 38018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 15:00:59 | Richard Clark Brebner | rbrebn01@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. Please reject this. | Weslaco, TX, 78596 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 15:15:35 | Ramon Cazares | cazaresramonm@msn.com | Reject amendment -39 / Sector Separation. | Fort Worth, Tx 76118 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 15:22:24 | Robert Snell | snellsw@verizon.net | I oppose this concept totally. Do not pass this. Robert Snell | Dickinson, Tx 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 15:26:45 | karl james schram | karlschram@aol.com | What a load of bull! | lake charles, la, 70601 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 15:39:11 | wayne wilson | badinflpro@yahoo.com | no way, sector separation is a bad idea, bad for all people involved in recreational fishing. please say no. | lake jackson tex 77566 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 15:49:01 | Kenneth Schatz | schatzks@yahoo.com | That would be unfair for the recreational fishermen. The guides would be able to go whenever the wind was calm but we would still be stuck with the season dates. Give us the same opportunity to pick our days also. I would not have a problem if they had more days than we did, but at least we could go on calm days instead of getting beat up on rough days since the season is so short | East Bernard, TX 77435 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 15:52:04 | clifton w. yelvington jr. | c-dawg47@hotmail.com | Please reject seperation. What is the upside? | granbury tx. 76048 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 15:53:14 | Jeffrey D Jowell | Jeffaggie@yahoo.com | Reject separation!!! | Katy, TX, 77494 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 16:01:39 | robert walker | bobby.walker@gcli.com | I urge you to reject sector seperation. This initiative is inherently unfair and completely unjustified at its core. | seabrook, tx, 77586 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 16:01:40 | robert walker | bobby.walker@gcli.com | I urge you to reject sector seperation. This initiative is inherently unfair and completely unjustified at its core. | seabrook, tx, 77586 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 16:01:59 | Tommy Hirth | tommyhirth@cox.net | I reject separation. | Baton Rouge, La. 70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 16:14:50 | Chris Russell | redfishfly@embarqmail.com | This separation of catch " quotas" between charter boats and the recreational fisherman has no positive outcome for the fishery. I strongly urge the counsel to look forward and see that sometimes the best action is no action at all. In other words "if it ain't broke don't fix it" | Clermont Fl 34714 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 16:26:08 | John Taggart | john@worlddatacom.com | Amendment 39 is just plain stupid | Cypress, 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 17:00:43 | Allen Sirocka | gsirocka@hotmail.com | I employ you to reject seperation. Thanks | Crosby, Tx 77532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 17:12:51 | GARY H. HILLMAN JR. | gary_hillman51@yahoo.com | I SPEND MY MONEY TO FISH FOR MY FAMILY, AND TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF RECREATION. I DO NOT DISIRE TO SHARE MY CATCH WITH ANYONE THAT IS GOING TO GIVE IT TO SOMEONE THAT HAS PAID FOR THE PEOPLE THAT FISHES FOR A LIVING. THEY HAVE THE SAME OPPERTUNITY I HAVE, ONLY 7 DAYS A WEEK. TO FORCE PART OF MY SHARE, THEY SHOULD PAY ME X-AMOUNT \$ PER LB.. | HATTIESBURG, MISS 39402 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 17:16:23 | Samuek P Henderson | samchell90@yahoo.com | Please reject Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation. This for-profit scam, does nothing for the resource itself...just lines the pocket books of a select few charter guys. I certainly hope that competent minds prevail and not allow this ridiculous separation that is being proposed. Just think of the amount of money spent annually by all of the recreational fisherman in comparison to those that hire a professional to guide them around. Yes, they probably catch more fish because they are professionals. The end result is that there will be more limits filled by that group with increase bag limits and it therefore defeats the whole purpose of conservation and catching less fish. | Gordon, Tx. 76453 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 17:16:41 | Tom Moughon | moughon@sbcglobal.net | I certainly hope that competent minds prevail and not allow this ridiculous separation that is being proposed. Just think of the amount of money spent annually by all of the recreational fisherman in comparison to those that hire a professional to guide them around. Yes, they probably catch more fish because they are professionals. The end result is that there will be more limits filled by that group with increase bag limits and it therefore defeats the whole purpose of conservation and catching less fish. | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 17:16:53 | Tom Moughon | moughon@sbcglobal.net | I am vehemently opposed to Amendment 39 as it is another attempt to create hardship for charter boat operators. | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 17:18:10 | Robert D Freeman | sunrise@coastalnet.com | | Atlantic Beach, NC 28512 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/9/2012 17:29:48 | Arvin Pakebusch | pakebusch@tisd.net | Please reject separation. | Victoria, Tx 77905 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 17:30:36 | Eric Commander | ecommander@cox.net | Please reject sector separation between recreational and charter fishing. Recreational fishing is important to the economy and to the management of our fishery. We should not have a different quota than a charter boat. | Denham Springs, LA. 70726 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 17:36:14 | Matt Estes | jayne.estes@att.net | Sector Separation is a very, very bad idea and I will oppose this ridiculous measure. | Houston Texas 77083 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 17:49:43 | Leslie Paul Wilson | lesliepaul63@gmail.com | Reject Amendment | Vinton, Louisiana | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 17:50:07 | Leslie Paul Wilson | lesliepaul63@gmail.com | Reject Amendment | Vinton, Louisiana | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 18:02:44 | Steven Mathes | steven_mathes@yahoo.com | Sector separation is the wrong step to take trying to save an over saturated industry. It is just another form of government bailout that will adversely affect our gulf resources. | Waller, TX, 77484 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 18:42:06 | Nicholas A. Balderama | nickrama223@sbcglobal.net | I am opposed to any amendment that would limit fishing opportunities for private recreational anglers. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 18:46:01 | Darryl Baethge | darbaethge@gvec.net | reject separation..... | Seguin, Texas, 78155 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 18:48:50 | George Baquet | gsbaquet@cox.net | I urge Congress not to support the Sector Separation amendment. | Baton Rouge, La 70808 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 19:03:20 | Brian m gurden | Mightybg@hotmail.com | Say NO! To sector separation, there is no purpose to it other than protect the interests of "commercial" fishermen. It has nothing to do with conservation. | Ingleside, tx, 78362 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 19:03:21 | Brian m gurden | Mightybg@hotmail.com | Say NO! To sector separation, there is no purpose to it other than protect the interests of "commercial" fishermen. It has nothing to do with conservation. | Ingleside, tx, 78362 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 19:07:10 | Olin S. Kennedy | olin3323@bellsouth.net | I am against sector separation. Thanks | edgewater, fla, 32132 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 19:30:39 | D. Dooley | ddooleyconsulting@yahoo.com | Sector separation is an extremely bad idea. It will allow charter angling professionals an unfair advantage for taking target species. These business survive by placing fish in the boat. This ability is honed by these charter angling professionals by frequent or daily fishing. The average recreational fisherman does not have the luxury of this amount of time on the water. Separating quotas will limit the lesser skilled anglers take while unfairly providing larger quotas for those already taking the greater percentages of fish. Reject the separation | Alvin, TX 77511 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 19:31:02 | Barbara McIntyre | barbaramc7506@gmail.com | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation Sector Separation is a BAD IDEA! I would not support this! | Angleton | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 19:32:08 | Vicki West | vickilynn03@yahoo.com | Vicki | Pettus, TX 78146 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 19:33:43 | Chris Connor | connorcp2@gmail.com | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation. | Freeport, TX 77541 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 19:34:08 | William Stein, III M.D. | wstein@uno.edu | <p>Dear Members of the Gulf Council,</p> <p>I am a Ph.D. graduate student in Estuarine Fish Ecology and Fisheries Management in addition to being an avid fisherman and diver. I wish to express my concern with regard to the proposed Sector Separation vote that is coming up soon. Sector separation would lead to more complex regulations that will be difficult for the fishing public to comprehend and may be difficult at best to enforce. Further curtailing the catch by non-commercial fishers would result in economic hardship for many businesses that rely on this resource such as boat launches, bait sellers, tackle and boat sales, and revenue of State Wildlife and Fisheries. As it appears to be proposed, only a few select charter and for-hire boats would benefit to the detriment of the remainder of the fishing public. The rationale for the proposed sector separation is not clear nor does there appear to be any scientific evidence to support this plan. I urge you to reconsider this vote at least until such time as valid data can be assessed to understand the impact on all of the stake-holders.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>William Stein, III M.D. Ph.D. Graduate Student University of New Orleans</p> | Metairie, La. 70005 | Private Recreational Angler, NGO, Other |
| 8/9/2012 19:38:09 | Richard Lane Smith | kutnchute2003@yahoo.com | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation. | Lake Jackson, TX, 77566 | |
| 8/9/2012 19:38:14 | Marc Douglas Mayo | marcmayo@sbcglobal.net | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation! | Tyler, Tx, 75706 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/9/2012 19:41:13 | Chris Rinche | Chrisrinche@hotmail.com | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation | Laporte Tx 77571 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/9/2012 19:49:52 | Mark Peart | mpeart417@gmail.com | <p>I am opposed to sector separation...!!! This is by far, one of the worst ideas yet. Every time we turn around we are getting our limits cut and more restrictions put in place. This is a ridiculous idea..... Do we even have rights anymore?? Please do not pass this...</p> <p>Thank you, Mark Peart (a very unhappy "recreational")</p> | Chalmette, la 70043 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 19:54:08 | charles I. peal | cpeal1@stx.rr.com | leave it alone . don't give anyone or any group advantages over anyone else | corpus christi , tx 78410 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 19:55:02 | joe johnson | janjoh@aol.com | <p>PLEASE don't split the recreational quota. I you do anything, split the charter boats from the recreational boyas, and add their catch to the commercial catch, All without affecting the recreational TAC. Adding the charte boat catch to the commercial catch is both logical and correct, for they are all making a profit out of a public resource, without compensation to the public. I realize the Council is so biased against the recreational fisherman that this will never happenn but just keep on screwing the rec boys enough get us pissed off enough (I am there already), and we wiil vote the bastards out and make the red snapper a gamefish, just like we did with with the ducks and other waterefowl. AMEN!</p> | | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 19:55:51 | Betty Wollam | txchick529@yahoo.com | "I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation" | Danbury, TX 77534 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/9/2012 19:57:12 | Janie Smith | janies@verizon.net | Please move forward with a separate Fishery Management Plan for Charter Boats, which my husband and I totally support. Thank you!! | | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/9/2012 20:04:57 | Timothy S. Adams | CaptTim@DoubleTimeCharters | I support scoping meetings for sector separation, however, as a Charter boat owner/operator, I have many great concerns. Sector separation is a plan which should be looked into, provided it's MAIN GOAL IS TO PROVIDE COMPLETE SEPARATION, (COMPLETE ALLOCATION SEPARATION) FROM ALL OTHER ALLOCATION ENTITIES SUCH AS RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL SECTORS! If complete allocation separation is the true base for "sector separation", then I do wish to support further meetings and scoping of same. If allocation separation, TRUE ALLOCATION SEPARATION, is not in the plan, I DO NOT SUPPORT IT. In other words, if we have sector separation, and another sector over fished THEIR ALLOCATION, such as the commercial or recreational sector, OUR SECTOR (CHARTER-FOR-HIRE) WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY! That is the entire reason we would even think about sector separation, and submitting our own FMP (fisheries management plan), to protect our historical catch, with accurate, relevant, current data to back it up. Yes, I DO have a degree in Biology, Yes I have Statistical background, yes, I am a SCUBA diver (ex-instructor) who dives and SEES the fish on the reefs and wrecks. I will be unable to attend the New Orleans meeting later this month as I will be out of town, but please do not take my comments lightly. I am a member of the DCBA and NACO and because I dive, I see so much the average fisherman does not. We need to find out more about sector separation as the charter-for-hire sector is VERY ACCOUNTABLE, I have participated in every survey out there. Please review my comments and note them at the New Orleans meeting as I would wish to attend but am unable. Sincerely, Capt. TimAdams | Destin, Fl., 32541 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/9/2012 20:23:37 | Beth Journeay | Bethjourneay@yahoo.com | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation. | Angleton, TX 77515 | |
| 8/9/2012 20:25:36 | Joe Estrada | je12b@yahoo.com | Please don't vote for Sector separation. I believe the council can better utilize it's time by disguising the method the oil companies are using to remove the non working oil rigs from the Gulf of Mexico. (dynamite) I have personally witness the mass killing of our beloved red snapper and that is just what floated on the sea surface for miles, no telling how many species got decimated among them. but I don't need to tell you, you are the experts. at times I ask my self what the percentage of this council era avid anglers? may be some one can enlighten me, or may be this e-mail will just be thrown away in the bulk trash or spam folder. just wondering. Thank you for your time. Joe Estrada | San Antonio, tx. 78248 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 20:33:59 | Richard Godare | adogriam@aol.com | reject sector separation | Sulphur, La. 70665 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 20:41:56 | Mike Carlile | dea of sector 001@comcast.net | My vote is against the idea of sector separation. It is wrong. | Dickinson, Texas, 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/9/2012 20:49:45 | Charles Larry Reddoch | seagullalso@cableone.net | I am against any amendment that would take fish limits away from private Recreational anglers & give to private Charter boats.I think Charter boat limits should be included in the Commercial limits.I am 70 years old and still fish.I started with my dad when I was a small child.I have passed this on to my Grandkids & they love it both the boys & the girls.Recreational Fisherman spend more money each year on fishing supplies & support than all commercial /headboats will ever spend in any given year.I keep up 2 boats,thounds of dollars in tackel & repairs not to mention the gasoline , groceries ect.Someone needs to use some common sense here.We the people elected you to look out for everyones interest not just a chossen few.My spelling is not the best but I do have a College Degree and I am a veteran of the USA Air National Guard with an Honorable Discharge dated June the 12th 1965.Please kill this idea before it goes any futher.Thank You for your time & service as a U.S.representative from the people who sent you to Washington D.C. to look after their interest.I know Charter boat Captians vote just as I do,but their are a lot more recreational fishermen than Charter Boat Captians,majority rules. Thanks Charles L Reddoch a proud citizen of The State of Mississippi and The United States of America. | Gulfport,Ms 39503 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 20:50:03 | George Jennings | gwjenningsjr@yahoo.com | "I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation" | Deer Park, TX, 77536 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 20:58:37 | Linda Sexton | lasexton53@hotmail.com | "I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation" | Austin, TX 78739 | Other |
| 8/9/2012 21:29:01 | Jill Lassman | Jillcurlygirl@sbcglobal.net | I support the charter fleet in exploring Sector Separation. | Danbury, Texas. 77534 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 21:31:09 | Mike Lassman | mlassman@sbcglobal.net | I support the charter fleet in exploring sector separation... | Danbury, TX, 77534 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 21:41:50 | joshua gabel | joshgabel@absolutedemolition. | WhatishappeningintheGulfofMexicoFisheryManagementCouncilisbig. Reallybig. Atfirstglance,itmaynotlooklikeabigdealbutitisagiveawaythatisscarcelly conceivableinthemanagementofothernaturalresources.TheGulfCouncilis consideringdividingrecrea_onalangersintotwosectors,thosewiththeirown boatsandthosewhoowncharterandfor-hireboats.TheCouncilwouldthentake somepor_onofthefishnowgiventooallrecrea_onalangersandliterallygiveit away toaselectfewbusinessesopera_nghthosecharterandfor-hireboatstouse astheirown,howeverandwhenevertheywish. Andwhatwouldthosebusinessespayforthiswindfall?Nothing.Whatarethel I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation. | LIBERTY HILL, Tx 78642 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 21:57:55 | Patricia Lesch Jennings | jennings_patricia@sbcglobal.net | thank you, Patricia L. Jennings | Angleton, Texas 77515 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/9/2012 22:26:23 | Thomas N Roche | lonefisherman4@aol.com | I am definitely against this new bill to sector the gulf fishery. | Houston Texas, 77064 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/9/2012 22:48:57 | Eric Myron-James Gray | Ericgraylh@live.com | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation. | Liberty Hill, Texas, 78642 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 0:51:14 | Russell watts | Rlwatts@eatel.net | Since when did your organization own the fish in the sea. If you go through with this lame brain idea of dividing the fish in the gulf to set aside fish for charter captains all you will do is create a division within people groups and start a major conflict. Be mindful of your decisions. Currently I and most fisherman I know give charter captains their space because they are tryin to make a living. These guys do just fine. They aren't starving. They drive better trucks and boats than I can afford. Quit listening to the wrong people and use your head for something other than a hat rack. | Livingston, La. 70754 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/10/2012 3:17:00 | cheryl sanders | tbrvpark@aol.com | Please do not pass the sector separation. This does not help anyone! thank you, Cheryl Sanders | anahuac, tx 77514 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 3:39:14 | Hoyt Lowe | Texasoffshore@embarqmail.com | I do not want a separation of quota for charter boats especially with limited entry into charter fleet. I believe if you want to make a living chartering you should be able to. This is America where you should be able to do whatever you want to make a living and with limited entry you are crushing people dreams because it cost to much to buy a permit from someone just to get started. Keep the charter boats in the recreational pool | Angleton,tx 77515 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/10/2012 3:51:41 | Daniel Mire | danmire@hotmail.com | It never fails to amaze me that THE LITTLE GUY always seems to get zapped. Why devide the fishermen? There is no reason for this, especially when it hurts and restricks the recreational fisherman. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS. Thank You Dan Mire | Laguna Vista, TX. 78578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 4:05:47 | Robert Green | greenrg@sbcglobal.net | Please do not allow this to go through, this is not smart policy. | Texas City, Tx 77590 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 4:40:58 | Frank Hardwick Bieri | bierifh@sbcglobal.net | I know that folks that fish Commercially for their lively hood should also respect the fact that other industries are also dependent on the recreation fisher. Also commercial fishing has a lot to do with the lower count of fish do to taking of all size of fish. Just go to a restraint and order Trout or Redfish or Flounder they are under the legal size limit. If you kill of the young you will not have the larger. | Angleton, Tx 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 4:54:24 | Amado Hernandez | hernandez.amado@sbcglobal.net | Please preserve my rights as a recreational fisherman. I ask that you oppose the plan for Sector Separation in our Gulf Waters. Many thanks, Amado Hernandez | Friendswood, TX 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 4:57:29 | Thomas G. Hammond | tgh715@cebridge.net | reject separation | Baytown, Tx 77523 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 5:06:29 | Deborah Green | liveonbay@yahoo.com | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring sector separation. Deb Green | San Leon, TX. 77539 | Other |
| 8/10/2012 5:07:00 | Pam Cantrell | pamcantrell1@sbcglobal.net | Yes | Liberty Hill, Texas 78642 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 5:20:55 | Billy jalufka | bjalufka@comcast.net | No sector separation | Texas City, TX. 77590 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 5:40:04 | Steve Pesonen | spesonen@comcast.net | Do not allow the sector separation to happen. | Houston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 5:53:36 | Kimberly Arnhold | aussammom@verizon.net | I support the Charter Fleet exploration of the sector separation | Webster, TX 77598 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/10/2012 5:55:00 | ray e moore | razor.gorillas@gmail.com | Please defeat seperation bill | | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/10/2012 5:59:02 | Dennis Schimming | dennischim@yahoo.com | Sirs, I fish from both private craft and charter boats and for the life of me I can't understand why anyone would give For-Hire preferential treatment over private boat owners. This give undue favoritism to the commercial charters .When you look at this on the economy level think of all the private boats using gas ,bait,tackle,as opposed to a far less number of commercial charters. I feel this is a BAD idea and should never happen. | Houston, Tx., 77065 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 6:02:58 | Michael Mood | mmood@enterprisinglyon.com | I am against the sector separation between headboats and recreational anglers. Actually you should focus on giving recreational anglers more than 49%, and reduce commercial fishing from 51% to represent economic reality. Recreational fishing drives more commercial benefits. | 78373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 6:05:09 | Robert Palmer | coastaloutfitters@comcast.net | Splitting the recreational TAC into two separate parts does nothing for the purely recreational fishermen or the resource, It only serves to give the for-hire charters a larger share of an already pitiful rec. allotment and puts money in their pockets from a public resource. This is a commercial endeavor on the for-hire captain's part. Take their catch shares out of the commercial TAC by taking catch shares away from commercial fishermen who are not filling their annual quotas. It is pathetic that the commercial fleet should be able to sit on unused catch shares and the rec. fishermen should have to suffer with a less than 50 day season that is further shortened by work week days, poor weather conditions, high fuel prices, and rough seas. This should be amended as well, to include many secondary weekend seasons for the rec. sector. | Rosenberg, TX 77471 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 6:08:01 | Kathie Bassler | kathieb@basslerenergyservices.com | I am a recreational angler that uses charter captains on a regular basis and see no reason for sector separation of allowed fish that you are proposing. CCA feels that this is not a good idea and they are usually right on with the best interest of recreational fishing | port Mansfield, Texas 78598 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/10/2012 6:09:20 | james c ferguson | fergusonjamesc@gmail.com | no to amendment 39, I fish often & spend plenty----- I think the allotment of fish harvest is all ready out of line, I will see who votes for this am.39 & will not vote for anyone in favor of this. | 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 6:12:02 | Steve Wildner | scwildner@outlook.com | I would strongly discourage any further Federal Regulatory intervention into our Gulf fisheries at the current time. Far more research and dialog needs to take place before considering any action of this sort to preclude unforeseen consequences. | San Antonio, TX, 78247 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 6:31:04 | robert j manon | robmanon@tampabay.rr.com | sector seperation is wrong and will hurt our fishing not help. this is a plan by head boats to increase their fish kill. | holiday fl 34691 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 6:33:34 | Garry J. Primeaux Jr. | primeauxfarms@yahoo.com | From what I read I've seen all cons and no pros on this issue, so I therefore ask that this amendment be rejected. | Fenton, LA 70640 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 6:51:42 | Walter F. Hatcher | waltfh@suddenlink.net | Leave the laws on fishing alone. Do not seperate the sectors, the rules should apply to all parties and not give a difference in the application of rules to to all groups. | Lake Charles, LA 70607 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 6:55:17 | Victor Huerta | vhuerta@harvey-cleary.com | As a recreational angler, I believe this is a terrible idea. | San Antonio, TX 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 7:03:46 | Donald Strowd | strowd@att.net | This is unfair to the recreational angler who pays the majority of taxes for fishery managment. This is more like releasing the fox in the henhouse, a money grab. Equality to all. Do not seperate us. Don | San Antonio, Tx 78259 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 7:13:53 | Will Cowan | Will_cowan03@yahoo.com | Don't take more rights away from the recreational fisherman. It is not fair and just. | Dallas, Tx 75254 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/10/2012 7:17:30 | Joseph McMahon | jeaux11@bellsouth.net | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. Please reject this approach to resource management. J. J. McMahon | 70301 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 7:22:21 | F J Eicke | CaptEicke@AOL.com | The overwhelming position of recreational anglers and the majority of our for-hire/charter brethren oppose Sector Separation. Why the Gulf Council is wasting time on this is beyond me and shows the influence a small and non-representative group can have on a legitimate process. Get on with your business - and Sector Separation is NOT with no outcome that justifies considering it further. For-hire/charter operators ARE recreational anglers but the process also points to the failure of the Gulf Council to recognize the overwhelming economic and social impact of the private recreational angling community. The issue is allocation, DUMMY! (to paraphrase politicians who recognize that the issue IS the economy). | Ocean Springs MS 39564 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 7:28:25 | Jim copeland | copelandsinc@yahoo.com | I am against the sector separation plan. | Corpus Christi, Tex. 78411 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 7:29:19 | Jeff DuBois | anjhunters@cox.net | I would ask that the Council reject the seperation from private anglers and Charter Boat's. | New Iberia, LA 70563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 7:48:06 | Tammy Pearcy | tampurvis@hotmail.com | REJECT Amendment 39 | Bulverde, TX 78163 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 7:51:13 | Kyle Todd | kyle.todd@lpl.com | Two sector idea is a bad plan... Please protect my rights as a recreational angler... Less government is better. Plea vote "AGAINST" division into sectors. Regards, | houston, TX 77056 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 7:54:37 | barry e. wilson | bew2001@msn.com | do not allow this to happen. | raceland,la. 70394 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 7:58:00 | jimmy pasteka | bullrunsgnt@yahoo.com | I and my family have been fishing the gulf since 1974 and hope the members of the Gulf Council are listening because the message from Governors, Congressmen, and the recreational angling community is quite clear – privatizing public wildlife resources through sector separation and catch shares is the wrong direction,” said Chester Brewer, chairman of Coastal Conservation Association’s National Government Relations Committee. “If the Council and NOAA Fisheries continue to ignore this message, then that should be interpreted as yet more evidence that the federal management system is broken and Congress should engage to either rein in a federal agency that has lost its way or explore a completely new paradigm for managing the nation’s marine resources.” | Needville.tx. 77461 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 7:59:26 | Andre N Barnum | g.nesis7@yahoo.com | Please reject separation sectors. I vote & I'll will remember to vote out all parties involved in this unfair proposal!!! | Denham Springs, LA 70727 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 8:01:38 | David Dyson | david.dyson@akzonobel.com | reject | Baton Rouge, La | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 8:02:08 | Randy O'Neal | rhoneal@bellsouth.net | Sector separation is a Terrible idea. Commercial fisherman are no different than the commercial duck hunters were 100 years ago. Why should a few select "businessmen" be allowed to make hugh profits utilizing Public resources. YOU need to do the right thing for the American public. There should be less and less commercial fisherman and NONE at the expence of the Recreational Angler. IT is not yours to SELL to the highest bidder. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 8:04:53 | Jonathan Barraza | jbomar86@msn.com | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation | | Other |

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| 8/10/2012 8:07:39 | Jeff Reaux | jreaux@bellsouth.net | I feel very discriminated against when someone say there will be a seperation in this or any arena of what is and always has been a Louisiana Sportsmans rights. We should act accordingly and be the Sportsmen that Louisiana deserves. There is room for all and the only thing that would demand segregation would be GREED. Jeff Reaux | La, | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 8:11:48 | Jonathon Vincent | jonathonv@yahoo.com | I am against Sector Separation for recreational anglers versus Charter boat anglers. I work just as hard for my dollars as a charter captain and i should have the same opportunity to catch as many fish as they do. | Youngsville, LA, 70592 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 8:11:59 | Lindley Holleman | Lindley.holleman@gmail.com | This is rediculous. | New Iberia, la, 70563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 8:36:56 | Jason Gale | jpgale@satx.rr.com | Please do not even consider sector separation. I believe it to be unlawful and showing favoritism. | san antonio tx 78260 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 8:37:20 | Steve Boyd | sboyd@oceaneering.com | This knee-jerk regulation has to stop. The rules are already written to benefit the tiny percent of the population that makes its living off the commercial harvest of the public supply of fish. Commercial hunting was eliminated many years ago, because it's unsustainable, but commercial fishing is apparently exempt from good management practice. It's a shame for those that have historically made their living this way, but it's necessary to protect the resource. Now, instead of addressing the problem, you seek to con the public into believing that the private sector is the problem. It's a lie, and you should be ashamed. It isn't the fault of the guides/hire boats, either. Most of them came from commercial sector. Recreational and for-hire fishing provides hundreds of times more economic and conservation benefits than commercial fishing. Maybe that's it - allow the commercial harvest to destroy the resource, and you can ban all fishing? | Hempstead, Texas, 77445 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 8:43:04 | John W. Morris's III | JwmorriSs3@coMcast net | Please vote NO to changing our rights to fish, and to keep our individual rights to the limits set by our states! | Galveston, Texas, 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 8:43:06 | John W. Morris's III | JwmorriSs3@coMcast net | Please vote NO to changing our rights to fish, and to keep our individual rights to the limits set by our states! | Galveston, Texas, 77554 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 8:47:35 | Dr. Bert Vasut | bertvasut@yahoo.com | Separation of recreational and for-hire sectors in no ways serves the efforts of conservation and is nothing more than a federal beauracracy caving to lobbying efforts. Time for the Gulf Council to grow a pair and do something that serves the good of the fishery as a whole, not an interest group. | The Hills, TX 78738 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 8:58:51 | gene ennis | gene.ennis@gmail.com | I believe your sector separation is not a conservation idea which makes any sense. Why not have a public debate about this issue, but allow other ideas to surface which may be more constructive. I have read your proposal and the background and I cannot see any real advantage for the fish. I thought your goal was to manage the resource, not who harvests the resource. | sargent, tx 77414 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 9:00:47 | Shay W. Corbin | docshaycorbin@yahoo.com | Vote no on seperation. as a boat owner i should have the same right as a charter boat. the expenses i have are not off set by the people i take fishing. an increase for one should go for all. | St. Francisville, La. 70775 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 9:02:25 | JAMES THOMPSON | NO1TUNA@COX.NET | AGAINST SECTOR SEPARATION FOR REEF FISH | BATON ROUGE, LA 70809 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 9:23:57 | Robert E. Sanders | robert092@cox.net | Please do not allow the division of recreational anglers into two sectors. It would be detrimental for non-commercial recreational fishermen. I can't understand what the benefit would be of this proposed division. It all seems very vague as to what the benefits are, and to whom. | New Iberia, Louisiana, 70563 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/10/2012 9:28:30 | Lewis Homburg | homburgthomas@aol.com | I categorically oppose anyone who gives some of my already restricted allocation to someone else for commercial gain. Doesn't anyone remember what almost happened to the red drum--who would have been driven to extinction by commercial harvest? | West Columbia TX 77486 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 9:44:35 | Keith M. Lee | Leeracin273@yahoo.com | Do what Cowboy Charter's say's need's to be. | 72058 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 9:50:26 | David Koons | davidkoonsusa@yahoo.com | I DO NOT support the proposal of sector separation. | Houston, Texas 77007 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 9:53:44 | Jason Jordan | Jjordan@allprorecon.com | I am 200% against this. If this passes I am gonna sell my boat and all my gear. While I'm not the wealthiest guy in the world I spend roughly 50k a year on fishing. Now my lil 50k a year isn't gonna have an impact on anything but if a lot of fishermen did the same that would be a lot of money not being spent. Bait gas tackle purchased by rec anglers far exceeds that of the few piss ant charter captains. I sure hope this does not pass as it will indeed be a sad day more recreational fishermen | Texas city tx 77590 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 9:55:14 | Thomas Hewes | thmshew@bellsouth.net | STOP SECTOR SEPARATION!!!! | Gulfport | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | The limits on all game fish in the gulf are strict enough. Take from them it will not be worth fueling your boat up to go out. I think this may be why you are doing it. The price to run those 42 foot, Bertrams and the like is rising, there for this increase is passed down to the customer who decides not to book the charters. | | |
| | | | Another thing you should check into is the situation in Rockport TX. There are so many guides in this area, they have literally ruined what until about 4 years ago was in a very healthy fishery.. They have fished out every legal size Trout. You can catch Trout that are about 1" short of the limit thinking that the next summer they will be legal, The next year they are but in early spring the guides head out and by early summer they is nothing left but the undersized by 1" Trout left. The use of Golden Croaker for bait has a lot to do with it. If Croaker were categorized as a game fish this truly would have slowed down the demise of this fishery. Also, I have been a member of CCA my entire adult life. In fact it was GCCA when I first joined. They brought Redfish back from dismal numbers in the Rockport area in the late 70's and by the early 80's there was a very healthy Redfish population that was doing a great job of flourishing. in these beautiful bays. The guide have now just about wiped out all of this by GCCA. | | |
| 8/10/2012 9:59:24 | Ronnie Rozacky | lastofthehandsomedudes@hotmail.com | They now cannot target trout or Redfish for their clients. They are down to targeting BLACK DRUM. It is the only true game fish left. Pretty soon they will fish out these and these bays bays will be not worth fishing, and the economy of the towns from Lamar down to Corpus Christi will start to suffer. | Houston, TX , 77040 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 10:04:21 | Shane Hopkins | hopkins2001@gmail.com | I would like to voice my strong opposition to the Sector Separation amendment. The Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, all of the fishermen at my marina and myself oppose this legislation. Please ensure that this amendment is defeated. | Cypress, TX 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 10:12:51 | Michael Rau | rau802@cableone.net | Sincerely, Shane Hopkins | | |
| 8/10/2012 10:12:51 | Michael Rau | rau802@cableone.net | The plan for Sector Separation sounds like a way for the for-hire boats to get a larger share of the allocation. This is not a good plan for private boat owners. This idea should not pass. Thank you. Michael Rau | Port Lavaca, Tx 77979 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 10:22:53 | Jamie J. Pitre | pitre@chevron.com | No separation | Larose, LA 70373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 10:27:13 | Ray Driver III | driver@q10kdhco.com | reject SECTOR SEPARATION, only a bunch of govt. idiots could dream up something so stupid.. | Houston, Tx 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/10/2012 10:32:12 | Michael Castolenia | castoleniaml@att.net | As a recreational angler It disturbs me to read that once again we are going to take another hit by some council who wants to give away more of our rights to some special interest group. Recreational anglers are always the first to get hit with limits on bag & size, increases on licenses and other restrictions, yet we pour BILLIONS into not only local but state coffers and now this council wants to give away more of our rights. Remember the saltwater stamp, it was only supposed to be imposed for five years and never go above five bucks? Now here we are how many years later and how much more are we paying! Would somebody please stop the bleeding! I make my living refining crude into gasoline and diesel fuel. I don't get a discount at the pump and I don't believe charter boat operators should get special privileges just because they chose to make their living fishing. | Lumberton,Texas 77657 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 10:46:04 | charles w. richey jr. | crichey72@gmail.com | I am very against sector seperation. The people that fish on charter boats are recreational fisherman also. The charter boat's should not be given part of the recreational fishermans quota so that they can make a profit from the fish that belong to everyone. | shoreacres,texas, 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 11:01:23 | Patrick A. McKeon | mckeonpatrick@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad ides and I do not support it. | Lacombe, LA. 70445 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 11:15:27 | John Vernor | jwvernor@yahoo.com | NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations. We need to reject this grab for power. We do not need more regulations and we need to reduce the government intervention in our daily lives. | Sealy, TX 77474 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 11:30:53 | Terry Lynn Prince | lone_star_terry@yahoo.com | I do not agree W/the separation proposal. | Dayton, tx 77535 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/10/2012 12:08:08 | Michael E. Quintela | quintme@gvtc.com | What we really need to do is lower the limits for commercial fishing. Money cannot be the sole reason that we as a people ruin the fishing stock. Recreational Anglers do not descimate whole stocks of fish at one catch. I personaly beleive that we need to seriously monitor stocks and close all fishing until that stock recovers no matter who's catching them! We cannot exceed the balance in nature. | Spring Branch, TX. 78070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 12:08:19 | jason boone | boonjg@bp.com | It's had to believe this great country has come to a point where a few knuckleheads can propose actions or laws with money changing hands for a few and the rest of us just get to live with it!!! | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 12:11:14 | Reggie Lee Roberts | lrober43@gmail.com | I disagree this thinking is right in line with Obama's socialism. It's a sad day in America if this happens, this will drive a wedge between the recreational fishermen and the charter boats. | Harvey, La 70058 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 12:19:01 | Lisa Guthrie | laguthrie35@gmail.com | Sector Separation is a bad idea. | Seabrook, TX 77586 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 12:20:38 | Brent Waddell | brent@freedomwaste.net | No separation | Jensen Beach, Fla 34957 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 12:42:37 | Rod D Resweber | resweber@gmail.com | Recreational anglers account for 80% of the revenue derived from the fishing industry in La. All we ask for is our fair share of the resourse and a little respect for our hobby. We deserve more than a small share of the reef allotment. I want to go on record that I am against Reef Fish Ammendment 39. The quota we have now is rediciously small considering the huge # of fish in the Gulf (particularly Red Snapper). This ammendment would cause fully half of the offshore fishermen to quit fishing there altogether. Its got to the point where only the very rich can afford to fish. That is patently unfair. | Lafayette, La 70529 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/10/2012 12:46:13 | Aaron Wilson | dirtbustersmd@aol.com | I am opposed to sector separation. I am also opposed to the junk science being used to "manage" our fisheries. We don't fish nearly as much as we would like to due to lower limits of fish per person and much higher costs of fuel. there are fewer anglers targeting species of fish now than in the past. Recreational angling is a blast, though now, its becoming a lost art because of over regulationand inflated costs! | Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 13:07:18 | buck blevins | bblevins@infintyacs.us | do not separate. bad idea. | 77531 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 13:15:00 | ken cluck | kcluck001@comcast.net | Please do not rob rec. fishermen of their quotas to feed the commercial fisheries.While I respect the long traditions of commercially fishing our oceans ,it i clear we must look to other means ,or risk depleting stocks to the point of no return.The rec. fisherman is ready and willing to adhere to fluctuating size and amounts, while the fellow who fishes commercially must have massive amounts to keep their respective operations in the black. The rec. fisherman actually pours money into his passion for fishing .This allows many bissnesses and communities to thrive. | laporte texas 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 13:16:44 | Jillian Williams | deckhandbarbie@gmail.com | I support sector separation for all head boats and charter for hire vessels. Please keep in mind that these people are doing this for a living. They sopport thier families and lifestyles doing this. There is no way they should be kept in the same sector as people fishing for a hobby. The people of the head boats and charter boats need you help to kept thier businesses running. These are all very hard working people and they deserve to have your help. Please sopport sector separation and give these people the best chance they can have to run thier business to the highest potential. They have very different needs than recreational fishermen. | 77539 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/10/2012 13:50:00 | Dawn Whitlaw | tigerjim50@aol.com | I live in South Carolina and want to tell you ALL. that we have enough people trying to tend to everyone's business and take away what is our lively hood. Govt needs to find something else to do. I love Mississippi and God forbid the US Govt and the state of Ms trying to do this. Dawn whitlaw I thought Katrina took away most of what seafood we enjoy now you all are trying to do the same. | Westminster,SC, 29693 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/10/2012 14:01:42 | Allen Dill | allendill@yahoo.com | Please vote NO on Reef Fish Amendment 39-Sector Separation. It would be very unfair to recreational anglers. | Hernando Beach, Fl. 34607 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 14:12:53 | John Requardt | jdipper1@gmail.com | Please do not let the catch shares go foward. It is wrong. | Crystal Beach, Texas 77650 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 14:13:36 | Gary Cotton | grcot@prodigy.net | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation. | Angleton, Tx. 77515 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 14:27:09 | Stephen Stewart MD | superflymd@gmail.com | I am ABSOLUTELY opposed to Sector Separation. It benefits no one except a select few for-hire fisherman who stand to make a lot of money on the backs of the rest of us. Sector Separation does not help preserve the resources of the Gulf of Mexico, and appears to be entirely motivated by politics and greed. Please, REJECT SECTOR SEPARATION. | Harlingen, TX 78552 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 15:12:19 | chad polensky | chad_polensky@yahoo.com | dont do it | lamarque tx 77568 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/10/2012 15:19:15 | john warren beaugh jr | j_beaugh@hotmail.com | where in the laws of the usa it says that a hand full of charter boats should be grant special grace over others. if any thing they should be put under the commerical side. because they are makeing money for there services the marina i fish out of their about 5 charter boats for hire.3 boats that do it full time and two that do it on weekends.there are about 50 boats that are private boats.so do yall think that these 5 boats genarate as much money as the 50 boats do.so if you do any thing they should be put with the other people that make their livin form the red snapper fishing so that they can fish at any time in the year. so it would be in the best interst of the council to vote this down. are move them to the other side. First and foremost, I SAY NO TO SECTOR SEPARATION. | opelousas la 70570 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 15:21:16 | Dave R | awonderwitt@yahoo.com | I used to carry 100 Ton USCG Capt license. These days, I seldom fish, unless I am able and get an invitation. This Sector Separation is not fair. Another example of a few "chosen folks" receiving special treatment. That seems to be a trend in this country. Please vote "No". This is likely another bought and paid scheme conspired by a few folks in the dark.... making money out the back door. Yes, I just spoke of the crooks in our fisheries management. Sweet deals for a few, come at price. The resources belong to everyone..... equally; not more for some and less for others. | Campbellton, FI 32426 | Other Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 15:28:14 | Myrtle D. Rainey | Susurainey03@gmail. Com | Please vote against this heinous bill | Cankton, LA. 70584 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 15:33:39 | Melody Tarrillion | mtarrillion@bernsteinrealty.com | I support the Charter Fleet exploration of the sector separation | Houston, Texas 77042 | Other |
| 8/10/2012 15:46:17 | DR. PETE KESSLER | k5ltd2@yahoo.com | R E J E C T S E P A R A T I O N !!!!!!!!! | P'COLA BCH, FL 32561 | Other |
| 8/10/2012 15:48:52 | Brenda Weathered | brendalogue@mail.com | Please REJECT sector separation! | Corpus Christi, TX 78411 | Other Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 15:53:47 | Gwendolyn Sue Sifford | gsifford@comcast.net | I am not in favor of the separation of anglers. This measure should not pass. I strongly oppose sector separation. | Houston, Tx 77045 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 15:54:20 | Marc Rounsaville | mrounsav@gmail.com | I strongly oppose commercial harvest of marine life. This outdated and archaic practice should end, just as it has ended for terrestrial fauna over 100 years ago. Through fishing licenses, and excise taxes on equipment, plus lodging, food etc. recreational anglers have a larger positive impact on both fisheries management and the economies. Please step up and do the right thing. Enact actions that will begin the process to eliminate exploitation of our marine resources. Thank you for listening | Orange Beach. AL 36561 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 15:56:46 | Thomas L Sifford | tlsifford@comcast.net | I do not osupport the sector separation. Please do not pass this proposal | Houston TX 77045 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 16:05:47 | Sandra Carson | sccdds@gmail.com | Separation does not appear to have any positive benefit for private anglers and seems to introduce restrictions and control where none is needed. Please do not vote for this separation. | Corpus Christi, TX 78412 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 16:19:36 | Kirk I Reilley | kreilley1@cox.net | vote no on sector separation management & catch shares | edmond,ok,73003 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/10/2012 16:21:16 | Lillian Gasca | liliangasca@gmail.com | No reject this plan. | Bayside TX. 78340 | Other |
| 8/10/2012 16:32:58 | Kenneth J. Comardelle | kjcomard51@cs.com | Gentlemen, Reef Amendment 39-sector separation is a bad idea. Giving a few charter captains rights over recreational fisherman, undermines the sport fisherman, while giving preferential treatment to charter captains. This is offensive to the thousands of sport fishermen and will hurt the gulf coast states economics. Please vote against this resolution. Thank you, Kenneth J. Comardelle A lifelong sport fisherman | Livingston, La. 70754 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 16:34:06 | Troy Broussard | troybroussard@accutrol-llc.com | i charter inshore and offshore boats to entertain clients 2-3 times a year. i also bring clients on my personal boat, along with my family. the last time i looked "the Pursuit of Happiness" is still a part of the Constitution | Sulphur, La 70665 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 16:43:51 | Clinton Keith Manuel | wan.dama@hotmail.com | Reject separation please!!! | beaumont,texas, 77613 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 17:05:50 | Ryan Joseph Murphy | Rjmurphy424@gmail.com | I support CCA | Houston, TX, 77021 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 17:08:13 | Ross Spencer | ross.spencer@att.net | Keep fishing limits available to all Texas sports fishermen | The Woodlands, Texas,77381 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 17:25:12 | Jeremy | Jimowens5@gmail.com | ? | New orleans, la 70124 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 17:27:21 | john clardy | samandjohnw2b@charter.net | at the cost of fishing and very little time to go fishing i need to have the same opportunity to catch the same amount as the next person without being on a charter boat | holden | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 17:39:17 | David Martin | David.Houma@yahoo.com | This is a VERY BAD idea ! With all the money spent by thousands of recreational fisherman, how much do you think you will loose in taxes and support in the future. | Montegut, La. 70377 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 18:04:25 | Mike Meeks | wofclub21@yahoo.com | Please reject the God given right to catch your own fish. Get rid of netting and watch the fish return. The bye-product of net fishing is wasted via cull. Think of how many non-targeted fish are thrown away. Plus, many of us fish for dinner. We already are paying 3.50 a gallon to drive to the coast. People chartering boats have enough to buy boats or fish at their local market. Please do not turn America into 16th century England, where on the rich could hunt and fish. Eventually, the poor will have nothing to eat but the rich. Thank you. | Tallahassee Florida 32309 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 18:04:48 | Mike Meeks | wofclub21@yahoo.com | Thank you. | Tallahassee Florida 32309 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 18:25:17 | ED HUNT | THEEPLAYERSGROUP@AOL | vote to defeat Separation | TAMPA FL. 33612 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 18:43:39 | William Theodore | drktheo@tampabay.rr.com | SS is not a good plan. It will do nothing for better fishery management. Only better science utilizing all tools available can provide healthier fishery stocks. In addition, SS will reward a small group of fishermen, it will cause damage to the Florida economy and cost jobs. It is also the pathway to "catch shares' which will be the end of the fishing industry as we know it. All thse ideas that have been formulated and popularized by the groups who will profit when they are in place. | palm harbor, FL 34683 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/10/2012 19:29:46 | Shaun Michael Igo | hitide610@yahoo.com | This new issue of separating recreational angling is another baffling attempt to create warfare among the citizens of what HAS been the best managed nation on a world scale. To attempt to inform private anglers that they can no longer enjoy the outdoors is an effort in government futility. It will not happen. If the current most corrupt administration in the history of the United States of America is seeking division amongst its inhabitants, I am certain it can achieve it. The problem will be that the governmental dependants are those who do nothing now, and will do nothing when that separation comes. Fishing for both nutritional provision and sport is a God given human right and biblical instruction. Do not attempt to take that away. There will be no Allah to protect those who do nothing. | Manvel, TX 77578 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 19:56:11 | robert minzenmayer | rwminz@hughes.net | we need the reef fishing amendment passed as a recreation fisherman | llano tex 78643 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 19:57:38 | robert minzenmayer | rwminz@hughes.net | we need the reef fishing amendment passed as a recreation fisherman it would be wery helpful | llano tex 78643 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 19:58:30 | Steven Putney | txoffshore@gmail.com | I would like to protest the idea of Sector Separation. We are already limited as Rec Anglers to the point where the \$100,000 I spend a year to take my family and clients fishing is not worth it.....can the economy really afford for guys like me to drop out and go raise cows !!!!! | KATY | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 20:16:38 | James Michael Benke | mikebenke@hotmail.com | I support The GCCA and it's efforts, please consider their plea against Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation | San Antonio, Texas 78213 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 20:21:23 | Carlos H Valdez Sr | 1taboo2@sbcglobal.net | This is a very bad idea. It would devastate the fishing industry and future anglers. Please do NOT divide recreational anglers into two sectors to regulate fishing. Individual anglers are already being too heavily regulated with limits on fish numbers and sizes! Commercial fishing has a far greater detrimental effect on fish populations than recreational fishermen! | Corpus Christi, TX 78415 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 20:39:55 | Dale Moore | draymoore@verizon.net | Please reject sector separation. It is a very bad idea and will provide benefits to only a few. | Dayton, Tx, 77535 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 21:09:36 | Claude Hastings | thgeegee@yahoo.com | Please reject sector separation. It is a very bad idea and will provide benefits to only a few. | Cove, TX 77523 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 21:09:49 | Claude Hastings | thgeegee@yahoo.com | Please reject sector separation. It is a very bad idea and will provide benefits to only a few. | Cove, TX 77523 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 21:45:20 | Carlos Mc Hazlett | carlosmchazlett@att.net | I would like to see commercial fishing done away with these guide do nothing but take and give very little if anything to preserve our bays. | Victoria, Texas 77901 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/10/2012 22:46:07 | robert lee richardson | bobbyr_123143@yahoo.com | hope i will have somting to fish far | columbus tx 78934 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 1:39:34 | James Jurach | jjurach@gmail.com | Reject separation, it is not necessary. | Houston, TX 77041 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 6:39:46 | Miko ryan | Jmikoryan@gmail.com | This is a lame brain idea. Who Is getting the kickbacks for this? This is a BAD idea. I have lived and fished on the Gulf for over forty years. I understand that charter boat operators would love nothing more then to take a greater share of the annual catch quotas from the so-called recreational fishermen. The number of charter boat operators have invested and depend on a healthy fishery but the economics of their business should not be on the shoulders of the recreational fishermen. Please consider your responsibilities to ALL of these parties and do not agree to a giveaway favoring commercial operations over recreational fishermen. It is a basic and fundamental question of fairness. Thank you for your consideration. | 98110 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 6:54:07 | Thomas Almon | tecsa@bellsouth.net | | Pensacola Beach FL 32561 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/11/2012 7:08:59 | Brien G. Rau | brienrau@gmail.com | Do not segregate fish stocks for charter captains and limit recreational catches. | Jefferson, LA, 70121 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 7:16:59 | alan d lewis | a8lew@yahoo.com | stop sector regulation now. charter and recreational anglers both need access to gulf fisheries. we need more access, not less. | spring, tx 77388 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 8:08:20 | James Stock | jrstock61@gmail.com | I am opposed to the sector separation of recreational anglers. | La Marque TX 77568 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 8:17:58 | Ronald Moser | ronandvirginia | Portect my right to catch fish as a Recreational Angler fishing on my own boat. | Port Aransas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 8:42:54 | Nanette Harper | NanHarper@NanHarper.com | REJECT SEPARATION! It is Imperative. Do not let our gulf fishermen lose their independence by your "floundering" on this issue. | Pensacola Beach, FL 32561-2003 | Other |
| 8/11/2012 8:43:41 | Patrick Rios | prios1001@sbcglobal.net | PLEASE! | Rockport, Texas 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 8:47:53 | Gary Poysstick | garypoysstick@mac.com | Please reject Reef Fish Amendment 39- Sector Separation. This seems like more unnecessary, biased and influenced government intervention. I publish a fishing magazine called Theaonlinefisherman.com. My readership is overwhelmingly opposed to this move. Sector separation is the first step towards recreational catch shares. It is evident. Stop letting Pew, EDF, and the ocean conservancy and the progressive left (who hate us and the sport we love so much) from making the call. Stop the move towards sector separation. There is NOT A CONSENSUS among charter captains. They better be careful of what they wish for. Charter guides kill far more fish than a regular recreational angler. If you want to separate them, stop them from putting their customers on so many fish six days a week, and give the access for eukaryotic guys WITHOUT SPECIAL LICENSES AND TAC Paperwork!!!! | 33704 | Private Recreational Angler, NGO, Other |
| 8/11/2012 8:49:48 | Elmo Vinas | kvinas567@gmail.com | I am opposed to the separation of fishing rights between fishing business and the recreational fisherman. Recreational fishermen and women pay their way by paying for licenses, gas and oil and other expenditures to enjoy their recreation. Please reject this "Obama-like" idea. Thanks | Franklin, LA 70538 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 8:59:00 | Lee White | Lee4www@tampabay.rr.com | Please try to defeat, sounds like some more O'Bama Regulations | Tampa FI 33612 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 9:02:19 | Blair Jennings | blairj1@sbcglobal.net | I respectfully request that the gulf council reject amendment 39 regarding sector separation. Thank you. | P.O. Box 132798 Spring, Tx 77393 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 9:21:17 | John Michael Chachere, Jr. | jmchachere@cox.net | It is a really bad idea to sector recreational fishermen and charter fishermen. It is time that the federal government start allowing states to manage the fisheries outside their waters. It is a travesty what the federal government has done to the Red Snapper fishery off the coast of LA. Anglers have 100's of thousands of dollars invested in equipment and boats to go out and catch 2 fish that you can catch within 5 minutes. I am a diver and can give you true eye witness facts of how many fish there are. It is time you start using real data and facts to make laws and cut out the bureacracy. We all have the same goals which is to manage the fishery in a responsible manner. | Lafayette, LA 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 9:22:34 | Eric J Martina | emartina78@gmail.com | This is a bad idea. Why give business their own share of fish when they pay nothing extra for this privilege? | Houston, TX 77035 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/11/2012 10:22:53 | gregory m. whibbs | gwhibbs@vincewhibbs.com | Gentlemen and Ladies of the U.S. Congress, I urge you to consider the catch separation of the fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico to be a BAD IDEA. While I own my own boat as a recreational fisherman, and know many recreational fishermen that fish as a beach or pier-bound angler, the catch limits should be distributed amongst all groups in a fair and equitable manner, not giving ANY group an inordinate share. Thanks for what you do. Gregory M. Whibbs | pensacola, fl 32561 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 11:33:11 | James Colglazier | james.colglazier@yahoo.com | How ridiculous is this. I thought these entities were supposed to be dedicated to enhancing marine fisheries and habitats and true conservation issues working with the recreational fishermen, the true stewards of marine life, not planning the "redistribution" of fish. That has an ugly ring to it and is a bad omen. Every one, including recreational boat mfg.'s and dealers should protest this idiotic approach James C. | Harlingen, Tx 78550 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 12:03:26 | david dominick mcqueen | bigdodge4x4@yahoo.com | reject seperation | pearl river,la. 70452 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 12:11:00 | Barney Reed | b_reed26@hotmail.com | Don't sell the mosquito fleet out again. Like when the oil platforms were not left as reefs. | 78358 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/11/2012 12:15:44 | Elmer Pruim | elmerp@barrdisplay.com | Oppose sector separation -- this is a bad idea. | Orlando, Florida 32810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 12:24:48 | Aubrey L. Gentry | agency28@aol.com | This is a "ridiculous" attempt to further the "monied" and depicts total disdain for the "average" fisherman. It you "forcere" this into law, you people are "NUTS". | Hou. Tx. 77084 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 12:58:26 | William L Atkins III | tresatkins@sbcglobal.net | I strongly support a seperate fishery management for the charter for hire sector. | Waxahachie, Texas, 75165 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/11/2012 13:17:32 | Marjorie Velasquez | margievel@yahoo.com | Please vote against sector segregation. More and more of our rights are being infringed upon. Please support all anglers and hunters! | Flatonia, TX 78941 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 13:58:41 | Jim H Seabolt | jbolt32@aol.com | Reef Fish Amendment 39 is a much need amendment to our current laws. Please ensure that this is paased ASAP. | Waco,Tx, 76708 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 13:58:53 | Jim H Seabolt | jbolt32@aol.com | Reef Fish Amendment 39 is a much need amendment to our current laws. Please ensure that this is paased ASAP. | Waco,Tx, 76708 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 13:58:58 | John G Seabolt | jgseabolt@gmail.com | My wife and I go fishing in the gulf at least three to four times a year. This year especially has been rushed and limited due to the shortest snapper season I can remember. I would hope that these dates would be better managed and the limits looked at as Evertime I go out I mostly catch snapper. It doesn't appear to be the shortage that would require such a short season and low bag limits. Please look into this as we enjoy the Texas gulf coast fishing | 75165 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 13:59:39 | Kevin Mundy | kmundy@gmail.com | I would like to support a seperate fishery management plan for the Charter For Hire industry. | 76227 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 14:04:54 | tjkovar | tjkovar@yahoo.com | please do not allow seperation of fisheries. thanks, tjk. | bay city, tx. 77414 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/11/2012 14:18:40 | Anthony Villarreal | vil3701 | I think the fishing guides are doing a great job helping people fulfill there fishing experience | Waxahachie texas 75165 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/11/2012 15:22:41 | David A Hooks | kajun55@aol.com | As boat owner and angler I request you reject the separation proposal. | San Antonio, TX 78258 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 15:33:02 | James Owens | owens.j.f@att.net | Please reject sector separation in the Gulf. Thank you | Homosassa, FL, 34446 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 15:38:06 | Mike Oller | mike.oller@sbcglobal.net | I am a private recreational angler and I support a seperate fishery management plan in the Charter For Hire industry | conroe texas 77385 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 15:55:39 | Mike Shortes | mike.shortes@yahoo.com | Let us keep fishing. I should be able to fish with anyone I choose As long as it's by safe means. My son is in the Coast Guard & I understand that safety always comes first. Thanks | Red Oak, Tx, 75154 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/11/2012 16:10:19 | michael walker | kwaknet33@sbcglobal.net | This cannot stand! | fort worth, tx, 76179 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 16:17:48 | Gary Alford | strata-caster@hotmail.com | Recreational anglers pay to fish. In addition to all the governmental fees and taxes which we all pay as legal residents, some do it via purchase and ownership of their own equipment and some rent that equipment in the form of boats to provide transportation and rentals of equipment. There is no difference other than that. All recreational fishermen pay to fish in the manner they choose. Some, like me, choose both options. As such, separation of sectors like that being proposed makes absolutely no sense. Just seems like one more beuracratic way of punishing those who support conservation the most- the little guy, the recreational angler! | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 17:34:03 | Michelle Gerth | michellegadams@att.net | I am strongly opposed to Sector Separation and say NO to any new Catch Shares in the Gulf Fishery. | Panama City, FL 32411 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/11/2012 18:01:48 | William Stephens | ddairops@comcast.net | Please vote NO to sector separation. Although I run my own business now in Atlanta I have insight and still close ties to the charter boat industry. I have a USCG captains license and still fill in on friends boats as captain or deck mate. The push on some for the sector separation is nothing more than greed and failure to adapt to the changing economy. No extra or separate fish/season will do any substantial good to boost their failing business. The charter boat industry is by far tourist / economy driven. The charter industry actually needs to keep less fish. Go to any of their websites and their own picture galleries a lot of time show nothing less than a slaughter. Way more fish than the paying customers need for several meals. People go on charter boats for the overall adventure. YES they do expect some fish to take home. Don't get me wrong. When I go fishing we keep a modest amount. Everyone caught a lot of fish, had a great time and had some great pictures. The charter industry needs to be an example for conservation. But they are screaming that they "only want what they have historically caught". That does not cut it in modern times just as their 20 year old business plan and the way they have always done business does not cut it now. NO, NO, NO to sector separation. | Tyrone, GA 30290 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 3:23:57 | Thomas A Drawert | tadraw@sbcglobal.net | I'm opposed to the sector division as proposed. | San Antonio TX 78230 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 5:32:37 | Robert ferry | rferry4@tampabay.rr.com | How is splitting the recreational fisherman's quota into two sections going to help anyone but the commercial interest? The new proposal would only divide the recreational fishermen and create friction within the group while the commercial fishermen will be laughing all the way to the bank. Wake up, examine the facts and make the correct decision to reject separation. Bob Ferry | tampa, fl 33615 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/12/2012 5:48:56 | Randy Powell | rbp7154@aol.com | I would like you to oppose the separation of recreational fishing allotment of fish from the charter fishermen allotment as it is currently proposed. Thank you, Randy Powell To whom it may concern, | Sarasota FL 34239 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 7:09:46 | Robert H Reuter | reuter@suddenlink.net | I do not think sector separation for coastal fishing is a good idea and do not support it. Thx, Robert Reuter | Tyler, TX 75703 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 7:33:30 | Lewis E. Radicke | lradicke1@satx.rr.com | Reducing the catch limits on recreational anglers further will force many to abandon the sport and a loss to the industry. | San Antonio,, Texas 78230 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 7:35:40 | Daniel Furstenfeld | danfurstenfeld@sbcglobal.net | I am against the separation of recreational fishermen and charter/headboat for hire for this amendment. It does absolutely nothing to conserve the fishery and only benefits those who sell their services. | Houston, Texas 77008 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 7:57:01 | John S. Hogan Jr. | Squareknot202@gmail.com | Please consider all aspects of Federal intervention in Gulf Coast fisheries or and other fisheries. Sector separation, may seem a positive step however it will have a negative effect on Non Commercial Boat owners, Boat Sales, and every type of activity related to private fishing, Motel Rentals, Bait & Tackle Shops, Boat registrations, Boat Insurance, all together many business will be hurt and job's will be lost. Please say NO to sector separation. Thanks John S. Hogan, Retired USN, Fishing is a Sport to be enjoyed by many not just a few. | Chandler, TX, 75758 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 8:10:14 | Kelly S. Craig | kelly@craigbrothersconst.com | As a former marine research field technician (degreed) with Texas A&M - Galveston, and as an avid fisherman, I oppose all resource allotment manipulation designed to benefit the commercial sector. Whenever and wherever this does occur, the resource invariably suffers and the private interests pay. NMFS has a long storied history in this arena, filled with blemishes and blights. Care for another re-run? | Pearland, TX. 77584 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/12/2012 8:16:19 | Eugene Cazedessus III | ladcaz@hughes.net | The Gulf Council must be listening to someone who speaks with crooked tongue as does our President. | Shreveport, La. 71115 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 8:16:22 | Eugene Cazedessus III | ladcaz@hughes.net | The Gulf Council must be listening to someone who speaks with crooked tongue as does our President. | Shreveport, La. 71115 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 8:19:36 | F. E. (Gene) Montgomery | mgmrestgroups@yahoo.com | Reef Fish Amendment 39, Sector Separation is a very bad idea. We moved here and live on the water, built a house and bought a boat. so that I could fish. I spend a lot of money doing it, ask my wife. Please stop this sector separation idea. Thank you. Gene Montgomery | Orange Beach, Al. 36561 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 9:22:27 | mark e wille | markwille@sbcglobal.net | please reject the sector separation | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 9:28:52 | John H Lewis | JLewis4844@aol.com | This doesn't make sense. | New Orleans, La. 70118 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 9:33:55 | Oscar Lopez | Olopez@stx.rr.com | I am a recreational fisherman and own my own boat. Please do not take away my fish and give it to commercial fishermen or guides. No sector separation please!! | Laredo, tx | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 9:48:16 | Caroline Gibson | red_jackal_x@hotmail.com | Who are you to just hand out fish to certain people and not others? | houston,tx | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/12/2012 10:15:15 | Michael f sights | mfsights@hotmail.com | Please vote NO on admendment 39. It is bad enough recreational anglers & charters boats are told the Red Snapper is endangered, when we catch 500lbs a trip, vent them, & release them. Now you want the Gov to control all the fish in the ocean & make sure a few select commercial operations can keep all the fish they want, while the recreational angler gets screwed. NOAA & the other Fishery Management have lost all respect due to their crooked fish estimates & unfounded closures. NOAA is just another example of the corruption that seems to taken over our Government. | atlanta, GA 30338 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 10:32:03 | jim wilson | jimsfoa@gmail.com | I produced a television show, "Jim Wilson's Florida Outdoor Adventures" on WMBB-TV in Panama City, FL for 27-years (retired 5/28/2012). I also published a newspaper, "Florida Outdoor News", from 1988 to 2001. I have had a close relationship with recreational, charter and commercial fishermen. | 32405 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 10:32:05 | jim wilson | jimsfoa@gmail.com | I produced a television show, "Jim Wilson's Florida Outdoor Adventures" on WMBB-TV in Panama City, FL for 27-years (retired 5/28/2012). I also published a newspaper, "Florida Outdoor News", from 1988 to 2001. I have had a close relationship with recreational, charter and commercial fishermen. | 32405 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 10:39:17 | Brian J Loria | brian.loria7@gmail.com | No sector separation! | Grapevine TX 76051 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 10:39:19 | James Bradin | jwbradinjr@gmail.com | I am opposed to anything that further limits the recreational fisherman. I think if there are any changes the commercial fishermen should have to give up quota to commercial charter boats since they are in it for business. Do punish the recreational fisherman our hobby is already costly with fuel prices and how far we have to run offshore. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, James Bradin | 34221 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 11:13:51 | Harry I Arledge | harledge@charter.n | I am a recreational angler that fishes several times a month in the upcoming issue I would not like the recreational limit dropped and given to the charter guides for the reason the cost of fishing has greatly increased since the time I started salt water fishing. I have salt water fished for over 40 years. When I do get the oppertunity to fish I try my best as any angler wanting to put fish in my freezer for my family. Our Red Snapper limit has been lowered and size limit increased if that was not bad enough the cut the recreational limit and increased the charter captions that was a blow to the recreational fisherman. Now the council wants to cut our specks I don't thnk it is fair to use it costs us money to fish buy bait gas boats (if Lucky) it is very expensive to go and not be able to catch the fish we are catching now. Why this may not be worded correctly I would like to say to the council do not punish the recreational fisherman by giving part of their quota to the charter captions Thanks Harry Arledge | Livingston, La 70754 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 11:19:22 | Charles Myers | dollychuck@verizon.net | No seoaration please. | Santa Fe, Texas, 77510 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 11:39:13 | Jeana M. Jennings | missyjennings1969@gmail.com | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation | angleton, texas 77515 | Other |
| 8/12/2012 11:46:07 | jackie mcdonald | jrmghost@hotmail.com | PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS SECTOR SEPARATION | montgomery,tx. 77356 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/12/2012 12:08:07 | Peter B Wright | pbwfish@aol.com | We should NOT cut the quotas int o the sectors as recently discussed | Stuart FI 34997 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/12/2012 12:39:22 | Pam Mitchell | saltyboogie@yahoo.com | I support a separate fishery management plan for the charter for hire industry. | Waxahachie, TX 75165 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 12:55:20 | Steven B Vincent | Steve_vincent@att.net | Look at what is happening in Alaska. | 78382 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 12:58:54 | Jerry and Rita Keller | jkeller145@satx.rr.com | As long time members of the Texas CCA, we have participated in many fishing endeavors along the Texas coast (including participation in the Babes on the Bay tournament for the past 12 years). My husband, together with his father and uncle, as well as our extended families, have practiced common sense recreational fishing along the Texas coast for the past 35 years. We practice catch and release and respect all state and federal laws/limits. We strongly oppose sector management and ask that you, acting as our representative, will vote against any regulation that would negatively impact the freedoms enjoyed by recreational fishermen/women. Thank you for supporting recreational fishing. | 78154 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 13:01:51 | James Angers Sr. | angersj@gmail.com | Please reject this proposed legislation do the Reef Fish Amendmet 39 | New Iberia, LA 70563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 13:37:22 | Mark Bailey | mbs17@mac.com | This amendment is bad for all Recreational fisherman (those with and without boats) . and it will put a death nail in the already struggling pleasure boat indistrey. My prayer is to stop this amendmnet and fire all who vote for it. Thank you, Mark Bailer | Houston, Texas 77066 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 13:39:08 | Mark Bailey | mbs17@mac.com | This amendment is bad for all Recreational fisherman (those with and without boats) . and it will put a death nail in the already struggling pleasure boat indistrey. My prayer is to stop this amendmnet and fire all who vote for it. Thank you, Mark Bailey | Houston, Texas 77066 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 13:44:53 | Capt. Dave Lear | captdavelear@me.com | This amendment represents a very bad precedent. It segments a stakeholder group that should remain intact. As a retired guide (15 years), I have no problem with the recreational quotas being calculated with private anglers. My former clients typically chose to practice catch and release or targeted non-food species like tarpon. If the Council goes this route, it is only logical to segment and regulate the commercial industry by gear types, too. That makes allocation and enforcement even more difficult than it is now. Reject this proposed amendment and maintain the status quo. Thank you. | Tallahassee, FL 32317 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 13:55:03 | Antonios Bekiaris | Handymanexpress2@yahoo.com | Please DO NOT consider dividing recreational anglers into two sectors. There are other serious matters in our waters that need to be address that are far more important to ALL that fish. | Hudson, FL 34669 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 14:43:58 | Lance E. LaCour | lancelacour@me.com | Thank you for understanding those who work hard to be privileged to have choices. I would like to respond to this proposed new ruling/plan. I oppose the plan as stated and feel it will damage the recreational fishing industry and negatively impact local economies that rely on recreational anglers for their livelihood. Thank you for your attention. Lance LaCour | Katy, Texas. 77494 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/12/2012 15:14:58 | Joseph Lloyd Oubre IV | jlo901@jagmail.southalabama.edu | Please do not implement Sector Separation. It is a terrible idea. Make it easier for Charter boats to create and deploy artificial reefs instead. | Mobile Alabama 36609 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/12/2012 15:26:37 | Tim Rice McClarty | trm@camalott.com | Please reject sector separation - Thank You | Abilene, Texas, 79602 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 15:37:06 | Jack Melton | jack@northamericansolutions.com | Dear Council Members, I would appreciate you REJECTING sector separation. Me and my fellow recreational fishermen believe that it is inherently unfair. Thank you in advance for your support. | Cypress, TX, 77429 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 15:43:26 | Gladys Deray | Gladysderay@att.net | I do not support The Council to take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. | Navarre, FL 32566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 15:43:27 | Gladys Deray | Gladysderay@att.net | I do not support The Council to take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. | Navarre, FL 32566 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 15:55:13 | Brian Nesbit | legendarymotorworks@hotmail.com | Sector seperation is a flawed plan, & restricts me as a recreational angler/boater. I would hope you pay attention to what the citizens are saying, stop giving away my fish! | Little Elm, Tx 75068 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 16:17:00 | Aubrey Bruner | kingfisher6257@gmail.com | No to Sector Separation!!!! | Creola, Al | |
| 8/12/2012 16:50:58 | Owen H. Johnson | Owen.Johnson@jacobs.com | Sector Seperation of recreation anglers is not they way we need to go and is a bad idea. OHJ | Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 17:06:36 | Linda James | lindoos96@yahoo.com | Totally against seperation...main source of food for our family! | Brownsville, TX, 78526 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 18:04:57 | Robert Amedeo | RAmedeo@charter.net | I am an avid recreational fisherman, both inshore and offshore. I spend considerable money supporting, storing and operating my small boats. Why should any part of the "recreational" catch be given to the charter businesses that run commercial fishing operations? They may not be selling the fish directly, but they are making money by fishing. Those are clearly commercial operations. The take limits for charter fishermen should be included in the commercial limits. As it stands now, the tight limits on recreational fishermen make it almost impossible to make a worthwhile offshore trip. The limits are tight and seasons are often closed. If you don't catch your targeted fish there are often few options to "save the day" by catching other species. Those trips generally cost from \$500 to \$1000, even for small boats like mine. It's becoming too costly to justify the limited catch. Please do not give any part of the recreational catch allotment to the charter operations. Their catch should be part of the commercial catch. | Slidell, La. 70461 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 18:22:34 | Reginald Jones | rjones@calpine.com | Please reject the seperation of recreational anglers. Thanks, Reg Jones | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 18:25:23 | Kerstin Blankenburg | kerstintx@yahoo.com | I'm in opposition of Online Comment for Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation and want a no vote cast in my name. KB | Houston, Texas 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 19:00:07 | Kenneth J Colgan sr | Kencolgan@bellsouth.net | No sector separation please | Metairie, la. 70001 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 19:04:53 | Scott Parker | Scottlivy@yahoo.com | Bad idea. Recreational sports fishing does not need any additional regulation or limits on bag limits. Recreational fishermen are a major supporter monetarily and should not be treated with such disregard!,,,,, | Lakehills, TX, 78063 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/12/2012 19:04:54 | Scott Parker | Scottlivy@yahoo.com | Bad idea. Recreational sports fishing does not need any additional regulation or limits on bag limits. Recreational fishermen are a major supporter monetarily and should not be treated with such disregard!,,,,, | Lakehills, TX, 78063 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 20:06:00 | John Humbert | jhumbert@softwareimagineering.com | Sector separation is very bad idea. The vast majority of angler, dollars, and votes are from PRIVATE RECREATIONAL ANGLER. This group generates the vast majority of the revenue to the economy and has the least impact on the resource. | Plano, Texas 75075 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/12/2012 20:45:40 | MALYNDA A WILLIAMS | yknotgetaway@aol.com | Salutations, I oppose the separation of angler sectors. Unless you can show me a conservation benefit, not just a 'business' benefit, I will vote NO! Do you have answers to any of the following questions. And what are these businesses going to be paying for a 24/7 buffet of fishing? Are the State or Local entities going to be receiving tax revenue? If you will be transporting fish, how many will survive? Will this separation action be the start of an extinction of species from over fishing? Will this end up in a separation of angler camaraderie, territorial wars, Pirate behavior? I do not believe ALL the facts, pros and cons have been wieghed out. At least from what I have read. Please hear our words! Respectfully, Malynda A Williams M. 979/777-5423 | ARANSAS PASS, TX, 78336 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/12/2012 22:06:24 | Robert Guice | texasbeagle@hotmail.com | I do not approve of any measure that limits the amount of fish that I can catch and gives an greater amount to a charter boat or guide fisherman. I spend just as much or more on my boat and tackle as any other fisherman and I take way less fish than they do for the same amount of money and taxes spent on fishing gear and fishing license. | Houston, TX 77063 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 4:46:24 | JOHN C. DAVIS | camp.davis@raymondjames.com | Why should one group of citizens have different rights doing the same thing than another group of citizens. This is totally counter-intuitive and there will be even more economic impact than imagined. Govt has once again failed the people and this needs to stop. | Jacksonville, FL 32210 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 5:25:38 | Irvin Quintin Weber | iqweber@yahoo.com | Bad idea. Please reject separation. What were they smoking? Thanks, IQ | Lake Charles, La. 70611 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 5:57:57 | Dennis Brunson | dpbrunson@gmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea. I have fished recreationally in the Gulf Coast all my life. Over the years thecatch limitations on the recreational angler have diminished. While I believe that the charter boat business gives an opportunity to more anglers to fish, the limits should still be the same for each angler. | College Station, Texas, 77845 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 6:17:21 | Francis G. Potter | garnerpotter@gmail.com | The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish. This seems to be a really bad idea. Why is this even being considered | Kenner, LA 70065 | Other |
| 8/13/2012 6:38:01 | Matt Sitterle | msitterle@gmail.com | Members of the Gulf Council, Please reject the separation act that is upcoming, I strongly oppose guides being able to keep more fish for their clients than i would be able to keep going fishing with my family. Guides (not all) will take advantage of this and be hard to regulate. | Austin, TX 78748 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 6:44:49 | Edward William Schultz Sr | ESchultz@ckor.com | Thanks do not allow the separation. The laws governing limit, sozes, areas allowed to fish, and seasons should apply to ALL equally. | St Martinville, LA 70582 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 7:06:22 | Chuck Kaiser | chuck@acmeref.com | To the Gulf Council, I oppose any proposal for separation of fish limits for private and charter for-hire. Please reject separation! | BR, LA 70815 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/13/2012 7:06:30 | Ted Dugas | Cajunxplorer@msn.com | This is a bad idea. Please do not split recreational anglers and "for hire" boats. Some things are best left alone. More revenue and taxes are collected from recreational fisherman. I feel this is unfair and will drive recreational fisherman away in pursuit of other recreational hobbies such as golf or skeet shooting. Fairness to all is best. No division. No separation. Thanks...Kindest Regards, Ted | Lafayette,La. 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 7:07:30 | Ronald t Woodruff | rtwoodruff@aol | This is a bad idea. As a past Charter boat owner this is divide and conquer. The Gulf council has no right to propose this as every one has a right to fish in the gulf if and when they can. The Charter industry must remember that they are a platform for the rec sector and that they dont deserve any more or less than the next. Capt Ron Woodruff R&d Charters. | Orange Beach Al. 36561 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/13/2012 7:42:02 | William Wheeler | bwheeler51@gmail.com | Sector Seperation is a really bad idea for the Gulf. | houston texas 77030 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 8:13:32 | JAMES F. THERIOT | jamestheriot@bellsouth.net | please reject the separation idea.only more government control of our rights,to benefit special groups,that would not be accountable for their actions or controlled. | houma,la. 70363 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 8:16:08 | carter samford | csamf10419@aol.com | NO!! Not fair to recreational anglers! | la porte, texas, 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 8:17:10 | DON RAGUSA | DON@RIVERCITYAIR.COM | Please reject angler seperation. | BATON ROUGE, LA 70809 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 8:47:49 | Thomas Graham | tomnmendy@earthlink.net | I am completely opposed to any separation. Isn't his working backwards? Why can't a man take his family out fishing and just fish? I agree a limit is necessary because people will overfish. But just a let a family take their boat out and fish without worrying about where they are. There is to much political turmoil here. Who is going to regulate and monitor the sector separation line? How many fights are going to start 15 miles out because your too close to the line. This is absolutely ridiculous!!!! | santa rosa beach, fl 32459 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 9:25:49 | Craig Jones | craig_a_jones@yahoo.com | Please use this comment as a rejection of the "Sector Separation" Amendment. This is a bad idea with no sound Conservation benefits and should not be considered. Regards, Craig Jones | Mansfield, Tx 76063 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 9:31:22 | richard hoogendoorn | sharrich@verizon.net | Sector separation is a bad idea.Please DO NOT separate. R Hoogendoorn | Schulenburg, TX 78956 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 9:47:51 | Benjamin A Rediker III | thytar@gmail.com | I support the plan to move forward with a separate Fishery Management Plan for the Charter Boats. | Foley, Al 36535 | Other |
| 8/13/2012 9:53:22 | Charles Terry Sieck | iw84jac@msn.com | Segregation of Private sportfishermen and For-Hire Captains & Guides is a bad idea. The seperation of Commercial and Private has been tried before, and there has always been an argument as to who deserved more. I believe that most of the Charter Boat Captains and Guides are as concerned about conservation as us in the private sector, so I recommend there be no seperation but a quota for all. | La Marque, TX 77568 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/13/2012 9:55:54 | Julie jones | Clouserfly@cox.net | I am writing to ask the Council to do away with sector separation of the Reef Fish Amendment 39. I pay a fee every year to be able to fish in our world class waters just like everyone else and am entitled to the same limits. Why shouldn't recreational anglers be entitled to the same amount of fish as commercial operators? There are NO benefits for one group of anglers to be entitled to a greater limit than another. In fact, if anything at all comes of this amendment, I think commercial operators should be the ones taking less fish per day. They will be the ones depleting the population more than recreational fisherman. They will be on the water more days out of the year with more anglers per boat. This amendment is ridiculous! Reject it! | Baton Rouge | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 9:56:53 | Derek Greene | dgreene17a@yahoo.com | Councilmen, to criticize our current leadership in Washington for being intrusive and threatening to the common freedoms we all hold dear as American citizens; and institute Sector Separation is hypocritical and scandalous. Big business interests that prosper at the expense of the common man is unethical and borderline Communistic. Sector Separation has no place in God's Great Gulf. | Houston, Texas, 77014 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 10:13:59 | Owen J Bello | owenbello@bellsouth.net | Dear FM Council, Please reject sector separation, it is a bad idea. Owen J Bello | Ventress, LA 70783 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 10:14:02 | Emmanuel Ziegler | zdeepd@aol.com | Opposing sector separation Dear Sirs: | Pensacola,FL, 32561 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 10:14:42 | Glen Gourgues | ggourgues@aol.com | I strongly suggest that the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council discontinue it's attempts to implement Sector Separation between recreational anglers and for-hire charter fisherman. Sector Separation is unfair, unnecessary and exemplifies poor fisheries management. | Jefferson, LA 70121 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 10:39:16 | Justin McChristian | jmcchristian7@cox.net | Reject separation | Denham Springs, LA 70726 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 10:44:39 | James E O'Connor | onebuff53@yahoo.com | Please drop the segregation idea. It is not a fair option. | Baytown TX 77520 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 10:58:14 | Timothy Detiveaux | timdetiveaux@hotmail.com | I reject separation of recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. We need less intrusion into our rights on the Gulf. We all share this resource equally. Now you want to arbitrarily create two divisions and give one more rights than the other. The Gulf Coast Council is wrong on both fronts. Please reconsider, its my Gulf just as much as yours!!! | Covington, LA 70433 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 11:34:25 | James H. Symington | jsymington@irr.com | If the council plans to separate recreational fishermen from charter operators, they should put the charter operators in with the commercial fishermen, as they are essentially commercial operations. To separate charter trip operators from recreational fishermen will accomplish nothing positive for recreational fishermen, charter trip operators, or the resource. Dilution of the stakeholders who balance their interest against the commercial fishing interests when allotting the resources of the Gulf of Mexico will only serve to weaken both stakeholders claims against the commercial fishing interests. This seems to be standard operating procedure for the government these days: divide and conquer. | Houston, TX 77081 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 12:28:38 | Gary E Parrish, Jr. | gparrish@premier.net | | Baton Rouge, LA, 70817 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/13/2012 13:10:57 | Jeremy Thurne | p90acehunter@aol.com | I don't think Charter boats should get a separate catch limit than other recreational anglers. After all charter boats are just taking out recreational anglers on their boat. Those anglers should follow the same rules as their fellow recreational anglers. Also I think recreational anglers should be able to catch a larger percentage of fish than currently allowed as compared with commercial fisheries. And that accurate scientific data is used in determining fishing populations and catches. Thank you. | Jacksonville, FL, 32221 | |
| 8/13/2012 13:12:42 | Joseph P Cagnolatti | jcagnolatti@eatel.net | I own a houseboat on the coast and a recreational fishing boat. I should have as much right to fish recreationally as the next person. Splitting quotas out between private boat owners and fishing guides services is discriminatory and serves no purpose for conservation. Just leave us alone and let us fish. We obey the rules and the law. We are responsible for the grass roots conservation organizations being organized in the first place. We care about the resource. | Gonzales, LA 70737 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 13:26:46 | Larry Millican | larrym@pegasusproperty.com | I disagree with separating the head boats from recreational anglers. If anything the head boats should be put in with the commercial and come off their quota. | League City, TX 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 13:40:14 | Randall Richardson | randallaar@aol.com | Do not divide the recreational anglers into two sectors. Sector separation is a bad idea. | Houston, TX 77084 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 14:03:18 | pierre gaudin jr | pfgaudinjr@bellsouth.net | i believe sector separation is not beneficial to managing fish stocks. | gretna, la 70053 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 14:09:58 | Dimitri Georgiades | Dimitri987@gmail.com | Amendment 39 is absolutely ridiculous. Y'all are trying to drive the recreational fisherman out all together. If you are so worried about Red Snapper, then close them for the next 5 years and be done with it. But there is something more at hand here. This is someone trying to form a mob like ownership of the Gulf of Mexico. Crooks trying to get one over on us. Vote No on Amendment 39! | Gulf Breeze, FL 32563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 14:35:47 | Danny Cruzan | cruzan@drillpipe.com | I oppose any separation. | Spring, TX 77386 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 14:51:04 | Harry Garber | hgarber@garbercc.com | Re: Comment for scoping document for amendment 39. To: All council Members I wish to express my opposition to the proposed sector separation for the recreational fishing industry. I understand that one of the council's justification for doing this is to improve data collection and better manage the fishery. In this day and age of technology this really makes no sense to me. As an avid hunter I have to ask why wildlife biologist can keep accurate harvest data in the hunting recreational sector but your fisheries biologist cannot? It makes no sense. If asked to do so fishermen are no different than hunters and are more than willing to step up and do their part to help keep harvest data updated. Dividing the recreational sector and possibly creating strong animosity between charter captains and recreational fishermen is a mistake and the council needs to deliberate carefully and come to the only logical conclusion and reject sector separation. | Huntsville AL. 35803 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 14:55:41 | Joseph Pugach | fichem@comcast.net | This is an absolutely ridiculous plan. I don't understand why good scientific research is done before submitting proposals like these. Facts are what are needed when proposing new rules. Anecdotal evidence is just that and is usually not supportable. | Naples, FL 34119 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 15:20:29 | chris luoma | richmanpoolman@yahoo.com | I am strongly opposed to sector separation. | fairhope, AL 36532 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 15:39:51 | Raymond Strohmeyer | raymonds@jeffersonsprinkler.com | We do not need to divide recreational and charter fishermen in any way. The limits and seasons should be the same for every license holder. | 70053 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/13/2012 16:20:40 | John Walker | johnwalker309@gmail.com | I do not think that sector separation is a good idea, I am a citizen of the state of Louisiana and America and am entitled to the freedoms that this grants me and I do not feel that this is the solution to any problems. This is like telling the people of Texas that they cannot fish in Louisiana and vice versa. If there is a problem with the fish population, why not just put "slot limits" out there for a while until it recovers?? | Winnfield,LA, 71483 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 16:41:02 | Eric F Drake | e.f.drake@earthlink.net | Sector separation seems to be a bad idea that benefits a few at the expense of greater good. | Galveston | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 17:00:15 | Leroy c Bedford | lbedford4@aol.com | Leave the damn fishing boats alone it already sucks haven't done enough already | Memphis tn 38141 | Other |
| 8/13/2012 17:18:11 | Leo gonzalez | Cutbaits@yahoo.com | No | League city, tx, 77572 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 17:49:53 | Thomas J. Hesse | tandthese@verizon.net | I am in agreement with CCA's views that sector separation is not a good idea. I do not support implementing sector separation. Furthermore, I would like to see more of the quota of fish go to private recreational anglers rather than commercial boats, because the fish are a public resource and this would maximize the financial benefit to the state's economy. | Valrico, FL 33596 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 18:10:55 | David T. Dodge | dtbd35709@yahoo.com | The recreational angler has had to put up with limits of all types for years and he has never been the problem. The commercial fisherman who may be local or from another country have always done what they wanted . The Gulf is free water and should be protected but not given in part to any group or another. I am against any type of division of the territory. | Baton Rouge, La 70806 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 18:35:51 | Tommy Griffin | calonghorn@hotmail.com | Without the charter for hire industry it would be very difficult and nearly impossible for some to enjoy the sport of fishing. I myself do not own a boat sufficient for the Gulf. Therefor I completely support a separate fishery management plan for the charter for hire industry.. Thank you. | San Diego, CA. 92109 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 18:36:21 | Richard Joseph Robichaux | RJRobichaux@aol.com | It makes no sense to separate the charter fishing from the recreational fishing. Take time out and talk to the marina owners, since they deal with both groups, and they will tell you the same thing. It would make more sense to better organize the reef fishing season to allow snapper and other reef fish such as Amberjack to coincide. All you have to do is set certain dates for 2 snapper and one amberjack per person and other dates for one snapper per person and two amberjacks per boat. This way the charter boats can make a living and the recreational fisherman can fish. This will allow both to be able to fish when the weather is good and you will not have so many crippled fish being released that most likely don't survive. | Raceland, La 70394 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 18:49:54 | Craig Anthony Osburn | Craigaosburn@bellsouth.net | This is a horrible idea and needs to be tossed out now | Patterson, La 70392 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 20:19:32 | Yvonne J. Whitt | nanaof3jeg@yahoo.com | My husband has cancer and I have a severe bone disease but God willing and we get better, we both have wanted to go out fishing with Tres Adkins and just pray that we will have that chance. He is such a good person and I have heard that he was a terrific guide. | Purdon, TX 76679 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 21:08:02 | Deborah Newlin Graves | deborahgravescpa@yahoo.com | Please reject sector separation in Gulf fishing. Thank you, | Bradenton, FL 34202 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/13/2012 23:14:15 | Brad C Dean | maxpower@rice.edu | I'm with the C.C.A. on this, no "separation" for me. | Houston Texas 77062 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/14/2012 5:45:57 | Ernest thibodeaux | Ethib001@yahoo.com | Please do not pass separation rule, it is my right to use my quota as I wish. This is a bad idea since most angler never catch there limit but charter fisher rarely ever not limit out. This law will effect the population of fish. | Ponchatoula, LA 70454 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/14/2012 5:45:59 | Ernest thibodeaux | Ethib001@yahoo.com | Please do not pass separation rule, it is my right to use my quota as I wish. This is a bad idea since most angler never catch there limit but charter fisher rarely ever not limit out. This law will effect the population of fish. | Ponchatoula, LA 70454 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/14/2012 5:53:54 | david teague | go52fish@yahoo.com | I am totally against sector seperation or catch shares. | jackson, TN 38305 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 6:23:50 | Bradley P Olinde | bolinde@entergy.com | Reject the Sector separation amendment 39 | Jarreau, La. 70749 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 7:27:00 | Bill French | billy@southcoastgrinding.com | Sector seperation is more government we don't need. Bad idea. | La Porte, Tx 77571 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 7:30:38 | Nicholas Runnels | nrunnels@rgv.rr.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, please reject. | McAllen | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 7:41:16 | Jacques Blouin | c72lt1@bellsouth.net | I do not support the proposed Amendment 39. Additional regulations and admendments are not needed. Reject the amendment, please. | Mandeville, LA 70447 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 7:50:41 | Robert Fuchs | fucattleco@hotmail.com | Thank you, Respectfully, Jacques Blouin I am against the Gulf Council's considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. I can not find any tangible conservation benefits of this course of action? | 77565 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 8:02:29 | Boyd D Charles | ycharbr@cox.net | please keep the allotment as is .It is working fine as is .why try to fix something that isnt broken. | 70810 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 8:07:27 | Louis Snider | louis.snider@gmail.com | As of right now I can not fish for certain species of blue water fish because they are endangered or threatened so we have a commercial quota and a rec. quota, now we are going to divide that up again so the commercial sector has a bigger share? This is another way to kill the recreational angler and reward a commercial enterprise with a public comodity that belongs to everyone.I will be backing a full congressional investigation into how this council arrived at the reasoning . | Freeport, Texas 77541 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 8:31:57 | warren g gay | yag595@verizon.net | if this passes i want hwy 27 s from i 4 and n from st rd 540 in haines city, fl closed down to all traffic, except traffic coming to my business. SECTOR SEPARATION can work for all. anyone else want in on this great idea sign up now while the best areas are still available. | winter haven fl 33881 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 8:36:22 | Ellen Tanner | etanner@sw.rr.com | BAD IDEA! | Newton, AL | Other |
| 8/14/2012 9:56:01 | Mel Victory | mvictory@hydraquip.com | Please reject separation | Kenner, La 70065 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/14/2012 10:53:43 | Capt. Scott McCune | scott@fishntexas.com | <p>Catch Shares DO NOT belong in a fishery that is recreational inclusive, period. NOAA needs to cut a huge percentage from the commercial TAC and give it to the recreational fisherman! Recreational only fisheries ARE healthy! Anyone who wants the IFQ bureaucratic crap in our recreational or Charter for Hire fishery Should expect a Fight!</p> <p>An interesting point was brought before me the other day...the quota is being filled more rapidly than ever...recreational people are catching a lot BIGGER fish which mean it takes fewer to reach the quota...which means that the fishery is better, good or has gotten a heck of a lot better...however they recreational angler gets PUNISHED because it takes much less time to catch these plentiful much BIGGER fish...this does NOT make sense to me!</p> <p>The CHF (Charter For Hire) is and should be a recreational sector because it is the license buying, tax paying, public access guy who is keeping his share of the bounty, however granted it should have more than 80% of the TAC! Commercial fishermen have lived off our fish for too long! SOS is not for a recreational fishery, if a fishery is so depleted it has to come to this then commercial fishing should be stopped...period...and especially if it is also a recreational fishery! Too much government money is being spent to try to get everybody a little bit and no one is happy! Ban commercial fishing for Red Snapper and Amberjack to save the economy of the fishing communities...recreational fisheries take care of themselves without greed of profit!</p> <p>I feel that as a charter captain I'm a recreational liaison, not a commercial fisherman... I still can't believe the amount of trouble/money the government goes through to manage a depleting fish stock...it seems as simple as Red fish and Speckled Trout...as technology, fishing pressure, popularity of cuisine changed commercial fishing was eliminated to save the species and the larger economy of the communities...why is that an off limits discussion from our government for Red Snapper, Amberjack and Grouper... I'm sure there is a species, however I can't think of one off the top of my head that has been disrupted solely by recreational efforts, however I can think of many more that have made a significant come back due to the conservation nature and financial assistance of recreational anglers...it boils down to when you make money for fishing by any means (mass entrapment not Rod & Reel) to gather fish, no matter what restrictions are placed greed or the need to pay bills will make people do things that are illegal thus the down fall of the Red Snapper, Amberjack and Grouper... we had seen this happen in other fisheries to that are booming now after the any means available fishing (not single hook and single line) was banned...i.e. ...Speckled Trout and Red Drum...the commercial fisheries quotas were established years ago when the fishery was more viable, technology was different, the world was different...the demographics have now changed and so should the quotas to reflect a more sustained use of the fish stock going to the growing recreational sector and not the stagnant or receding commercial industry who are just becoming big companies and will get bigger with catch shares and only a few people enjoying the fruits of profit from the mass resource...even though I am not and Snapper/Grouper fisherman I'm not for IFQ's for single hook and line fisherman which included charter for hire which I already stated is basically only a liaison for the recreational fisherman so they can enjoy a little more of their sport ...I believe if we let IFQ's into our sector this type of government regulation will run rampant...therefore I'm trying to be proactive before it hits my fishery...I believe as the NRA one more regulation will lead two more and two more regulations will lead to 4 more and so on...recreational only fisheries are well</p> | Rockport, TX 78382 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/14/2012 10:53:43 | Capt. Scott McCune | scott@fishntexas.com | <p>managed for charter and private individuals and conservation within that group has excelled! They should stop wasting money on all the regulation meetings, data gathering for their own interpretation, politics and start putting that wasted money into reef building, stocking programs or whatever idea that actually help PRODUCE more fish!</p> <p>Last but most important if you are a CHF charter captain you should not listen to ANY commercial fisherman (even if he has a secondary CHF business too), they are used to the bureaucracy, regulations, special equipment...they have people who keep up with those records and permits and paper work...they are betting that you don't have the time or the knowledge to deal with all that and WILL take your share...me personally I do NOT want too deal with the added regulations and bureaucracy...nor do I have time for it...I'm a single man operation...heck I don't have even have a wife to cook dinner at the end of a long day...LOL...but that is another story...the environmentalists and the commercial groups want to SPLIT CHF and Recreational groups, divide and conquer...then it will be CHF, recreational, environmental and commercial all fighting each other for their own shares...the only one who wins here is the government (in this administration liberals) because they get bigger trying to regulate all of you...I'm a CHF and I like having help from the recreational sector in lobbying...it's the longer road for the CHF guy...but it will be the one worth traveling for our CHF future! Remember...if it happens for snapper...then it could happen for every other fish you fish for...would you like splitting away from recreational fisherman...YOUR clients...with Cobia, Billfish releases, Wahoo, Dolphin...then Redfish and Speckled Trout...I think not!</p> <p>The CHF is and should be a recreational sector because it is the license buying, tax paying, public access guy who is keeping his share of the bounty, however granted it should have more than 80% of the TAC! Commercial fishermen have lived off our fish for too long! SOS is not for a recreational fishery, if a fishery is so depleted it has to come to this then commercial fishing should be stopped...period...and especially if it is also a recreational fishery! Too much government money is being spent to try to get everybody a little bit and no one is happy! Ban commercial fishing for Red Snapper and Amberjack to save the economy of the fishing communities...recreational fisheries take care of themselves without greed of profit!</p> <p>I feel that as a charter captain I'm a recreational liaison, not a commercial fisherman... I still can't believe the amount of trouble/money the government goes through to mangle a depleting fish stock...it seems as simple as Red fish and Speckled Trout...as technology, fishing pressure, popularity of cuisine changed commercial fishing was eliminated to save the species and the larger economy of the communities...why is that an off limits discussion from our government for Red Snapper, Amberjack and Grouper.... I'm sure there is a species, however I can't think of one off the top of my head that has been disrupted solely by recreational efforts, however I can think of many more that have made a significant come back due to the conservation nature and financial assistance of recreational anglers...it boils down to when you make money for fishing by any means (mass entrapment not Rod & Reel) to gather fish, no matter what restrictions are placed greed or the need to pay bills will make people do things that are illegal thus the down fall of the Red Snapper, Amberjack and Grouper... we had seen this happen in other fisheries to that are booming now after the any means available fishing (not single hook and single line) was banned...i.e. ...Speckled Trout and Red Drum...the commercial fisheries quotas were established years ago when the fishery was more viable, technology was different, the world was different...the demographics have now changed and so should the quotas to reflect a more sustained use of the fish stock going to the growing recreational sector and not the stagnant or receding commercial industry who are just becoming big companies and will get bigger with catch shares and only a few people enjoying the fruits of profit</p> | Rockport, TX 78382 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/14/2012 10:53:43 | Capt. Scott McCune | scott@fishntexas.com | from the mass resource...even though I am not and Snapper/Grouper fisherman I'm not for IFQ's for single hook and line fisherman which included charter for hire which I already stated is basically only a liaison for the recreational fisherman so they can enjoy a little more of their sport ...I believe if we let IFQ's into our sector this type of government regulation will run rampant...therefore I'm trying to be proactive before it hits my fishery...I believe as the NRA one more regulation will lead two more and two more regulations will lead to 4 more and so on...recreational only fisheries are well managed for charter and private individuals and conservation within that group has excelled! They should stop wasting money on all the regulation meetings, data gathering for their own interpretation, politics and start putting that wasted money into reef building, stocking programs or whatever idea that actually help PRODUCE more fish! | Rockport, TX 78382 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/14/2012 11:12:37 | GLENN O | mychumbag@yahoo.com | BAD IDEA!! GO ><>' | COCONUT CREEK, FL 33066 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 11:58:38 | sanford smith | smsmith1942@yahoo.com | I could not fish off the gulf charter boats | texas | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 11:59:07 | John Griffin | Griffinsga@aol.com | It appears that our private interest groups get more and more powerful with the help from the government. Apparently government has forgotten who they should be working for. No the average tax payer cannot afford to have lobbyist encourage government officials to vote their way. As an average American Tax Payer I would like to input saying NO to the proposal for sector separation by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Amendment 39. | Statesboro, Ga, 30458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 12:02:29 | Ronald snider | Ron snider28@gmail.com | Charter fishing vessels host occasional fisherman daily making them best at targeting fish and making big "meat hauls" that keep customers coming while yielding big tips. Anyone who spends time at the cleaning stations know this irediculous proposal Is counter productive and unfair. | New braunfels Texass | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 12:02:31 | Ronald snider | Ron snider28@gmail.com | Charter fishing vessels host occasional fisherman daily making them best at targeting fish and making big "meat hauls" that keep customers coming while yielding big tips. Anyone who spends time at the cleaning stations know this irediculous proposal Is counter productive and unfair. | New braunfels Texass | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 12:04:12 | CHUCK HOWARD | CHUCKHOWARD@GVEC.NET | I DO NOT SUPPORT RECREATIONAL SECTOR SEPARATION AS OUTLINED IN YOUR PLANNING DOCUMENTS IN ANY FORM. MICRO MANAGEMENT BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SMOTHERS EVERYONE INVOLVED. CHUCK HOWARD | CUERO, TEXAS 77954 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 12:04:26 | Tres Lowry | tres@cowhouseproductions.com | I support a seperate fishery management plan for the charter for hire industry. | Hamilton, TX 76531 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 12:08:02 | todd phillips | texasvetwp@att.net | This is the stupidest proposal in a long time. You want to take a public resource and give it to private interests, & with no benefit to the public or the resource. Shame on you. You are supposed to protect the public and this resource. You should oppose Reef Fish amendment 39 - Sector separation. Sincerely, Todd Phillips. | san antonio, tx 78247 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 12:10:10 | mike young | youngbev2@cox.net | No sector separation.. private rec. fishermen.. provide jobs. Jobs.. in this economy it affects all of us.. restaurants, motels, retail, property values, tax revenue.. and ITS CRAZY.. red snapper are OVER populating.. running off other species.. typical Fed Gov't out of touch with reality !! | Miramar beach, FL 32550 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 12:13:00 | Richard Hall | dickandchris@yahoo.com | Reject separation plan. | Panama City Beach FL. 32408 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 12:26:33 | mike inlow | minlowd@hotmail.com | Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation is absolutely a bad idea that needs to be canned. There is no upside. | 77059 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/14/2012 12:39:16 | Tony Suarez | Tonysuarez54@gmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. It should be left to the marine fisheries of each state to handle. | Odessa,fl 33556 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 12:46:24 | Douglas MacDowell | dmacdowell@carboline.com | I oppose Reef Fish Ammendment 39. | Lafayette, La. 70508 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | After reading sector separation, I do not understand all of it, but enough to know it reads like the commercial industry created another convoluted plan to get a bigger share of the catch, at the expense of recreational fishermen. Let me ask you this: what is more fair and democratic, 100 people (recreational) going out and catching 10 fish each or 3 people (commercial) on a single boat, catching 1000 fish? Not to mention the economic impact of recreational fishing on the Gulf Coast. Almost everybody I know fishes at least occasionally, and we are tired of being ignored by the Federal government, who appears to be beholden to the commercial interests. Why do you the States are crying for more control of the fishery? Because they are listening to their citizens who want to go out, catch, and eat fish on occasion, and are apparently less susceptible to bribery from the commercial interests. | | |
| | | | Also, I was Speck and Redfish fishing in Florida recently and noticed the State of Florida is divided into zones, respective to size and limits, based on the fishery in that area. I cannot help but compare their system to yours, which considers the entire Gulf of Mexico as a single fishery with populations spread evenly from Texas to Florida. You think your system may be slightly overly simplistic? Maybe a little unrealistic? Maybe just dumb? I do not have a marine science degree, but seems to be easy to understand. For example, Red Snapper thrive on artificial habitat, thus big Snapper populations in Louisiana and Alabama, but not Florida. Some types of Grouper thrive on natural habitat but not artificial habitat, thus large Grouper populations in Florida but not Alabama or Louisiana. | | |
| 8/14/2012 13:18:53 | James T Lee,IV | jamesleeiv@aol.com | Just a few thoughts, shared by a great many more people than just me. JL | Mobile, AL. 36604 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 13:43:40 | Johnna Wallace | johnna_wallace@hotmail.com | I support a seperate fishery management plan for the charter for hire industry. Please listen to the public. | Waxahachie | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 13:46:42 | Meriel Loupe | tloupe@bellsouth.net | I am against this amendment - please do not vote for Amendment 39 | Ama, LA 70031 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 13:57:14 | Rachel Trolinder | rtroll333@gmail.com | Do not seperate!!!!!!!!!! Leave it like it is we have already been screwed on the red snapper!!!!!!!!!!!!!! | Galveston,TX, 77551 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 14:19:36 | Rodney D. Wendt | rodneywendt@sbcglobal.net | No to Seperation | Bellville, TX 77418 | Private Recreational Angler |
| | | | I support the men and women who own and operate small charter fishing businesses along the Gulf coast. For those of us who do not own or have access to boats, they fill my/our need for a day on the water that otherwise would not be available to us. | | |
| 8/14/2012 14:20:01 | James Colby | jimcolby@msn.com | Why are we less important than the weekend warriors who want it all with no responsibility to the resource? | Falls Church VA 22042 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 15:18:32 | Craig S. Englert | craige@cox.net | I strongly oppose Sector Separation-Amendment 39 and urge all politicians to do the same. As a recreational fisherman, who owns two boats, lives on the water, and spends thousands of dollars yearly to enjoy sportfishing, the above would severely limit my use of our natural resources/ | Slidell, LA, 70458 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 15:45:19 | Bruce B. McLay | bamabadger@bellsouth.net | Vote against the separation amendment as it is not in the best interests of recreational fishermen and serves no conservation purpose. | Slidell, LA 70458 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/14/2012 18:10:02 | Steven Barnes | Stevebarnes17@gmail.com | What a ridiculous idea! Charter captains already act like they own the resource and now then feds are trying to make it so. Leave those of us who support these fisheries alone and quit trying to take our freedoms away. | Denton,TX,76208 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 21:02:23 | Skip Schexnayder | skip_1099@bellsouth.net | Sector Separation is a joke! A scam! A bunch of *^#*! If anyone on this group were truly interested in the conservation of reef fish, you would first begin protecting the reefs! The "Idle Iron" policy needs to be halted before the most extensive and productive artificial reef system in the world is destroyed. Let's see, red snapper are in trouble, so lets help em by blowing the rig legs and killin every snapper and all other fish around the rig. And while we're at it, lets blow the hell out endangered sea turtles that are hanging around and why not see how many marine mamals we can screw up at the same time. How can you people continue to turn your head to whats going on here! Get off your duffs, do something to save fish!! Isn't that your job? | Lafayette, La | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/14/2012 21:06:53 | Hiram clay school field | Hiramclay@live.com | How can we "allocate" a public resource to a group of individuals for profit?Can the usfws service allocate ducks to hunting guides? The system of allocation for profit never works, the commercial exploitation of our resources is wrong. The gulf council. Has always protected commercial fisherman first now guides want the same treatment. It is morally wrong, the guarantee of income from a public resource does not exist. I believe the seasons and limits should protect the resource for future generations and be used equally by all citizens. No one guarantees me income in my insurance business, how can we do it for commercial fishermen and guides. (when I was younger I was a guide and chose to leave for the business world, you have to provide for your family and Idont agree with treating someone differently because of the career choice they make). | Waxahachie, tx 75167 | Private Recreational Angler |
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| 8/14/2012 21:07:02 | Hiram clay school field | Hiramclay@live.com | How can we "allocate" a public resource to a group of individuals for profit?Can the usfws service allocate ducks to hunting guides? The system of allocation for profit never works, the commercial exploitation of our resources is wrong. The gulf council. Has always protected commercial fisherman first now guides want the same treatment. It is morally wrong, the guarantee of income from a public resource does not exist. I believe the seasons and limits should protect the resource for future generations and be used equally by all citizens. No one guarantees me income in my insurance business, how can we do it for commercial fishermen and guides. (when I was younger I was a guide and chose to leave for the business world, you have to provide for your family and Idont agree with treating someone differently because of the career choice they make). | Waxahachie, tx 75167 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/15/2012 0:07:37 | Keith Russell Page | Kptransition@gmail.com | No to sector separation,no to catch shares and no to special interest groups that have no business deciding or influencing a decision that will effect most fisherman on the gulf coast in a bad way. I've been In the commercial and for-hire business for 25 years now,never thought I'd see the fishing industry turned into the stock exchange. F/v Transition, Capt.Keith R. Page | Panama City,Fl | Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |

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| 8/15/2012 0:07:36 | Keith Russell Page | Kptransition@gmail.com | No to sector separation,no to catch shares and no to special interest groups that have no business deciding or influencing a decision that will effect most fisherman on the gulf coast in a bad way. I've been In the commercial and for-hire business for 25 years now,never thought I'd see the fishing industry turned into the stock exchange. F/v Transition, Capt.Keith R. Page | Panama City,Fl | Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/15/2012 1:18:17 | RONALD WISBY | debron2@bellsouth.net | I AM TOTALLY AGAINST ALLOWING A HIGHER QUOTA FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN THAN FOR RECREATIONAL PRIVATE FISHEMAN. THERE IS NO OBVIOUS BENEFIT TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT WITH IMPLEMENTING THE QUOTAS. THE LOW CATCH LIMITS IN THE GULF ARE ALREADY CAUSING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY FOR THE RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN, CAUSING A REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF RECREATIONAL FISHERMAN VENTURING INTO THE GULF. THIS RESULT IS BENEFICIAL TO THE FISHERIES, AND SHOULD NOT BE SQAUNDERED ON THE BOATS FOR HIRE. LET'S BUILD OUR FISHERIES UP AND MAKE IT WORTH EVERYONE'S EFFORTS, NOT THE FEW. | VINTON, LA 70668 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/15/2012 3:38:20 | Gaylen Ramm | gaylen.ramm@sbcglobal.net | We need freedom of our bays and seas. No seperation. | Seabrook, TX 77586 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/15/2012 3:48:15 | Luther Ford | louford77422@yahoo.com | What else are the rec fishermen going to have taken away from them. Limits keep declining but license and gear dont ! | Brazoria Texas 77422 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/15/2012 4:17:07 | Vicki Francis | vfish69@yahoo.com | This idea is very bad.I am a CCA member to help protect the fish and waterways.The waterways are free ereas for the Anglers to explore.Next you will want us to pay more to enjoy nature.God made nature for all of us to enjoy.Fishing is a stress reliever and a way to enjoy what God gave us.Think about your children or grandchildren in years to come.Everything should not have to be political B.S. Where is this land of the free ? I'm sure it's not what GOD wanted for all of us.Please think about it. | Houston, Texas77083 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/15/2012 4:56:53 | Guy Garrett | guy@tadlockroofing.com | I am against the proposal for sector separation. My vote is no on this proposal. This is a regulatory step gone too far, imposing more limitations on freedom, and increased costs. My belief is that the fishing industry and private anglers, if kept abreast of fishery conditions by their own measure, reasonable government data and reasonable regulations, is responsible enough to participate as good stewards of the environment. | Panama City FL 32405 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| | | | <p>WASHINGTON, DC – In another sign of discontent over federal management of the nation’s marine fisheries, co-chairmen of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus (CSC) have sent a letter to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council expressing the concerns of its membership over the concepts of catch share programs and sector separation. The bipartisan CSC is one of the largest and most effective caucuses in the US Congress with more than 300 members representing almost all 50 states.</p> <p>“As leaders of the Caucus, we are writing to report that continued consideration and promotion of the management concepts known as sector separation and catch shares by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council are causing concern among our members,” CSC co-chairmen Jeff Miller (R-Fl.) and Mike Ross (D-Ar.) state in the letter. “More specifically, we have serious concerns about the current proposal to further subdivide the recreational fishing allocation by awarding the charter boats with their own guaranteed allocation.”</p> <p>The CSC goes on to question the process the Gulf Council is using to develop and implement sector separation and catch share programs, and points out that the Council first needs better scientific data, additional economic evaluations and demographic studies to assess how mixed used fisheries would best be reallocated. “Even if such reallocation issues were analyzed and modified, taking a portion of the allocation from the recreational sector for the proposed charter boat sector has the potential to decrease the funding available for state fisheries management,” the CSC states. “The members of the Caucus are well acquainted with the successes of state-based conservation, which is almost entirely guided and funded by sportsmen and the money they spend on fishing and hunting. The sportsmen’s ethic of stewardship is at the heart of the American System of Conservation Funding and is built, in part, on the foundation of individual anglers’ recreational fishing activities.”</p> <p>The letter from the CSC is yet another unequivocal message from elected officials to federal fishery managers in opposition to sector separation and catch share programs. In 2009, four Gulf state governors wrote a letter stating their opposition to catch shares and Congress has passed amendments cutting funding for such programs. “We hope the members of the Gulf Council are listening because the message from Governors, Congressmen, and the recreational angling community is quite clear – privatizing public wildlife resources through sector separation and catch shares is the wrong direction,” said Chester Brewer, chairman of Coastal Conservation Association’s National Government Relations Committee. “If the Council and NOAA Fisheries continue to ignore this message, then that should be interpreted as yet more evidence that the federal management system is broken and Congress should engage to either rein in a federal agency that has lost its way or explore a completely new paradigm for managing the nation’s marine resources.”</p> | | |
| 8/15/2012 6:19:08 | James R Skiles | ronnies02@att.net | I agree with the above, and could not say it better. | Orange,Texas 77630 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/15/2012 8:13:34 | Jose Cura Jr | jcurajr@Yahoo.com | No on sector seperation. | La Feria, TX 78559 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/15/2012 8:39:35 | William Gezzar | rrgwwg@aol.com | <p>Dear Sirs, Vote NO on Amendment 39. The resources in the Gulf of Mexico belong to everyone. The recreational angler supports our economy by purchasing boats,fuel and tackle. This creates jobs and improves our economy. As a group we create less impact on the enviroment than commerical longliners and charter boats. Yet we continue to see stiffer regulations and shorter seasons which limit the recreational season.</p> <p>Sincerely, W Gezzar</p> | North Ft. Myers, FL,33903 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 6/18/2012 5:47:35 | Clarence Fleck | flecknique@live.com | <p>As a charterboat during the total grouper closure of February and March we fish for snapper which are on the same type of terrain as Gag grouper therefore it increases the risk of mortality to the Gag grouper that we release. A different approach might be to allow Red grouper to be open all year with a limit of two per person due to the fact that Red grouper live on a different terrain the Gag Grouper. This would provide a more viable option for both the Gag grouper and the fishing community as a whole.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> | Naples, FL 34120 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 6/21/2012 1:41:14 | Paul Alagna | beach_trade@yahoo.com | <p>The red grouper allocation should be altered to allow recreational anglers 5 fish per person per day. There is too much emphasis by the council focused on making sure commercial fisherman are making enough money at the expense of recreational bag limits and closures.</p> <p>There should be no commercial fishing allowed for any species that is considered overfished and recreational fisherman should be given priority over commercials in regards to allocation amounts. There should be no commercial fishing for gag at all if gag is going to continue to have closed rec seasons and ridiculously low limits.</p> <p>All of the recreational fisherman I know are sick and tired of getting the short end of the stick by the council while the commercial fisherman are being given priority</p> <p>Red grouper should be 76% recreational and 24% commercial..</p> | Palm Harbor, Florida 34683 | Private Recreational Angler |



June 25, 2012

Attention: Gulf Management Council

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Seafood is on every one of our restaurant menus. It is in our best interests, both from a core value perspective as well as a business perspective, that seafood is harvested in a sustainable manner for today and for future generations. For our company to thrive, we need a steady and reliable supply of top-quality fish and shellfish to serve to our guests. We also have a responsibility to do our part to maintain healthy and productive ocean ecosystems. To that end, we were a founding member of the Global Aquaculture Alliance, an organization that sets sustainable standards for best aquaculture practices. We are also conducting a fisheries improvement project in the Gulf of Mexico which will improve the data collection and management of the snapper and grouper fisheries. We helped establish the Atlantic Lobster Sustainability Foundation, a nonprofit organization with the goal to preserve and enhance a viable sustainable lobster industry. And, those are just a few of our initiatives.

We respect and appreciate the great efforts of NOAA and the Gulf Management Council in establishing the catch share program for the US Gulf of Mexico. The catch share program has shown to eliminate overfishing and achieve annual catch limits, improve fishermen's safety and profits, and reduces the negative biological and economic effects of regulated fisheries that don't use catch share programs.

While we support the catch share program we believe there are areas within the structure of the quota allocation that, if amended, would provide the fishery with more equitable allocation of quota. A more equitable allocation of quota would accomplish three goals:

- Support an essential catch share program goal of encouraging fisherman to own a share of the fishery and, therefore, be more responsible in the management of the resource
- Remove the ability of the quota holders to manipulate market pricing by restricting or loosening quota
- Build an architecture that will be economically viable to future fishermen so that fishing in the Gulf can be a consideration as a future career choice



We believe the most appropriate way to achieve these objectives is to allocate catch share quota only to fisherman fishing the quota. Quota should not be owned or sold by absentee owners neither should quota be attached to a vessel. By enacting this consideration, the catch share program will provide more consistent fishing standards, a more stable market, and more predictable and manageable costs for the consumer. The individuals fishing the quota will be incentivized to be more responsible for the sustainability of the resource and provide younger generations the hope and ability to own quota and fish the US Gulf of Mexico as a career.

We also recommend for consideration a review of the Gulf of Mexico recreational sector quota. This sector is allocated a very large portion of the red snapper quota, almost equal to that of the commercial sector; however, they do not have the reporting requirements that the commercial sector does. Additionally, some stocks in the Gulf of Mexico, including red snapper, are not on target to be rebuilt in 10 years, as is mandated by the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Calling for improved data collection and monitoring from recreational fishers and shorter rebuilding plans within 10 years could lead to clear benefits to the resources.

We suggest that these two proposals for consideration are essential elements of a sustainable fishery.

Thank you for your consideration in addressing this amendment to the current catch share quota allocation process.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Southeastern Fisheries Association (SFA) respectfully requests the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to examine all aspects of the letter from a national anglers lobbying group, signed by a Mr. Brewer, pertaining to reallocation of the nation's fish. We intend to submit an equitable reallocation plan for our sector and the nation's millions of non-boaters, who depend on professional fishermen, licensed and accountable under all requisite state and federal regulations, for their share of sustainable, wild harvested domestic seafood products.

SFA trusts all members of all Councils will adhere to and abide by the federal fishery law they are obligated and paid to uphold. The reasons for passing the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Management Act (FCMA) are easily understood by reading Sec. 2 (a) (1) of the act, which clearly, concisely and correctly states food supply to the Nation is number one and providing recreational opportunities follows. Nowhere in the History of the act, or in the words of the law, is there any authority giving the majority of our nation's seafood supply to anglers. I can assure you, as an active participant in the development and passage of the Magnuson Act, Senator Warren Magnuson and Senator Ted Stevens did not create this all-encompassing public policy for anglers. Heed the words of FCMA, not verses or phrases recently written by revisionists who are not well informed on the full history of FCMA.

SFA and a host of other professional associations have established a working relationship with some of the angler groups, who do not have the goal of banning all professional fishing. We will continue to pursue this with any group willing to work for equity.

The FCMA was conceived and created to remove foreign fishing mostly in New England, stop Russia from harvesting US salmon and to provide a steady supply of seafood to the citizens of this country and provide recreational opportunities as shown by the following.

FCMA SEC. 2. FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND POLICY 16 U.S.C. 1801

(a) FINDINGS.--The Congress finds and declares the following:

(1) The fish off the coasts of the United States, the highly migratory species of the high seas, the species which dwell on or in the Continental Shelf appertaining to the United States, and the anadromous species which spawn in United States rivers or estuaries, constitute valuable and renewable natural

Mr. Bob Gill – page 2

resources. **These fishery resources contribute to the food supply, economy, and health of the Nation and provide recreational opportunities.**

It's been suggested one militant angler group has the votes pledged from members of the Gulf of Mexico Council and South Atlantic Council to reallocate most of the consumer's fish to their pleasure fishing sector through sheer political power. If any Council member allows any user group to commandeer increased allocations of fish from the non-boating consumer's allocation by improper or unethical political machinations, they should be replaced for not complying with the covenants of federal law.

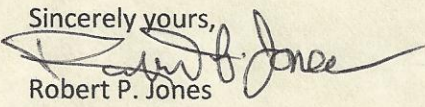
Before any discussion occurs turning this reallocation conflict into "FISHGATE", we suggest the Council create charts and graphs of fish harvested by user group/species from 1976 to 2012. Additionally, the Council should prepare a two-page report showing what user group gets the fish today and how disproportionate it is in many fisheries. Send this information to all interested parties for comments and suggestions. Show the general public exactly what percentage and pounds of fish the consumers get and what percentage the anglers get at the present time.

Several angler and environmental groups have demonized the commercial fishermen for decades painting "commercial" fishermen in an ugly light. In the future we request the allocation pageant refer to us as CONSUMERS/COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN.

Our historical seafood industry is composed of fish dealers, fishermen, processors, boat builders, trucking companies, seafood restaurants, shore side maintenance facilities, box manufacturers, public and private cold storage freezers and the list goes on and on. Our industry urges the Council not to be bullied into carrying out the policy and goals of any group. The fish belong to all the people in America, not just those who belong to anointed angler or environmental groups.

Thank you for considering our views. We respectfully ask that every Council member work in a manner giving everyone due process and the rule of law prevail in all final decisions.

Sincerely yours,


Robert P. Jones
Executive Director

PS: Please forward our remarks to same mailing list as the letter from Mr. Brewer

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> Thank you for your consideration of our views and this important data.

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> Sincerely,

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> Chester Brewer, Chairman

> CCA National Government Relations Committee

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ALLOCATION OF FINFISH IN THE GULF OF MEXICO UNDER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS MANDATED BY THE MAGNUSON ACT OF 1976 AND AMENDED IN 2006.

The environmental community, especially Pew Trusts, Environmental Defense Fund and the Ocean Conservancy have targeted commercial fishermen as the cause of all ills in the ocean environment. From the fisherman's perspective, these groups, and fishing organizations they have formed and fund, perpetuate their goal of removing as many commercial fishermen from the oceans as possible. Fish stocks managed in the United States federal waters are not undergoing overfishing according to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

There is nothing the fishermen can do to stop environmental groups from saying anything they wish to accomplish their goal of reducing fishermen, but the fishermen can and should provide facts to the general public for their perusal instead of just believing what the anti-commercial fishing groups espouse.

There are several angler groups masterfully using misinformation to force government fishery managers to fear them politically and then allocate most of the fish to them. How nice it would be to sit together with a few non-confrontational environmental leaders to discuss the total lack of stock assessments in the southeast and the great need for improvement of science used to manage our lives. That is a goal them might be too far away to achieve, but we are willing to come half-way.

Examine the table below. If you find an error please call it to my attention. The figures are from government sources, primarily fishery management plans in place for FEDERAL waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

| <u>SPECIES</u> | <u>ANGLER ALLOCATION</u> | <u>COMMERCIAL ALLOCATION (fish made available to consumers)</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|---|
| BLUE MARLIN | 100% | 0% |
| WHITE MARLIN | 100% | 0% |
| SAILFISH | 100% | 0% |
| REDFISH | 100% | 0% |
| AMBERJACK | 73% | 27% |
| *KING MACKEREL | 70%* | 30%* |
| GAG GROUPER | 65% | 35% |
| RED SNAPPER | 49% | 51% |
| RED GROUPER | 24% | 74% |

FLORIDA STATE WATER FISH ALLOCATIONS

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|----------|------|----|
| BILLFISH | 100% | 0% |
| SNOOK | 100% | 0% |
| REDFISH | 100% | 0% |
| TROUT | 98% | 2% |

* Not sure of king mackerel because it's managed jointly, but this was the approximate split in the Gulf of Mexico in the past.

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The Economic Evaluation of Grouper Allocations presented by Mr. Agar and Mr. Carter at the Corpus Christie council meeting was totally the wrong way to determine the value of commercial grouper. Fishermen pay from \$.50 to \$.60 a pound for red grouper allocation in order to catch that pound of fish. How can they use that as the value of a pound of red grouper when the consumer is willing to pay \$25.00 for a grouper dinner and only get a half of a pound on their plate.

Using the price of IFQ *shares* is a more realistic method than using allocation prices. Red snapper shares are selling for \$35.00 a pound. Shares are what a fisherman strives to acquire because they give him the privilege to catch that fish every year. Even though the council's Principles of Allocation states that economic allocation should not be the *sole purpose* of allocation, the economic evaluation of a commercial fish to a recreational fish should at least be accurate.

Section b. 1. of the council's Principles for Allocation states, "Suggested methods for determining reallocation should be *accountability* (a sector's ability to keep within allocation)."

By continuously overrunning their quota over the years, the recreational sector has effectively already reallocated more fish to themselves, to the detriment of the commercial sector and more importantly, to the fish stocks and the American consumer.

Powerful recreational groups want to take fish away from the commercial sector. They are hiding behind the pretence that everything has to revolve around economics and money. Whether the recreational angler population is growing or not, we live in a world of limits. The Gulf Council sets the harvest limits and each sector should abide by those limits.

What about American citizens who can't afford boats, and depend on the commercial fishery to eat healthy seafood. *Food has always been more important than playing.* Why should fish be taken away from the working fisherman who is trying to feed his family and the American consumer and awarded to an elite group of people who have money and time to spare?

If this Council chooses to reallocate; don't take fish away from one sector and give them to the other. Let each sector *earn* its share of fish. Keep the allocation split between each sector *just as it is now*, and each year thereafter whichever sector exceeds their quota should have a payback provision to make them accountable. It is not just about fishermen, be it recreational or commercial; it is also about the American consumer. After all, Magnuson Stevenson advocates the maximum benefit to the nation, not just to people who can afford pleasure boats.

Jim Clements
Commercial fisherman
Carrabelle Fl.

The Case for Grouper and Snapper Re-Allocation

A recent presentation to the socioeconomic science and statistical committee (SESSC) of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council by two NOAA Fisheries Service Economists showed that recreational value for grouper far outstrips commercial value in the grouper fishery. These economists concluded that the current allocation is economically inefficient and to increase efficiency and maximize the value to the nation, the allocation should be moved towards the recreational sector. Yet the SESSC refused to recommend changing the allocation substantially or even recommending that the council should develop a plan to change allocations in this fishery. This prompted CCA to compile all the grouper and red snapper valuation estimates published in the literature and provided in Table 1. The estimates presented to the SESSC are detailed in NMFS 2011 and Carter and Liese (2012).

Table 1. All Existing Grouper and Red Snapper Values.

| Authors | Year | Species | Commercial Value | Recreational Value | Supports Re-Allocation to Recreational Sector |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|---|
| Haab, T.C. et al. | 2000 | Snapper - Grouper | | \$7 - \$8/fish | Yes |
| Gentner, B. | 2004 | Red Grouper | | \$19.37/pound | Yes |
| Gentner, B. | 2004 | Gag Grouper | | \$19.27/pound | Yes |
| Johnston et al. | 2006 | All Fish Species | | 14.33/fish | Yes |
| Carter, D.W. et al. | 2008 | Grouper (all) | \$1.14/pound | \$1.33/pound | Yes |
| Haab, T. et al. | 2009 | Grouper (all) | | \$32 - \$98/fish | Yes |
| Gentner, B. | 2010 | Gag Grouper | | \$13.58/pound | Yes |
| Gentner, B. | 2010 | Red Grouper | | \$13.51/pound | Yes |
| NMFS | 2011a | Gag Grouper | \$0.95/pound | | Yes |
| NMFS | 2011a | Red Grouper | \$0.69/pound | | Yes |
| NMFS | 2011a | Deepwater Grouper | \$1.09/pound | | Yes |
| NMFS | 2011a | Shallowwater Grouper | \$0.97/pound | | Yes |
| Carter, D.W. and C. Liese | 2012 | Grouper (all) | | \$26-\$80/fish | Yes |
| Gillig et al. | 2000 | Red Snapper | | \$20/fish | Yes |
| Gillig et al. | 2003 | Red Snapper | | \$7/fish | Yes |
| Haab, T. et al. | 2009 | Red Snapper | | \$108/fish | Yes |
| Griffin et al. | 2009 | Red Snapper | | \$52-\$155/day | Yes |
| Carter, D.W. and C. Liese | 2012 | Red Snapper | | \$20-\$63/fish | Yes |
| NMFS | 2011b | Red Snapper | \$2.76/pound | | Yes |

From Table 1, commercial values for various grouper species range from \$0.69/pound to \$1.14 per pound with the lower values from NMFS 2011a being more accurate as they are from market transactions in the grouper quota lease market whereas the Carter et al. (2008) estimates are derived from an econometric model. Commercial values for red snapper were \$2.76/pound as taken from quota lease transactions in NMFS 2011b. Recreational values range from a conservative \$1.33/pound to \$19.37/pound for grouper. Several of the studies did not denominate the value by the pound and instead denominated the value per fish. In these cases, value per fish ranged from \$7/fish to \$98/fish for grouper and from \$7/fish to \$108/fish for red snapper. To address detractors that have problems with the MRFSS data, the Johnston et al. study compiled 391 estimates across 48 different studies using all varieties of recreational data to develop the average across all fish species of \$14.33/fish. Using the 2011 MRIP catch estimates, the average gag grouper weighs 7.14 pounds. Applying this estimate to the Johnston figure generates a value per pound in the \$2/pound range for grouper supporting re-allocation when taking the average value across all species found in the literature. Griffin et al. (2009) simulated a market for red snapper shares and in this simulation the recreational sector would purchase the entire commercial allocation.

The evidence is overwhelming. Across all studies that have examined commercial and recreational value, recreational value exceeds commercial value. All studies consistently show that the current allocation is inefficient and that efficiency would be increased if recreational allocations were increased. Isn't it about time that the council addresses this inefficiency and begins managing these fisheries to maximize their value to the nation?

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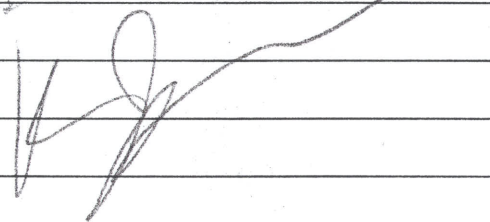
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Subject: SS Meeting in NO

Date: Friday, August 24, 2012 6:42 AM

From: tom adams <4tomadams@gmail.com>

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Conversation: SS Meeting in NO

Charlene Please pass this along to the rest of the council and post in your comments section

I was wondering how the proponents of Sector separation knew on Tuesday that the vote was going to be postponed and many went home. If I had been given that information, I could have saved money on hotels and even made money running some charters. I know Gary Jarvis went home Tuesday and Mike Jennings said that they all knew it was going to be tabled. Who on the council is providing inside information to a select few to save them time and money. This is bad for the council and should be addressed by the entire council in my opinion. It seems the process is flawed. Here is a quote by Mike Jennings on how the SS proponents knew it was to be tabled and Gary Jarvis went back to work—where I should have been

Mike Jennings commented on Fisherman's Voice's link.

Mike wrote: "News Flash Gary was not even there today. He was home fishing. He went home tuesday evening . So whoever you saw storm off wasn't Gary. That is a fact. I called the cab for him. Next time don't copy and paste something Tom Hilton posted on too cool . Make sure you see it before you post it. SS being tabled was a for gone conclusion . It was no supersize . Except to those that made the strategic mistake of combining it with reallocation . Chew on that one for a while "

Of course Mr Jennings doesn't spell very well but I think you will get the idea "no surprise"

Thanks,

Capt. Tom Adams- Mexico Beach Charters

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August 15, 2012

Mr. Doug Boyd
Vice Chairman
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
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Dear Chairman Boyd:

In October of 2009, I joined the governors of three other Gulf states in expressing our concerns over management concepts that privatize fisheries and the negative effects of restricting citizens' access to fishery resources that should be shared by all. Additionally, we pointed out that in its rush to adopt and implement these concepts, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) may have forgotten its most fundamental responsibility under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act — to maximize the net economic value from the use of a public resource.

Three years later, these issues are still valid, and I am writing to express concerns over the new effort to further privatize public resources by dedicating them to businesses in the charter/for-hire industry. Creating yet another exclusive harvesting right for a small group of businesses inherently marginalizes other users who do not have the same access privileges. Given the direction of your policies, the group that stands to be marginalized in the Gulf of Mexico is also the group that represents the greatest economic engine in these fisheries — private boat recreational anglers.

On any level, the concept of privatizing public wildlife resources runs counter to the ethic of stewardship. Recreational fishing is an important activity in Texas and I am increasingly concerned that NOAA policies are not only failing to exploit the economic potential of the recreational sector, but are actively discouraging it while subsidizing far less viable aspects of the fishery in the for-hire industry. The for-hire sector is an important part of the fishery, but that does not necessitate the privatization of their annual take.

Examples of successful wildlife resource management exist throughout our country. The Gulf states in particular have had great success in the management of recreational fisheries and have

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never required limiting public access to the resources through the granting of exclusive rights. We can rebuild and sustain these resources without resorting to such a radical departure from traditional methods.

Texas shares the goal of healthy marine resources, but I urge NOAA and the Gulf Council to reconsider the methods it is employing to achieve that goal and reject proposals to further privatize public marine resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the "R" and "P" being particularly large and prominent.

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| 8/17/2012 6:16:33 | Joseph Nash | captjoenash@gmail.com | <p>I am a charter boat owner/operator out of orange beach, al for the past 24 years, numbers on my vessel do not lie I fished as many as 207 days in one year and as few as 105 the lower numbers are now. We need something done to preserve the charter for hire industry and keep the fleet profitable, The Red Snapper issue is such a waste these fish are now considered TRASH FISH becuae they are absolutly good for nothing 10 and a half months a year. When we take people out for catch and release the comments are always the same "i want to come back during snapper season" well we really just need more days to harvest some of these trash fish. Then when we are out fishing during closure it counts against us becuae a percentage of these trash fish do not live after release. The success of the rebuilding the red snapper stocks is a double edge sword. We try our best to stay away from these fish but they are everywhere now even 300-400 ft of water. Please do something, these fish are to plentiful and allot bigger now then ever, if we do not harvest them correctly Mother Nature will take care of it for us, its our job to be the best stewards of our resources lets do it.</p> <p>The triggerfish issue , do not let the same thing happen here micro managing the gulf has side effects.</p> <p>I am for sector seperation and option #7 for red snapper reallcation. thank you for your time, just aggrivated with all the time that passes between decisions, we do not need a pilot program we need something solid in affect soon.</p> | Gulf Shores, Al 36542 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/17/2012 18:31:37 | Capt. Chad Haggert | doubleeagledsf@aol.com | <p>I am vice president of a family owned headboat business that has operated out of Clearwater Beach for over 40 yeas. I am in favor of moving forward with this amendment. I will not bore you with the same comments that you have heard so many times before. I believe the council should continue with the scoping process. No one really knows the true identity of sector separation or what it will mean to the for hire fleet or the private recs. We all know that nothing can be moved forward without a referendum and vote from all stake holders. You have heard some comment on their disbelief that the council would even consider moving forward with this amendment. Well, I am in disbelief that all involved would not want to hear every option in this amendment. The federally permitted vessels in the Gulf need to hear ALL the options that this idea would bring and then make their decisions. It is clear to see what the current management system is doing to the fleet. I ask the council to continue forward with this amendment and finally bring all details to light. There is entirely to much MISINFORMATION circulating on this issue.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Capt. Chad Haggert, VP Double Eagle Deep Sea Fishing</p> | Clearwater Beach, FL 33767 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/18/2012 2:50:08 | Captain Henry Hauch | Captain_Henry@ACME-Ventures-Fishing.com | <p>Please make certain that ALL of the comments submitted on AD 39, of which there are seemingly thousands, are included in the decision on this attempt to merge the issue of allocations with the highly unfavorable Sector Separation Scheme. With the overwhelming opposition to sector separation as evidenced on your own comment pages, the "options" should reflect the 'Will of the People'. This merging of the 2 separate issues seems designed to make the allocation issue soften the idea of dividing the recreational community, but this still remains a separate issue. To remain credible, the Gulf Council must start listening to the will of its stakeholders, and not the small minority, but the overwhelming majority! Its clear what they want, and that is no separating of the allocations in the recreational sector. As such its encouraged that any allocation options reflect proportionatly the sentiment expressed in you comments on AD 39, with some 98% opposing the sector separation scheme. Mr Crabtree's suggestion to rebrand the joined admendments seems designed to "Muddy the Issue" by calling it "Sector Definition and Accocations". Call it what you want, but it still smells as bad, and by resorting to the political methodology of merging unfavorable plans with legitimate issues such as allocations from com to rec, it makes it only seem more likely that the stakeholders are yet going to be ignored and have something that most are opposed to, does not address the root problems in our fishery management, and makes a few people rich at the expence of the majority! Yes that sounds very much like catch shares, and that is the ultimate goal of thes very groups pushing Sector Separation, as evidenced in their own documents. Please ensure the will of the people is reflected in a proportional balance when considering any options to include sector separation in the real issue of sector allocation. Its not even a close arguement. With no statistics on how Sector Separation with help the extreme and "High Level of Uncertainty" that exist in the fishery management of the recreational sector, it begs to fix that huge problem FIRST, before trying some "New and Novel" management scfHEME. In most cases, the restricted access to the fisheries has little to do with a lack of fish, but rather a lack of reliable science based data. With the numbers of recreational participants in the federal fisheries overestimated by 350 to 400%, the gross overestimation of landings follows, followed by ACL's set in cloorctly, and followed by unnecessarily short seasons. No Separation of the Recreational Sector without the majority support of the recreational community, and not without reliable, accurate, complete and current science based data first!</p> | | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/18/2012 10:17:43 | paul loughridge | paul.loughridge@yahoo.com | <p>Why would the council consider allocating more of the red and gag grouper to the rec sector when we have no idea how many trips the rec sector makes, how many fishermen fish offshore, or most importantly what they are catching? the commercial sector has vms, observer data, logbook data, yet we will suffer because of economic data stating the rec sector is more valuable? It seems irresponsible to allocate more to a sector that continues to be guesswork at best. Best available science on rec sector data is flawed, we all know that. Why not try and get a clue before discussing re-allocation?</p> | crystal river fla 34428 | Commercial Fisher |
| 8/18/2012 10:55:06 | Erika Pettite | epettite@yahoo.com | <p>I am a supporter for all Anglers - Commercial, Industrial, Charters/Headboat For-Hire, and to all civilians who fish from their boats, kayaks, freedivers, shore, etc. This amendment must be be clear in understanding from all!</p> <p>Keep America Fishing!</p> | Anaheim, CA 92805 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |

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| 8/19/2012 6:56:21 | Capt Tom Adams | 4tomadams@gmail.com | <p>Why is the council changing names and merging commercial and recreational allocation options with recreational sector separation especially just days before the meeting? It makes it look like something underhanded is going on. Is there? What happened to amendment 39. It was standing alone as a completely separate issue.; which it is and should be.</p> | PORT ST JOE, fl 32456 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, NGO |
| 8/19/2012 7:40:17 | Capt. Thomas J. Hilton | hilton@rt-nav.com | <p>Sector allocation is a SECONDARY tweak to the PRIMARY framework of sectors. Combining sector allocation and sector separation is simply a sleight of hand in an attempt to give legitimacy to sector separation by acting as if it has been already scoped and vetted - it has not.</p> <p>Classic case of the tail wagging the dog.</p> <p>Sector Separation is the "bigger" issue that should be decided upon FIRST, before looking at the details of what allocation %'s are doled out to which sector.</p> <p>Each issue should go to scoping on its own merits, or lack thereof.</p> <p>A GREAT example of how this is the WRONG approach is this; If the vote of the Council goes to stay with the status quo relative to a recreational/commercial split, I do not believe Sector Separation will go away. It has to be presented (and defeated) on its own terms.</p> <p>In case you haven't seen the results of the scoping comments on sector separation, I would recommend that you go through and read what the People are saying about this concept and the Council itself for letting this get THIS far. The tally, last time I looked was that there have been 3,350 responses.</p> <p>3,271 against 79 for Sector Separation.</p> <p>This amounts to 2.4% of the recreational angling community [For] and 97.6% [Against] Sector Separation.</p> <p>If the Council ignores this obvious mandate to cease and desist on this matter, then it will confirm that the entire scoping process is a sham.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Capt. Thomas J. Hilton</p> | Arcola, Texas 77583 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |

From: ben fairey [mailto:benfairey@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2012 9:45 AM

To: Roy Cell Crabtree; Kim Amendola; Kay email Williams; Kevin email Anson; Captain Johnny Greene; Steve Bortone; Docwork; doug boyd; Harlan email Pierce

Subject: Public testimony

GOM council members,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinions facing our industry. I look forward to be able to meet the new council members and look forward to continue to work toward real solutions. I run the Charterboat Necessity out of Orange Beach ,Alabama.I have been a USCG licensed Captain for 40 years. The Necessity is a 62ft. multi passenger vessel licensed to carry 30 people. I am past president of the Orange Beach Fishing Assn. I currently serve on the OBFA board of directors. I am on the Gulf Shores / Orange Beach Tourism board of directors, I was appointed to the Alabama Seafood Promotion Commission by Gov. Bentley, I have served on the board of directors of the Charter Fishermen's Assn.I am currently on the Board of Advisers of the CFA. I have served on various AP's for the Gulf Council.

I urge the council to continue to explore viable options to a flexible, separate FMP for the CFH industry. Its no secret this past June in the Northern GOM how weather negatively impacted RS season. Boating accidents and injuries caused by a derby fishery are unfortunate and must be avoided. Volunteer pilot programs certainly are a fair way to see if a FMP will work. The OBFA board of directors voted to support these types of programs. Status Quo fmp continue to fail my industry. Shorter seasons, closed seasons, dead discards all point to the need of a better management system. The NMFS and the council has done a excellent job on rebuilding once depleted fish stocks. Now we just need a FMP that allows us to fish in a sustainable way that makes good business sense. Being the public access for the non boat owning public and boat owners who choose to use charterboats we need flexibility,accountability and electronic reporting systems.

I am encouraged and look forward to a better future for our industry! My hope is that with the opportunities ahead we can work together to provide a better future for the next generation of boat captains and customers.

Respectfully,

Capt. Ben Fairey

Council,

My name is Capt. Thomas J. Hilton and I would like to submit as part of the record this stack of 394 pages of over 3,500 responses from the Gulf fishing community in regards to this very bad idea - RFA 39 – Sector Separation.

Inside of these pages is an overwhelming, I repeat, overwhelming rejection of this concept to the tune of about 97% AGAINST, 3% FOR. These responses are from private recreational, charter-for-hire, non-governmental organizations, state governors, the Congressional Sportsman's Caucus, and others. Consider this a mandate from the People demanding that you cease and desist from any further consideration of Sector Separation.

Some of you claim that it has nothing to do with Catch Shares – after all, they aren't even mentioned in RFA 39! Enclosed is EDF's Progress Report that says different. Quote: **"The work we are doing with a core group of for-hire recreational fishermen, whose movement we helped develop and continue to support, called SOS (Save Our Sector), will be important to continue to move catch shares forward in the for-hire sector of the recreational red snapper fishery."**

Your so-called Sector Separation Workshop held almost 2 years ago was supposedly a Gulf Council function, yet it was designed, orchestrated, and controlled by EDF's Whitney Tome. Shame on your Dr., Bortone, Bob Gill, and other Council members who participated in this charade.

SEGREGATING recreational fishermen based on what platform they fish upon, giving select privileges (including ownership of our Public Trust Resource) to some and not the others, while simultaneously denying access to what ALL Americans own is DISCRIMINATION in the highest degree and in obvious direct violation of National Standard 4 by the way.

Especially in light that Strelcheck's Sector Separation Analysis showed YOU that there would be a negative effect to private recreational fishing seasons and positive effect to for-hire fishing seasons in 11 out of the 12 scenarios shown. Certainly **NOT** fair and equitable management.

You need to be developing strategies to groundtruth effort and landings data – a good start in this regard would be the requirement for a boat permit for offshore species – that is, IF you are truly interested in finding out realistic effort and landings data. I and many others have our doubts.

This boat permit could provide much-needed data regarding how many fishermen are fishing out of what port, on which days, and whether they are aboard a private rec, charter, or head boat. Regional management has been discussed, and this type of data is exactly what you need to make those types of decisions. For more information, refer to the OFS Permit Plan.

I hear concerns that the commercial permits are capped, but the private recreational sector is not.

One solution would be for you to freeze the commercial poundage at today's levels – they are making plenty of money on the shares that you gifted them, and they are set for life. Any future increases to the ACL should be allocated solely to the recreational side, growing as the recreational sector (both private rec and for-hire) grows.

Trying to expand Catch Shares into other fisheries when they have shown not to be able to even sustain themselves is ludicrous. The Magnuson mandates that the Cost Recovery Fee pay for the management and enforcement of the RS-IFQ program, yet that has been capped at 3%. Mr. Steele said the actual cost is closer to 15-17%. Since the IFQ program is undergoing its 5 year review, it is appropriate to increase that fee **NOW** to relieve the American taxpayer from subsidizing that program.

Capt Thomas J. Hilton

August 22, 2012

Environmental Defense Fund

Progress Report

Catch shares are the default tool for managing fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico region

Over the past year, EDF has helped propel the commercial grouper/tilefish IFQ plan toward implementation, advanced the goal of catch share management for king mackerel and all remaining Gulf reef fish species, helped create essential management building blocks for catch shares in the for-hire sport fishing sector, and continued to support the nation's first industry alliance dedicated to promoting catch shares.

With the vital help of our industry partnerships, we recently ushered the grouper/tilefish IFQ plan to final passage by the Gulf Council in January (13-4 vote in favor). The Secretary of Commerce approved the plan in August and it is set to begin on January 1, 2010. However, higher than expected interactions with threatened sea turtles added a wrinkle to the program. In May, NMFS implemented an emergency closure of the longline reef fishery (of which the grouper/tilefish fishery is a part) to help resolve the problem. To keep fishermen on the water, we targeted converting 50 percent of the fleet, or approximately 50 vessels, to vertical, or 'bandit' gear, which has been proven to cause far fewer turtle interactions. EDF immediately launched a grant program for conversion of longline vessels to the vertical gear. To date, applications have been approved to convert 50 vessels, and 45 have converted. Offering the industry an option for staying in business has gone a long way to solidify relationships and trust with both fishermen and regulators.

Our work to promote catch share management for all Gulf reef fish continues to bear fruit. **In June, at our urging, the Gulf Council established a new advisory panel to explore a catch share plan for all remaining reef fish, including three subgroups: commercial, recreational for-hire and private anglers. *EDF and key allies have secured voting positions on the panel.*** We expect that the commercial sub-group will easily move forward with a plan to add all remaining reef fish (19 more species in total, including amberjack and gray triggerfish) into the existing IFQ program. The for-hire and private angler sub-groups will explore catch share and accountability measures for reef fish, including red snapper and grouper. The recreational discussions will undoubtedly be long, heated and challenging. Part of their charge is to discuss intersector trading.

The work we are doing with a core group of for-hire recreational fishermen, whose movement we helped develop and continue to support, called SOS (Save Our Sector), will be important to continue to move catch shares forward in the for-hire sector of the recreational red snapper fishery.

SOS now has over 200 supporters across all five Gulf states. This membership, which includes boat owners and crew members, reflects a significant portion of the 1,100 licenses in the for-hire fleet. The group's work was a key factor in the Gulf Council's October decision to consider separation of the recreational sector into for-hire and private angler sectors in the generic Annual Catch Limit/Accountability Measures amendment, which will be subject to public hearings in either December or January and likely voted on next summer. *The amendment will form the foundation for a for-hire IFQ and harvest tags for private anglers.*

You can download the rest of EDF's Progress Report here; walker-foundation.org/Files/walker/2009/GulfofMXupdate.doc

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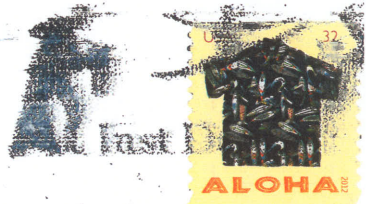


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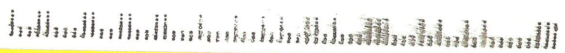
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Mr. Doug Boyd
Vice Chairman
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Dear Chairman Boyd:

In October of 2009, I joined the governors of three other Gulf states in expressing our concerns over management concepts that privatize fisheries and the negative effects of restricting citizens' access to fishery resources that should be shared by all. Additionally, we pointed out that in its rush to adopt and implement these concepts, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) may have forgotten its most fundamental responsibility under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act — to maximize the net economic value from the use of a public resource.

Three years later, these issues are still valid, and I am writing to express concerns over the new effort to further privatize public resources by dedicating them to businesses in the charter/for-hire industry. Creating yet another exclusive harvesting right for a small group of businesses inherently marginalizes other users who do not have the same access privileges. Given the direction of your policies, the group that stands to be marginalized in the Gulf of Mexico is also the group that represents the greatest economic engine in these fisheries — private boat recreational anglers.

On any level, the concept of privatizing public wildlife resources runs counter to the ethic of stewardship. Recreational fishing is an important activity in Texas and I am increasingly concerned that NOAA policies are not only failing to exploit the economic potential of the recreational sector, but are actively discouraging it while subsidizing far less viable aspects of the fishery in the for-hire industry. The for-hire sector is an important part of the fishery, but that does not necessitate the privatization of their annual take.

Examples of successful wildlife resource management exist throughout our country. The Gulf states in particular have had great success in the management of recreational fisheries and have

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never required limiting public access to the resources through the granting of exclusive rights. We can rebuild and sustain these resources without resorting to such a radical departure from traditional methods.

Texas shares the goal of healthy marine resources, but I urge NOAA and the Gulf Council to reconsider the methods it is employing to achieve that goal and reject proposals to further privatize public marine resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The letters are bold and cursive, with a large, stylized "R" and "P".

Rick Perry
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| 8/17/2012 6:16:33 | Joseph Nash | captjoenash@gmail.com | <p>I am a charter boat owner/operator out of orange beach, al for the past 24 years, numbers on my vessel do not lie I fished as many as 207 days in one year and as few as 105 the lower numbers are now. We need something done to preserve the charter for hire industry and keep the fleet profitable, The Red Snapper issue is such a waste these fish are now considered TRASH FISH becuae they are absolutly good for nothing 10 and a half months a year. When we take people out for catch and release the comments are always the same "i want to come back during snapper season" well we really just need more days to harvest some of these trash fish. Then when we are out fishing during closure it counts against us becuae a percentage of these trash fish do not live after release. The success of the rebuilding the red snapper stocks is a double edge sword. We try our best to stay away from these fish but they are everywhere now even 300-400 ft of water. Please do something, these fish are to plentiful and allot bigger now then ever, if we do not harvest them correctly Mother Nature will take care of it for us, its our job to be the best stewards of our resources lets do it.</p> <p>The triggerfish issue , do not let the same thing happen here micro managing the gulf has side effects.</p> <p>I am for sector seperation and option #7 for red snapper reallcation. thank you for your time, just aggrivated with all the time that passes between decisions, we do not need a pilot program we need something solid in affect soon.</p> | Gulf Shores, Al 36542 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/17/2012 18:31:37 | Capt. Chad Haggert | doubleeagledsf@aol.com | <p>I am vice president of a family owned headboat business that has operated out of Clearwater Beach for over 40 yeas. I am in favor of moving forward with this amendment. I will not bore you with the same comments that you have heard so many times before. I believe the council should continue with the scoping process. No one really knows the true identity of sector separation or what it will mean to the for hire fleet or the private recs. We all know that nothing can be moved forward without a referendum and vote from all stake holders. You have heard some comment on their disbelief that the council would even consider moving forward with this amendment. Well, I am in disbelief that all involved would not want to hear every option in this amendment. The federally permitted vessels in the Gulf need to hear ALL the options that this idea would bring and then make their decisions. It is clear to see what the current management system is doing to the fleet. I ask the council to continue forward with this amendment and finally bring all details to light. There is entirely to much MISINFORMATION circulating on this issue.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Capt. Chad Haggert, VP Double Eagle Deep Sea Fishing</p> | Clearwater Beach, FL 33767 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/18/2012 2:50:08 | Captain Henry Hauch | Captain_Henry@ACME-Ventures-Fishing.com | Please make certain that ALL of the comments submitted on AD 39, of which there are seemingly thousands, are included in the decision on this attempt to merge the issue of allocations with the highly unfavorable Sector Separation Scheme. With the overwhelming opposition to sector separation as evidenced on your own comment pages, the "options" should reflect the 'Will of the People'. This merging of the 2 separate issues seems designed to make the allocation issue soften the idea of dividing the recreational community, but this still remains a separate issue. To remain credible, the Gulf Council must start listening to the will of its stakeholders, and not the small minority, but the overwhelming majority! Its clear what they want, and that is no separating of the allocations in the recreational sector. As such its encouraged that any allocation options reflect proportionatly the sentiment expressed in you comments on AD 39, with some 98% opposing the sector separation scheme. Mr Crabtree's suggestion to rebrand the joined admendments seems designed to "Muddy the Issue" by calling it "Sector Definition and Accocations". Call it what you want, but it still smells as bad, and by resorting to the political methodology of merging unfavorable plans with legitimate issues such as allocations from com to rec, it makes it only seem more likely that the stakeholders are yet going to be ignored and have something that most are opposed to, does not address the root problems in our fishery management, and makes a few people rich at the expence of the majority! Yes that sounds very much like catch shares, and that is the ultimate goal of thes very groups pushing Sector Separation, as evidenced in their own documents. Please ensure the will of the people is reflected in a proportional balance when considering any options to include sector separation in the real issue of sector allocation. Its not even a close arguement. With no statistics on how Sector Separation with help the extreme and "High Level of Uncertainty" that exist in the fishery management of the recreational sector, it begs to fix that huge problem FIRST, before trying some "New and Novel" management scfHEME. In most cases, the restricted access to the fisheries has little to do with a lack of fish, but rather a lack of reliable science based data. With the numbers of recreational participants in the federal fisheries overestimated by 350 to 400%, the gross overestimation of landings follows, followed by ACL's set incloorctly, and followed by unnecessarily short seasons. No Separation of the Recreational Sector without the majority support of the recreational community, and not without reliable, accurate, complete and current science based data first! | | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/18/2012 10:17:43 | paul loughridge | paul.loughridge@yahoo.com | Why would the council consider allocating more of the red and gag grouper to the rec sector when we have no idea how many trips the rec sector makes, how many fishermen fish offshore, or most importantly what they are catching? the commercial sector has vms, observer data, logbook data, yet we will suffer because of economic data stating the rec sector is more valuable? It seems irresponsible to allocate more to a sector that continues to be guesswork at best. Best available science on rec sector data is flawed, we all know that. Why not try and get a clue before discussing re-allocation? | crystal river fla 34428 | Commercial Fisher |
| 8/18/2012 10:55:06 | Erika Pettite | epettite@yahoo.com | I am a supporter for all Anglers - Commercial, Industrial, Charters/Headboat For-Hire, and to all civilians who fish from their boats, kayaks, freedivers, shore, etc. This amendment must be be clear in understanding from all! Keep America Fishing! | Anaheim, CA 92805 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |

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| 8/19/2012 6:56:21 | Capt Tom Adams | 4tomadams@gmail.com | <p>Why is the council changing names and merging commercial and recreational allocation options with recreational sector separation especially just days before the meeting? It makes it look like something underhanded is going on. Is there? What happened to amendment 39. It was standing alone as a completely separate issue.; which it is and should be.</p> | PORT ST JOE, fl 32456 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, NGO |
| 8/19/2012 7:40:17 | Capt. Thomas J. Hilton | hilton@rt-nav.com | <p>Sector allocation is a SECONDARY tweak to the PRIMARY framework of sectors. Combining sector allocation and sector separation is simply a sleight of hand in an attempt to give legitimacy to sector separation by acting as if it has been already scoped and vetted - it has not.</p> <p>Classic case of the tail wagging the dog.</p> <p>Sector Separation is the "bigger" issue that should be decided upon FIRST, before looking at the details of what allocation %'s are doled out to which sector.</p> <p>Each issue should go to scoping on its own merits, or lack thereof.</p> <p>A GREAT example of how this is the WRONG approach is this; If the vote of the Council goes to stay with the status quo relative to a recreational/commercial split, I do not believe Sector Separation will go away. It has to be presented (and defeated) on its own terms.</p> <p>In case you haven't seen the results of the scoping comments on sector separation, I would recommend that you go through and read what the People are saying about this concept and the Council itself for letting this get THIS far. The tally, last time I looked was that there have been 3,350 responses.</p> <p>3,271 against 79 for Sector Separation.</p> <p>This amounts to 2.4% of the recreational angling community [For] and 97.6% [Against] Sector Separation.</p> <p>If the Council ignores this obvious mandate to cease and desist on this matter, then it will confirm that the entire scoping process is a sham.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Capt. Thomas J. Hilton</p> | Arcola, Texas 77583 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |

From: ben fairey [mailto:benfairey@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2012 9:45 AM

To: Roy Cell Crabtree; Kim Amendola; Kay email Williams; Kevin email Anson; Captain Johnny Greene; Steve Bortone; Docwork; doug boyd; Harlan email Pierce

Subject: Public testimony

GOM council members,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinions facing our industry. I look forward to be able to meet the new council members and look forward to continue to work toward real solutions. I run the Charterboat Necessity out of Orange Beach ,Alabama.I have been a USCG licensed Captain for 40 years. The Necessity is a 62ft. multi passenger vessel licensed to carry 30 people. I am past president of the Orange Beach Fishing Assn. I currently serve on the OBFA board of directors. I am on the Gulf Shores / Orange Beach Tourism board of directors, I was appointed to the Alabama Seafood Promotion Commission by Gov. Bentley, I have served on the board of directors of the Charter Fishermen's Assn.I am currently on the Board of Advisers of the CFA. I have served on various AP's for the Gulf Council.

I urge the council to continue to explore viable options to a flexible, separate FMP for the CFH industry. Its no secret this past June in the Northern GOM how weather negatively impacted RS season. Boating accidents and injuries caused by a derby fishery are unfortunate and must be avoided. Volunteer pilot programs certainly are a fair way to see if a FMP will work. The OBFA board of directors voted to support these types of programs. Status Quo fmp continue to fail my industry. Shorter seasons, closed seasons, dead discards all point to the need of a better management system. The NMFS and the council has done a excellent job on rebuilding once depleted fish stocks. Now we just need a FMP that allows us to fish in a sustainable way that makes good business sense. Being the public access for the non boat owning public and boat owners who choose to use charterboats we need flexibility,accountability and electronic reporting systems.

I am encouraged and look forward to a better future for our industry! My hope is that with the opportunities ahead we can work together to provide a better future for the next generation of boat captains and customers.

Respectfully,

Capt. Ben Fairey

Council,

My name is Capt. Thomas J. Hilton and I would like to submit as part of the record this stack of 394 pages of over 3,500 responses from the Gulf fishing community in regards to this very bad idea - RFA 39 – Sector Separation.

Inside of these pages is an overwhelming, I repeat, overwhelming rejection of this concept to the tune of about 97% AGAINST, 3% FOR. These responses are from private recreational, charter-for-hire, non-governmental organizations, state governors, the Congressional Sportsman's Caucus, and others. Consider this a mandate from the People demanding that you cease and desist from any further consideration of Sector Separation.

Some of you claim that it has nothing to do with Catch Shares – after all, they aren't even mentioned in RFA 39! Enclosed is EDF's Progress Report that says different. Quote: **"The work we are doing with a core group of for-hire recreational fishermen, whose movement we helped develop and continue to support, called SOS (Save Our Sector), will be important to continue to move catch shares forward in the for-hire sector of the recreational red snapper fishery."**

Your so-called Sector Separation Workshop held almost 2 years ago was supposedly a Gulf Council function, yet it was designed, orchestrated, and controlled by EDF's Whitney Tome. Shame on your Dr., Bortone, Bob Gill, and other Council members who participated in this charade.

SEGREGATING recreational fishermen based on what platform they fish upon, giving select privileges (including ownership of our Public Trust Resource) to some and not the others, while simultaneously denying access to what ALL Americans own is DISCRIMINATION in the highest degree and in obvious direct violation of National Standard 4 by the way.

Especially in light that Strelcheck's Sector Separation Analysis showed YOU that there would be a negative effect to private recreational fishing seasons and positive effect to for-hire fishing seasons in 11 out of the 12 scenarios shown. Certainly **NOT** fair and equitable management.

You need to be developing strategies to groundtruth effort and landings data – a good start in this regard would be the requirement for a boat permit for offshore species – that is, IF you are truly interested in finding out realistic effort and landings data. I and many others have our doubts.

This boat permit could provide much-needed data regarding how many fishermen are fishing out of what port, on which days, and whether they are aboard a private rec, charter, or head boat. Regional management has been discussed, and this type of data is exactly what you need to make those types of decisions. For more information, refer to the OFS Permit Plan.

I hear concerns that the commercial permits are capped, but the private recreational sector is not.

One solution would be for you to freeze the commercial poundage at today's levels – they are making plenty of money on the shares that you gifted them, and they are set for life. Any future increases to the ACL should be allocated solely to the recreational side, growing as the recreational sector (both private rec and for-hire) grows.

Trying to expand Catch Shares into other fisheries when they have shown not to be able to even sustain themselves is ludicrous. The Magnuson mandates that the Cost Recovery Fee pay for the management and enforcement of the RS-IFQ program, yet that has been capped at 3%. Mr. Steele said the actual cost is closer to 15-17%. Since the IFQ program is undergoing its 5 year review, it is appropriate to increase that fee **NOW** to relieve the American taxpayer from subsidizing that program.

Capt Thomas J. Hilton

August 22, 2012

Environmental Defense Fund

Progress Report

Catch shares are the default tool for managing fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico region

Over the past year, EDF has helped propel the commercial grouper/tilefish IFQ plan toward implementation, advanced the goal of catch share management for king mackerel and all remaining Gulf reef fish species, helped create essential management building blocks for catch shares in the for-hire sport fishing sector, and continued to support the nation's first industry alliance dedicated to promoting catch shares.

With the vital help of our industry partnerships, we recently ushered the grouper/tilefish IFQ plan to final passage by the Gulf Council in January (13-4 vote in favor). The Secretary of Commerce approved the plan in August and it is set to begin on January 1, 2010. However, higher than expected interactions with threatened sea turtles added a wrinkle to the program. In May, NMFS implemented an emergency closure of the longline reef fishery (of which the grouper/tilefish fishery is a part) to help resolve the problem. To keep fishermen on the water, we targeted converting 50 percent of the fleet, or approximately 50 vessels, to vertical, or 'bandit' gear, which has been proven to cause far fewer turtle interactions. EDF immediately launched a grant program for conversion of longline vessels to the vertical gear. To date, applications have been approved to convert 50 vessels, and 45 have converted. Offering the industry an option for staying in business has gone a long way to solidify relationships and trust with both fishermen and regulators.

Our work to promote catch share management for all Gulf reef fish continues to bear fruit. **In June, at our urging, the Gulf Council established a new advisory panel to explore a catch share plan for all remaining reef fish, including three subgroups: commercial, recreational for-hire and private anglers. *EDF and key allies have secured voting positions on the panel.*** We expect that the commercial sub-group will easily move forward with a plan to add all remaining reef fish (19 more species in total, including amberjack and gray triggerfish) into the existing IFQ program. The for-hire and private angler sub-groups will explore catch share and accountability measures for reef fish, including red snapper and grouper. The recreational discussions will undoubtedly be long, heated and challenging. Part of their charge is to discuss intersector trading.

The work we are doing with a core group of for-hire recreational fishermen, whose movement we helped develop and continue to support, called SOS (Save Our Sector), will be important to continue to move catch shares forward in the for-hire sector of the recreational red snapper fishery.

SOS now has over 200 supporters across all five Gulf states. This membership, which includes boat owners and crew members, reflects a significant portion of the 1,100 licenses in the for-hire fleet. The group's work was a key factor in the Gulf Council's October decision to consider separation of the recreational sector into for-hire and private angler sectors in the generic Annual Catch Limit/Accountability Measures amendment, which will be subject to public hearings in either December or January and likely voted on next summer. *The amendment will form the foundation for a for-hire IFQ and harvest tags for private anglers.*

You can download the rest of EDF's Progress Report here; walker-foundation.org/Files/walker/2009/GulfofMXupdate.doc

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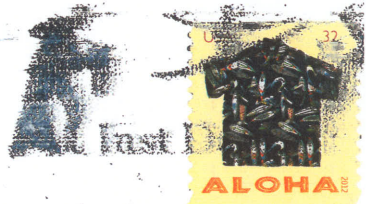


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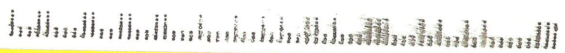
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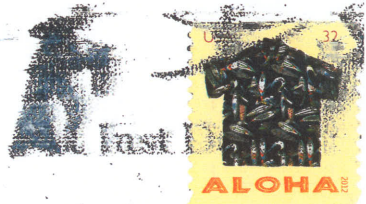


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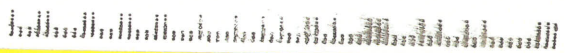
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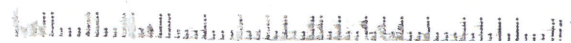
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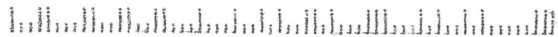


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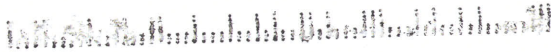


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To: National Marine Fisheries

From: The Board of Directors

Re: Unanimous vote representing the Orange Beach Fishing Association

July 1, 2010 – The Orange Beach Fishing Association, ask that the For Hire Sector be accountable for its catch.

- 1. We wish to be accountable for our fishery**
- 2. We want to have some sort of Sector separation**
- 3. We want to have a number of “days at Sea” based on days open to catch quota**
- 4. We need electronic (real Time) data collection equipment for our vessels**

May 5, 2012 – the Orange Beach Fishing Association, ask that Orange Beach City Council to support the Headboat Pilot Program (the exempted fishing permit application, presented at the Gulf Council April meeting)

August 14, 2012 – The Orange Beach Fishing Association, again ask the we be accountable for our catch.

- 1. We wish to be accountable for our For Hire Industry**
- 2. We want Pilot Program, “Days at Sea” for all participating Orange Beach Fishing Association members with Reef Permits**
- 3. We support the Headboat Pilot Program presented at the Gulf Council April meeting.**

Sincerely,

Tom Steber, President

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| 8/15/2012 13:10:17 | carol giardina | rigoletsunrise@bellsouth.net | against the separation | N.O., La, 70129 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/15/2012 15:34:51 | Bill Cochran | billy.cochran@galvnews.com | As a recreational angler - I support sector separation as the best form of accountability in the recreational fishery. As a Charter Boat owner - I support sector separation as the best form of accountability in the recreational fishery. As a Commercial Fisherman - I support sector separation as the best form of accountability in the recreational fishery. | Galveston, TX 77554 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/15/2012 15:37:02 | Gregory T. Beck | tanhbeck@aol.com | Before this is implemented, additional research is necessary. If any adjustment needs to be made, the percentage allocated to ALL recreational (not Commercial) fisherman needs to be increased, rather than the meager percentage granted to us is reduced further. The direction of the council appears to be toward taking opportunity away from the individual fisherman, and it is beyond disappointing. I would laugh at the incredibly poor decisions of the Council if you didn't keep making them. | Montgomery, AL 36117 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/15/2012 15:43:05 | Chuck Bailey | chuck.bailey@earthlink.net | Sector separation is a bad idea. Please discontinue this effort immediately. Thanks... chuck | League City, tx, 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/15/2012 20:05:34 | Archie Norman Duplantis Jr | nduplan@charter.net | Don't put cahrtter fishermen in a separate group. thanks. | Raceland, la 70394 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 0:54:33 | Nathan Lynn Crowe JR | Ncrowe@aol.com | Would like to go on record as opposed to RFA 39 and anything with the term catch share attached or sector seperation to it. | Seabrook, Texas, 77586 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 3:25:42 | Donna Bradley | dbradley93@yahoo.com | The manner in which proponents and NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information is a shame. I would think these corporates would and should be more responsible in promoting and protecting the rights of anglers; the 'little guys' who are members of the working class and only want to relax in our blessed Gulf, become one with God at times and rejoice in the beauty and freedom for all. Some are just trying to feed their family... | Austin, TX, 78748 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 3:31:09 | Josh Andress | jandress98@gmail.com | I am against the sector separation proposal and wish for the council to reject this in its entirety. We are all fisherman and should have to abide by the same rules and regulations that apply to daily bags, size limits, geographical locations inshore or offshore, as well as vessel operations. Why should the ones that are not paid to fish be subject to regs that will lessen our enjoyment of a a resource? Thank you for your time and attention. | Brenham, Tx. 77833 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 3:53:46 | Kevin Arnold | kevin.arnold@piglogistics.com | Sector Separation / Catch shares are wrong for several reasons.. I vote no to Sector Separation / Catch Shares... | 77070 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 3:59:06 | David M Counahan | dacoun@hotmail.com | Sector Seperation is a bad idea. | Jacksonville Tx 75766 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 5:37:53 | Brett Alan Thomas | brett@spooledupsportfishing.com | Sector separation is nothing more than segregation of God given resources between fishermen. What gives commercial fisherman more right to have at any bounty God (the same God referenced in our national motto) put into the sea? This is not the only way, it is just one particular groups agenda which is not fairly allowing recreational fisherman to go forth and seek Life-Liberty-Happiness! | humble, tx, 77346 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 6:37:31 | Steve Zackary | stephenzackary@msn.com | As a U.S. tax paying citizen and voter, I am opposed to your proposed amendment of Sector Separation. The concept of allocating fish to a select few would be detrimental to the recreational fisherman and the industry that supports those sportsman. Please reconsider your support for this decision and vote NO to this amendment. | 78209 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/16/2012 7:00:39 | Neely Johnson | neely.johnson@pearson.com | <p>This am opposed to sector seperation. I'm sure I'm speaking the same language of MANY other recreational fishermen when I make my statements.</p> <p>My father and I own a boat. He is 73 years old, and LOVES to snapper fish. Your laws have brought us to the point that it is no longer worth it to own a boat. The recreational fishermen are the ones that generate the bulk of revenue revolving around fishing. From sporting goods stores, to restaurants on the coast where they go to fish.</p> <p>I am 39 years old now, and I am still very close with my father. I attribute this close relationship to our countless hours spent on the water fishing together.</p> <p>This isn't just about catching fish. You put the future of many family relationships and coastal economies in jeopardy when you pass the asinine, laws that have proven to be ineffective in place.</p> | San Antonio | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 7:03:51 | Jose M Alejandro | jma2450@hotmail.com | Please do not pass the Sector Separation Amendment. | Baytown, TX 77521 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 7:24:13 | capt chuck eichner | captsea@comcast.net | This is crazy!!! This whole concept should be abolished and i am a charter captain! | punta gorda fl 33955 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/16/2012 7:32:24 | Nathan lake | Katiebugl01@comcast.net | To say I am unhappy with sector separation and the reef fish amendment 39 is a gross understatement. I am not very active in politics but I will become personally involved if this legislation if this amendment is passed. I am well versed in marine biology and would welcome a serious public debate on the need for fish management. I fish offshore routinely and have seen the changes over the past 30 years. I know that the years ahead will be hard but cramming legislation down an uninformed public is a crime. Most of the national agencies are very suspect. Their behavior has shown their preferences towards large group with deep financial pockets. The only way to stop corruption is by individuals demanding that their legislators and presidents be accountable to the public they serve. I promise to become active in this fight if we as citizens are ignored. Vote against sector separation and allow for common sense debate to occur. Sincerely, Nathan Lake | Texas city, tx, 77590 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 8:53:08 | charlie ewing | topdrive465@gmail.com | Lift the snapper ban and allow us recreational fishermen to keep a pair all year long. | humble tx 77338 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 9:01:18 | Jason Stewart Fry | Jason.Fry@shell.com | I would wuold like to voice my opion towards RFA 39 / SECTOR SEGREGATION / CATCH SHARES! My vote is NO, to RFA 39 / SECTOR SEGREGATION / CATCH SHARES | Cypress, Tx. 77433 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 9:46:25 | Pieter Tirion | pietertx@yahoo.com | Sector separation is a bad idea and does not benefit the recreational fisherman. | Smithville, TX 78957 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 9:56:32 | william I. bone jr. | billydidit@att.net | I AM A 78 YEAR OLD MAN. I STARTED FISHING IN THE GULF BACK IN 1946 WHEN FISHING WAS GREAT ANY WHERE YOU FISHED. BUT I REALIZE THAT IF WE WERE NOTCAREFUL THE FISHING WOULD BE DESTROYED.WELL I HAVE PAID AND VOTED TO KEEP FISHING REGULATED. NOW I WONDER IF MY GRAND KIDS WILL EVEN BE ABLE TO FISH. I SEE EVER DAY WHERE WE SPORT FISHER ARE LOSEING OUR RIGHTS TO DO SO.. 'GOD BLESS AMERICA',,BILL | houston, tx. 77040 | |

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| 8/16/2012 10:14:03 | Jason Roth Hutcheson | cwdigger@bellsouth.net | I have invested a large amount of my time and money into my love of fishing in the Gulf. Over time I have supported any and all management practices that have been passed along in hopes of preserving this sport that I love however I do NOT support sector separation and see no benefit to the GOM fishery. Please continue managing this fishery in a way that all can benefit from it. Thanks | Palmetto, Ga 30268 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 11:01:46 | JAY JURICA | arcolafdjj@aol.com | I TAKE MY KIDS FISHING 1-2 TIMES A MONTH ,I THINK SEPERATION WOULD HURT RESOURCES FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF RECREATIONAL FISHERMAN. Please reject separation in the Gulf Of Mexico Thankyou | ARCOLA TX 77583 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 11:08:50 | Werner A. Wieboldt IV | svwieboldt@aol.com | I support the Charter fleet in exploring Sector Separation. | Harlingen, TX, 78550 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/16/2012 11:31:34 | dtalbot001@comcast.net | dtalbot001@comcast.net | I agree with CCA. | Sugarland, Texas 77478 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 12:13:02 | Mark J. West | mark@westfireinc.com | Please reject the amendment on gulf waters | Houston Texas 77018 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 13:45:02 | Vecellio | Cvecelli@yahoo.com | Please | Houston, tx 77024 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 13:55:47 | Clint Nicholas Richard | Clintrichard91@gmail.com | I support the charter fleet in exploring sector separation | League city, Texas, 77573 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/16/2012 15:12:39 | james nantz | southernboundcharters@yahoo.com | I support sector separation and exploring the options of it | beaumont, texas 77707 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/16/2012 15:26:06 | Bill Platt | jplatt76@comcast.net | I support the Charter Boat Sector Separation . | Dickinson Tx 77539 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/16/2012 15:31:01 | Robbie laskoskie | robbielaskoskie@yahoo.com | I support the charter fleet in exploring sector separation | kemah | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 16:24:08 | Chad | austinaviation@yahoo.com | I support the Charter Fleet in exploring Sector Separation. | Haltom City, Tx. 76117 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 16:37:50 | Michael Wayne Jennings | Texasportfishing@gmail.com | I support Sector Separation and all other options that may work for the Charter Industry | Freeport, Texas, 77541 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/16/2012 16:39:52 | Kari Lynn Macon | kmacon73@yahoo.com | I would like to see sector separation move forward in Amendment 39, I support SS | Freeport, Texas, 77541 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/16/2012 17:06:24 | Kent Strack | kentstrack@att.net | I say no to sector separation. We should be doing just the opposite. All fishermen commercial, charter, and recreational fishermen are catching the same fish. Why should one group be allowed to fish while another is not? If you are going to close fishing on a fish (red snapper) then it needs to be closed to everyone. | Spring, TX 77388 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 17:59:37 | Laura Stone | Stonelaura@sbcglobal.net | Without these charter boats people like me who do my live at the coast or own a boat would not be able to enjoy the fishing, please keep them! | Waxahachie,tx 75165 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/16/2012 18:04:13 | Rodd Rizzo | rodd_rizzo@yahio.com | I support the charter fleet exploring the sector | Pearland, TX 77584 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/16/2012 18:04:44 | Jason Kenneth Hedrick | jkh26@yahoo.com | We need and I support sector separation. | New Braunfels, Texas, 78130 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/16/2012 18:10:03 | William buddy breaux | Buddybreaux@yahoo.com | I support sector separation | 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 18:10:04 | Casey Burkett | kasie_cetina@hotmail.com | I support sector seperation. | kenner, la 70065 | Other |
| 8/16/2012 18:12:13 | Ronald Keith Moore | rkeit@hotmail.com | I love to go spearfishing and when I go I charter Michael Miglini's Orion to get us out to the fishing. Red Snapper season is the best time to get quality fish but the season is short so I can't make it more than once or twice at the most. I also book straight fishing charters but there again, the season is short so it is not something I often get to do more than once a year. Sector Separation would help a lot of people I know be able to make more trips each year. I am in favor of Sector Separation. | Leakey, TX 78873 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 18:16:25 | tracey renee batte | tracey_1971@yahoo.com | I support a seperate fishery management plan for the charter for hire industry. | alvarado ,Texas 76009 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 18:17:39 | pat chovanec | patsautocollision@hotmail.com | why seperate leave alone or give a good reason to do elswise | brenham | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 18:21:35 | Daniel Allen Green | fishinaddictioncharters@gmail.com | I obviously support and would like to move forward with sector separation so we can get more accountability in the fishery and get things back on track. | San Leon, TX, 77539 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/16/2012 18:33:59 | Gee Carey | geecarey@comcast.net | The sector separation to the Gulf is common-sense approach to making the fishery resources of the Gulf available to all. I support the sector separation to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council at | houston,tx 77042 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 19:17:15 | Amy Garcia | alr128@yahoo.com | I feel that you should be able to hire someone to take you out to fish, scuba, snorkel, whale watch etc. The ocean is huge, its big enought for everyone. | Grandview, TX 76050 | Other |
| 8/16/2012 19:25:24 | Roy E. Dupree | fish4urheart@gmail.com | As I was growing up as a kid I remember all the fish I caught we didnt have the regulations, As we do now We could have really hurt the fishing industry. cooler after cooler of fish and shrimp. Now we have lots of support and need all we can get to make the proper changes our future and our kids will benefit the fisheries are getting better..... I support the charter for hire fleet in their exploration of sector separation.... | San Leon Texas 77539 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/16/2012 19:32:55 | Debbie Jeffords | dgeffords@gmail.com | I enjoy surf & pier fishing, but especially enjoy treating my kids & grandkids to a day of fishing with a professional charter captain. There's nothing like the smile on the face of a kid catching his first fish. Keep our freedoms! | Galveston, Texas 77550 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/16/2012 19:40:06 | Christopher L Herranen | gloriouspeanut@gmail.com | I support the charter for hire fleet in their exploration of sector separation. Please keep them boys fishin'! | Houston, TX, 77023 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/16/2012 19:46:33 | Brooke Holmes | brookelynn522@yahoo.com | I support the charter for hire fleet in their exploration of sector separation. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 21:55:31 | Glen Gillum | glengillum@att.net | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. :) | Bayside,Texas, 78340 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 22:01:21 | john travis | jtravis@tstar.net | please work with the charter for hire group it is my only chance to fish offshore thank you john travis | johnson city tx 78636 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/16/2012 22:07:01 | Darryl Allen | hfandg@gmail.com | Please say no to sector separation. | New Orleans, LA 70122 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 3:19:24 | Terry Alderson | Taburns1958@live.com | Don't take this choice away! | 75152 | Other |
| 8/17/2012 5:09:59 | stephen viada | sviada@conshelf.com | I favor sector separation to better define relative pressures on fisheries resources and, in doing so, provide better management for these resources. Understandably, it does create another layer of complexity in the overall management scheme; however, requiring licensed fishers to report catches using standard forms and protocols would provide valuable data for making management decisions without relying strictly on management personnel. | tequesta, FL, 33469 | Other |
| 8/17/2012 5:43:46 | Jaime Nodarse | jaime.nodarse@gmail.com | I support sector separation so that charter boats can continue to take out customers diving and fishing with separate allocations and regulations from recreational anglers. | 78404 | Other |
| 8/17/2012 6:06:15 | Billy P Archer | bigtrig42@aol.com | Mr. Chairman and members of the Gulf Council, I respectfully submit these facts for your consideration. Over the course of the last 90 days I have discussed with my customer base the importance of RFA 39 and the sepreate sector issue currently on the agenda for your next meeting in New Orleans. Two Hundred and Fifty Four have signed on to become new members of the Charter Fisherman's Association and agree with our view that we support exploring the benefits that RFA 39 may provide and having FMP designed for the Charter/Head boat industry makes good common sense. These recreational fisherman and woman have giving me permission to speak for them. I have provided the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses to our executive director at CFA. We can gladly provide you with these contacts. Thank you for your time. Capt. Billy Archer F/V Seminole Wind Panama City Fl | panama city fl 32408 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/17/2012 6:25:08 | Walter Foster | bejeht@gmail.com | A separate management plan will secure the non-boat owning public the ability to access this fishery. | Austin,TX,78751 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 7:27:57 | Billy P Archer | bigtrig42@aol.com | Mr. Chairman and members of the Gulf Council. Please forgive me but I left out a very important fact about the 254 new members to join the Charter Fisherman Association. They come from every corner of our Country. Arkansas, Arizona, Alabama, California, Florida, Gerorgia, Kentucky, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Missippissi, Tennessee, Texas, New York State. Most do not own a boat and depend on the Charter and Party Boat fleet for there access to fish the Gulf of Mexico. That's the reason we support RFA 39/28 and exploring sector separation Thank You. Billy Archer | Panama City Fl 32408 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |

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| 8/17/2012 7:52:12 | JAMES VOLINIC | JVOLINIC@SBSINDUSTRIES. | IT IS TIME TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A SEPERAT FISHING MGT PLAN FOR CHARTER BOATS FOR THE PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO NEED ACCESS TO THE GULF OF MEXICO. WE NEED THEM TO SUPPORT SECTOR SEPERATION. THIS WOULD ADD MORE DOLLARS TO THE AREA AND WOULD BE SMART FOR THE ECOMONY. | TULSA, OK 74116 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/17/2012 8:10:26 | Michael Crossan | mcrossan40@yahoo.com | I have watched for years as lobbyist for corporations have bought or stolen the interest of the average American. Well, you have the power to right some of the wrongs. The average Joe or Joann should have the right to the Gulf. It is time to move forward with a separate fishery management plan. | Dripping Springs, Texas 78620 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/17/2012 8:12:56 | Jeremy Fenechi | Lefty2794@yahoo.com | Sector Seperation cannot be allowed to pass. As an avid sportsman I am appalled to think this is even being considered and dread the ramifications. Already in the State of Texas it is hard for middle class families to afford to hunt and pass these valuable traditions on to the next generation. Fishing is the one outlet affordable and available to sportsman throughout our state to many families. The money I spend on a deer lease is annually is just not feasible for many families. Now we are proposing to make fishing unaffordable as well? Where does this leave the next generation? Will we then revoke this amendment only to find that the interest is gone. And what right to these charter fisherman have to exclusive access to a percentage of our fisheries? They need to be careful because a windfall today could mean a substantial drop in business for them tomorrow. I for one fish both solo and through charters. I can assure you if this amendment passes I will forego all future charter fishing trips. No one group should have exclusive rights to our nations resources, fish are not assets to be bought and sold. Never mind the fact that if They were the charter fisheries are not buying them even if this passes, they are simply being given" exclusive rights to a resource that belongs to all of us. | San Antonio TX | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 8:14:59 | karl lederman | klederman@bickgroup.com | Please, it is time to move forward with a separate fishery management plan for the charter boats and the people like us who need to access the Gulf of Mexico. We need and I support sector separation. Thank you | St Louis, MO 63131 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 8:41:05 | John Sen | samus3j@gmail.com | Please reject sector separation. It is a bad idea. There are no tangible conservation benefits of this course of action. | College Station, Texas, 77845 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 9:36:48 | Matt Grant | mgrant@firstprotective.com | SEGREGATING recreational fishermen based on what platform they fish upon, giving select priviledges (including ownership of our Public Trust Resource) to some and not the others, while simultaneously denying access to what ALL Americans own is DISCRIMINATION in the highest degree | Orange Beach, AL | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 10:03:30 | James E. Gagneaux III | jaygagneaux@hotmail.com | I do not support sector separation. | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 10:30:26 | Nancy E Mach | machnan@verizon.net | I attended one of the meetings on the sector topic. I couldn't believe this was even proposed. Don't go with the sector separation!! Once agiain the government is giving away natural resources so some people can make money! I suppose the government will also get their cut! VOTE NO! Nancy E Mach | Land O Lakes, FL 34637 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 11:45:03 | Jacob Yelverton | jeyel@bellsouth.net | This plan is yet another attack on the recreational fisherman. I totally reject this plan and plan to make my displeasure known to my Senators and Representatives. | Rayville Louisina | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 11:45:27 | Jacob Yelverton | jeyel@bellsouth.net | This plan is yet another attack on the recreational fisherman. I totally reject this plan and plan to make my displeasure known to my Senators and Representatives. | Rayville Louisina | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/17/2012 12:04:42 | mark jones | majcrna@yahoo.com | <p>Dear sirs, please base your decisions on sound research and logic and be fair to the individual tax paying boat owning fuel purchasing fisherman citizen!!</p> <p>As a member of the private sector that has spent a great deal of money to be able to pursue my passion for deep offshore fishing, I urge you to reject the very idea of sector separation.</p> <p>With each trip that I make into the Gulf of Mexico, my personal catch is inconsistent with your 'endangered species' list. I have caught and released many Red Snapper these last few years. They seem to be more plentiful than ever. It is even difficult to not catch them.</p> <p>I assume that your intentions are to protect and preserve the fishery that exists in the GoM, but your methods are by any standard are imperfect.</p> <p>As one individual boat owning offshore fisherman, I personally put near \$20,000 annually into our economy. That should count for something in the logic that your are using to make your decisions.</p> <p>And I VOTE.</p> <p>Thank you, Mark Jones Houston, TX</p> | Houston tx 77058 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 12:05:51 | christian gunther | chrisgunther@earthlink.net | Reject sector separation | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 12:31:01 | Bob Ernst | ernst66@windstream.net | This sector separation is totally unfair and bised against recreational fisherman. Please vote against it. | Hull, Ga. 30646 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 12:46:36 | Joshua Graves | b000uzz@aol.com | I am 100% against sector seperation and think it should be voted against!!! Please vote NO!! | Pearland, Texas, 77581 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 12:55:38 | Dixon Cruickshank | eggsuckindog@hotmail.com | Sector Separation has no logical application in any of the recreational fisheries. There is no way to subdivide sectors between the same sector - both rec just because some chose to try and make a living from it - not my problem. | Tampa, Florida 33609 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 13:04:29 | Stephen Hudson | srhudson@austin.rr.com | <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>There is absolutely no reason to start implementing any type of catch share, sector share or any other segregation of a free public resource.</p> <p>No one with the exception of God has the right to do so.</p> <p>Please leave our oceans free from these politics.</p> <p>Thank You Steve Hudson</p> | Cedar Park, Texas, 78613 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 13:53:20 | Scott Reese | waxahachie_scoffy@yahoo.com | To whom it may concern, I support a seperate fishery management plan for the charter for hire industry. Regards, Scott. | Waxahachie, TX, 75165 | Other Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 14:58:46 | Richard Meyer | bass2114@yahoo.com | Please vote against Sector Separation. | San Antonio, Texas, 78232 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 15:57:36 | steven mckone | mckone@wyan.org | I support RFA 28. | 48192 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/17/2012 16:28:44 | James A. Dupree | hornhunter.dupree@gmail.com | I support this charter amendment. | San Leon, Texas 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 16:33:05 | Dorothy Conway Dupree | dottedup@verizon.net | I support the charter amendment. | San Leon, Texas 77539 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 17:19:41 | Capt. George Mitchell | fabulousfishing@aol.com | Hey All, Thanks for hearing me out. I hate to hear all the bad mouthing going on every time a new law/rule/etc goes before the public...seems like everyone is an expert! Well guess what! I'm an expert, Yep. I'm an expert fisherman, been fishin all my life. I'm also an expert observer, you guessed it, doin that all my life as well. You see my Dad taught me the basics of fishin but taught me more about life. I'll never forget his speaches...think before you act, it's not always what it appears, be careful about what you wish for, etc...perhaps you parents instilled some of those values in you? Let's think this stuff out a little better please. Thanks GM | Jupiter, Fl. 33478 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/17/2012 17:34:44 | Kenneth Meaux | kennethmeaux@aol.com | As a private boat owner I am totally against catch shares.DO whats right and give the private boat owners a longer snapper season, a 5 fish limit and put the charter fishing for hire boats in the commercial group. These for hire boats fish for money.The recreation anglers add for more money to the economy We are a larger group and we VOTE. | Groves,TX. 77619 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 17:44:51 | Billy H. Woolsey Jr. | tunabill2@yahoo.com | Myself and my wife and children believe sector separation is a very bad idea. I lan on letting my congressman and senetors know this too.and my whole family are registered voters have a great day! | kemah,texas 77565 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 18:23:59 | Antonio Garanzuay | a.garanzuay@att.net | I don't support this ridiculous proposal of sector separation. What a slap to those of us private anglers that support this industry. Where has the discussions on this issue been put to the public or are they trying to ramrod this issue like our so called president enacts his own laws.. Disgusting!!!! | Floresville, TX 78114 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 18:26:01 | Bill Melton | bmelton2@austin.rr.com | It is time to move forward with a separate fishery management plan for the charter boats and the people like me who need us to access the Gulf of Mexico via chartered boats/crew. I feel that we need and I wholly support sector separation. Thank you Bill Melton 512 689-8086 | Cedar Park, TX, 78613 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 19:04:51 | Carl Judd | bayoucat58@yahoo.com | What's next i am about fed up with all of this nonsense. | Hitchcock,tx. 77563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 19:28:08 | William R. Hubbarth | osohub@austin.rr.com | TO LIMIT THE FISHING TO ONLY THOSE WHO OWN THEIR OWN BOATS IS ECONOMIC DISCRIMINATION. THE GULF CHARTER FISHERMAN ARE CONSCIENTIOUS AND PROFESSIONAL; AND IN MY EXPERIENCE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT A HEALTHY GULF THAN ANY OTHER ENTITY. | AUSTIN, TEXAS 78736 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 19:35:45 | Daniel c Lenderman | Danny@myenchanted.com | Separation sounds like a bad plan! Please find a better way to produce accurate numbers of fish. Guessing at stock levels is not a scientific approach. Then dividing those guesses gets even worse! Thank you Danny | 77469 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/17/2012 19:35:47 | Daniel c Lenderman | Danny@myenchanted.com | Separation sounds like a bad plan! Please find a better way to produce accurate numbers of fish. Guessing at stock levels is not a scientific approach. Then dividing those guesses gets even worse! Thank you Danny | 77469 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 20:22:03 | Ted Gaetjen | ted@hallettsvillervpak.com | Do not give away our fish ! | Hallettsville, TX 77964 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 20:26:28 | Jeremy Folmar | Jfolm1013@yahoo.com | A natural resource such as fish in the gulf of Mexico should not be regulated to where it only benefits charters. The working man has to spend just as much fuel to catch his fish himself why shouldn't it be equal limits across the board? | 77651 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 20:26:29 | Jeremy Folmar | Jfolm1013@yahoo.com | A natural resource such as fish in the gulf of Mexico should not be regulated to where it only benefits charters. The working man has to spend just as much fuel to catch his fish himself why shouldn't it be equal limits across the board? | 77651 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 21:13:21 | keith rickwartz | keithrick@hotmail.com | Vote against sector separation this weekend. | san antonio, texas 78216 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/17/2012 22:14:13 | Jason Castellanos | Jasonc_1973@yahoo.cOm | I think u should leave private charters in Galveston and not regulate or try to eliminate it. I depend on it and spend money in Galveston for charter fishing and entertainment | Fort worth, tx 76123 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/17/2012 22:46:35 | Cody Alexander Stewart | captcas@yahoo.com | As an aspiring offshore fishing guide and fulltime boat captain, I find the catch share idea ridiculous. I would not feel right proposing this to a cliwnt and evenmore as a rec. Angler feel betrayed by my government that this is even an issue. | Beaumont TX 77706 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/18/2012 6:17:57 | Ladislav Baloun | sarakeel3@hotmail.com | Sector separation is a bad idea, plain and simple. We need your help to beat it. | Long Beach MS 39560 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 6:46:46 | Joanna Campbell | jocampbell4615@gmail.com | I support a seperate fishery management plan for the charter for hire industry! Many folks rely on the charter industry, without these it would not be possible to experience the thrill of gulf/bay fishing and boating. These guys are experienced and know, all rules, how to keep you safe, where the fish are, and are always prepared to please. | Midlothian, Tx 76065 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/18/2012 7:50:25 | Chad Pedley | cpedley1@yahoo.com | I completely oppose sector separation. This fish we are talking about are a federal resource. Most the snapper caught in Texas come from beyond 9 miles. Selling it off for private ownership with catch shares is a terrible waste of resources that should be available to everyone and locked away between different sectors. From an economic point of view, private boat owners spend exponentially more money trying to catch the same snapper than commercial fishermen (or guides for that matter). Just move to a snapper tag system that requires reporting to get more tags and there will be a huge improvement in the real time data that is required by regulation. | Houston, Texas 77025 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 8:10:15 | Jonathan Pajak | Snocamo4@gmail.com | I support a separate fishery management plan for the charter for hire industry | Waxahachie, Tx 75165 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/18/2012 8:25:06 | lewis,clifford,wells | cliffordwells@suddenlink.net | sector separation is not fair to the recreational fishing people this amendment will cost the state's money from the fishing & hunting license's sell's to sports people in every state and voter's will take note of the people who will not listen to the people | victoria,texas, 77904 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/18/2012 9:49:14 | Art Walsh | arttt@comcast.net | Strongly oppose. system needs to be revised consistent w/ Dr. Bob Shipp's recommendations. | mobile, al 36608 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 10:45:21 | Earl Oehler | suwanneeo@bellsouth.net | I SUPPORT CCA FOR TRYING TO STOP REEF FISH ADENDMENT39- FROM PASSING . | 32073 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 10:51:47 | Hal Westberry | oconustravel@hotmail.com | This is just once again the FED trying to levy there power over us. At what point of time do we say enough is enough? This needs to be struck down Immediately! Hal Westberry | san antonio tx 78253 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 11:03:45 | Michael Coenen | mpcoenen258@gmail.com | Do not give my already limited catch to those who get paid to fish. | Fort Myers,FL. 33919 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 11:06:01 | Luis De La Garza | moodymarlin@gmail.com | Say no to separation. | San Antonio, TX 78258 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 12:51:37 | jason carroll | snaptapper32@hotmail.com | I support sector seperation in the gulf | vidor,tx 77662 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 13:34:59 | Willie Wax | williewax@mac.com | <p>After researching the issues that have surfaced in the news, on the internet, and the websites that have reported on RFA39, I have come to the conclusion that my government is not fairly protecting my interests.</p> <p>As a sportsman and recreational fisherman, I understand the need for stewardship of our resources. However, it appears that in the instant matter the GoM Fishery Management Council has completely missed the boat.</p> <p>It seems that many agree the scientific data gathered is of dubious quality, questionable origin, and useless as an end product. If this statement is incorrect, where are the metrics that define the problem in the fishery and show the design of the methodology for the collection of data as well as the parameters for the collation, interpretation, and application of said data to the original issue? Who are stakeholders and how were their categories arrived at?</p> <p>The question of semantics is particularly of interest. Some think that a non boat owner who fishes from a for hire/charter boat becomes a commercial fisherman, allowing him to "fish" from a different section of the quota. Does this person have a commercial fishing license or a charter captain's license? Has he or she been involved in the buying and selling of finfish? This makes as much sense as an accident victim who rides in an ambulance automatically becoming an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician).</p> <p>If we look at the economic impact of the different classes of resource users, it is my understanding that the recreational sector far outstrips the others. Let's make no mistake: saltwater fishing is not an inexpensive hobby. It has been estimated that the recreational dollars spent on fishing is as high as 8 to 1 versus commercial.</p> <p>If this Council is to have a chance at producing a product that will be acceptable, then there needs to be clear communication of the problem as it exists, solid scientific research via peer approved and accepted protocols, and finally equitable apportionment of these vital renewable resources.</p> | Grand Isle, La 70358 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/18/2012 13:37:11 | Michael Causey | Causedog@aol.com | <p>We need two separate fishery management sectors- one for people who own their own boats and one sector for native Texan environmentalists like myself who use chartered boats to occasionally access the offshore waters.</p> <p>I am a spear fisher,not an angler. I have managed to take one red snapper in 8 charter trips to the rigs over the last 21 years. My window of opportunity and suitable weather conditions rarely occur in the proposed 40 day period from 1 June through 10 July.</p> <p>I take very, very few fish because I do not even own a boat. Please do not take away my rare opportunity for sport in your effort to control those who elect to pursue these fish more often and with much more sophisticated means.</p> | Corpus Christi, TX, 78413 | Other |
| 8/18/2012 14:34:27 | capr. Roget Snipes | captrsnipes@yahoo.com | <p>No Gulf separation Subject: Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation</p> | Lake City, FL | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/18/2012 17:24:29 | Charles O. Braffett, Jr. | cbraffett@msn.com | <p>Please reject this Amendment 39 for sector separation of recreational anglers. It is a bad idea. Thanks.</p> | Pearland, TX 77584 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 19:07:02 | charles dafft | tdafft@gmail.com | <p>No to sector separation. yes to regional TAC.</p> | friendswood tx 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 20:47:09 | MacGregor | macbyers5@hotmail.com | <p>I agree with CCAs position on not dividing the fishermen into 2 groups. One more example to get the damn government and any and all of its organizations out of our freedoms and rights. I reject the division of the fishermen. In fact, I reject any damn thing the government wishes to do from here on out. The government will never get my endorsement ever again! God bless America and its people.</p> | Sugar Land, TX 77479 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 21:39:42 | Joe Mihm | j.mihm@att.net | <p>Save my gulf!</p> | Borger, TX, 79007 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |
| 8/18/2012 23:01:34 | Doug Woodall | doug1@sbcglobal.net | <p>Sector Separation seriously? I am at a complete loss for words, I will be sure this spreads to all my other voting friends</p> | Cypress, Texas, 77433 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 23:17:57 | Doug Woodall | doug1@sbcglobal.net | <p>Sector Separation seriously? I am at a complete loss for words, I will be sure this spreads to all my other voting friends</p> | Cypress, Texas, 77433 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/18/2012 23:18:06 | Doug Woodall | doug1@sbcglobal.net | <p>Sector Separation seriously? I am at a complete loss for words, I will be sure this spreads to all my other voting friends</p> | Cypress, Texas, 77433 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/19/2012 4:49:04 | Mark Soeder | msoeder@bellsouth.net | <p>reject seperation...</p> | Miami, FL 33173 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/19/2012 5:53:58 | Debbie Johnson | 4bebe@bellsouth.net | <p>The Reef Fish Ammendment is not supported by me, my family or my iends. To sector the private and commercial or charter fisherman to take away the current rights of private anglers with no appreciable impact on conservation would be a vote against the rights of the people. Terrible idea and one that must be nipped in the bud now. The author of the proposal is without doubt working a personal agenda of personal gain and not Free America.</p> | 39402 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/19/2012 6:31:16 | Curt Gwin Jr. | Billfishintimecg@gmail.com | Fishing is the business that I chose to make a living. It takes acquired skills like any other job and is an equal opportunity business. I believe that if you have the skills to do something in life and make money, you should be able to pursue that dream and God given right. I have been making money in the fishing industry for about 6 years now, this year will be my 3rd year with my own business. Saying that, I would be classified as a new business and all I want to do is provide for my family, pursue my career choice and love for fishing. Charter and commercial fishermen are a rare breed and it takes a lot of hard work and long hours. We don't get weekends.... everyday is a work day. Please give all fishermen a fair chance at fun fishing and at making a living. | Destin,FL,32541 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/19/2012 8:42:33 | robert quina | robertsiii@bellsouth.net | i am totally opposed to this amendment ! our fisheries deserve better management through real time data. we have the technology to do this. A move forward is needed , not back to methods that have failed in the past. thanks for your time. robert quina | gulf breeze fl. 32563 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/19/2012 9:13:56 | Daniel Mottesheard Jr. | mottd3@bp.com | Seperation of the recreational angler and any other angler (charter) is a bad idea but if it goes to a governmental vote I know we are screwed as they have already screwed everything else up. | tx 77573 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/19/2012 10:05:40 | Mark Anthony Martone | mixduptr@hotmail.com | No thank you is my vote for sector separation. | PANAMA CITY | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Commercial Fisher |
| 8/19/2012 11:44:16 | Robert B Severance | rseverance@att.net | I don't support amendment 39-sector separation in gulf of mexico. | dora,ala,35062 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/19/2012 12:43:03 | Robert B Hankins | hankins610@gmail.com | I am 110% against such a ridiculous concept. Give the fish back to the people using 1 rod and 1 reel!! (whether or not they own there own boat or hire a charter boat). It makes absolutely no sense, and is NOT BASED ON CONSERVATION. | New Orleans, LA | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/19/2012 14:39:17 | Michael J Williams | mwilliams012@comcast.net | -Rob Hankins Sector separation is a bad idea and should be rejected! | Friendswood, TX 77546 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/19/2012 14:43:34 | Lesley R Hoops | hoops.lesley@gmail.com | No separation. We fish the gulf in south Texas regularly. | Montrose, Colorado 81401 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/19/2012 17:02:19 | Brandi Lynn dispensire | Only1brandiwine@hotmail.com | Please do not consider this. We as recreational anglers should have the same opportunities to catch what charter boats can. We actually appreciate the fish we cath and the rights we have. It's just a job for charters. | Denham springs, la,70706 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/19/2012 17:10:25 | Margarete E. Crawfordre | reelpassion@gmail.com | I am against the idea of separate quotas for recreational and commercial fishing. This idea indicates unfair treatment to recreational fisherman. I can see no reason for this idea to be implemented it will not resolve any problems I feel it may harm reeational fishing and may only benefit commercial interests. | Port Aransas Tx78373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/19/2012 17:27:29 | Margarete E. Crawford | reelpassion@gmail.com | I am very much against removal of the many idle structures in the gulf of Mexico. These are are called by some idle iron but they are not they provide habitat for many specis of fish. | Port Aransas Tx 78373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/19/2012 17:27:30 | Margarete E. Crawford | reelpassion@gmail.com | I am very much against removal of the many idle structures in the gulf of Mexico. These are are called by some idle iron but they are not they provide habitat for many specis of fish. | Port Aransas Tx 78373 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/19/2012 19:00:48 | George Gardiner | georgegardiner757@gmail.com | I am against sector separation. | Corpus Christi | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/19/2012 20:19:15 | David Turner | dtcarpentry@aol.com | Sector separation is a bad deal for all private recreational anglers, especially those of us that do own our own "fishing" boats and expensive gear. The rec fishermen need to stand together to protect our right to fish. If a charter business is just a "taxi driver" for the "other" rec fishermen who are not boat owners then why in the heck should they have any special priveledges? Why should they be allowed to fish when it is convenient/profitable for them and the taxi driver but not give the private rec fishermen the same consideration. Why should I have to catch and then throw back my fish and then go buy it from a fish market but the charter rec fishermen can go catch and keep his own because of the opinions and desire to make money of a taxi driver? SOS stinks to high heaven in my book. VOTE AGAINST SECTOR SEPARATION! | NAVARRE | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/19/2012 21:08:03 | Gena Renea Robbins | gigi34.gr@gmail.com | I support the charter boat sector separation | Danbury, Texas, 77534 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/20/2012 7:07:21 | Cynthia Dorris | dorris.cindy@yahoo.com | <p>This is ridiculous in all aspects of the word. You want to regulate the recreational fishermen/women who are lucky to go fishing 5-10 times a year?! Obviously you have all lost any common sense you may have had!</p> <p>The average recreational fisherman, especially those who happen to have boat capable of handling offshore waters have to take friends in order to afford to go. This is not a charter put a "we split all cost for fuel, bait, and everyone bring what they want to eat and drink". Again, the average recreational fisherman is lucky due to costs and weather conditions, not to mention family obligations, are lucky to get to go offshore 5-10 times in a year. So, you are going to regulation the number of fish recreational fishermen can catch and also have the guides/charters have the privilege of taking the recreational fishermen's catch to do as they want.</p> <p>Has it even once occurred to the Gulf Council that maybe the problem is the number of guides/charters/charter captain per port/harbor is the real problem? Probably not, apparently you can only think for those who are putting change in your pockets like a vending machine...put your money in, get what you want. The average guide/charter can and does go out 4-7 days per week, unless there is a hurricane. I know many charters who go out even in 6-8ft seas just so they can collect on their \$1700.00 bounty trip. Most and I am saying most of these guides/charters have other jobs, besides chartering.</p> <p>Have you idiots done a count of how many guides/charters are out of each and every port/harbor? Probably not, you are probably not smart enough to figure out there are too many per port/harbor. There are 60-70 guides/charters out of Matagorda, Texas. Texas alone has at least 17 ports/harbors, Louisiana has at least 14 ports/harbors, not to mention Mississippi, Alabama, and especially Florida all of which have an overabundance of guides/charters. This is not even counting the fact that you have allowed commercial freighters/ships/boats from other countries to come into the Gulf which has also devastated our fishing resources by taking all and anything they catch in their nets. You should also take in to account that the taking down and removing all structure in the Gulf of rigs and or platform has done away with areas in which fish inhabited as reefs.</p> <p>Please tell me how the recreational fisherman is hurting fish count compared to guides/charters and the removal of structures and commercial fishing?</p> | Katy, TX 77493 | Private Recreational Angler |

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| 8/20/2012 7:07:26 | Cynthia Dorris | dorris.cindy@yahoo.com | <p>This is ridiculous in all aspects of the word. You want to regulate the recreational fishermen/women who are lucky to go fishing 5-10 times a year?! Obviously you have all lost any common sense you may have had!</p> <p>The average recreational fisherman, especially those who happen to have boat capable of handling offshore waters have to take friends in order to afford to go. This is not a charter put a "we split all cost for fuel, bait, and everyone bring what they want to eat and drink". Again, the average recreational fisherman is lucky due to costs and weather conditions, not to mention family obligations, are lucky to get to go offshore 5-10 times in a year. So, you are going to regulation the number of fish recreational fishermen can catch and also have the guides/charters have the privilege of taking the recreational fishermen's catch to do as they want.</p> <p>Has it even once occurred to the Gulf Council that maybe the problem is the number of guides/charters/charter captain per port/harbor is the real problem? Probably not, apparently you can only think for those who are putting change in your pockets like a vending machine...put your money in, get what you want. The average guide/charter can and does go out 4-7 days per week, unless there is a hurricane. I know many charters who go out even in 6-8ft seas just so they can collect on their \$1700.00 bounty trip. Most and I am saying most of these guides/charters have other jobs, besides chartering.</p> <p>Have you idiots done a count of how many guides/charters are out of each and every port/harbor? Probably not, you are probably not smart enough to figure out there are too many per port/harbor. There are 60-70 guides/charters out of Matagorda, Texas. Texas alone has at least 17 ports/harbors, Louisiana has at least 14 ports/harbors, not to mention Mississippi, Alabama, and especially Florida all of which have an overabundance of guides/charters. This is not even counting the fact that you have allowed commercial freighters/ships/boats from other countries to come into the Gulf which has also devastated our fishing resources by taking all and anything they catch in their nets. You should also take in to account that the taking down and removing all structure in the Gulf of rigs and or platform has done away with areas in which fish inhabited as reefs.</p> <p>Please tell me how the recreational fisherman is hurting fish count compared to guides/charters and the removal of structures and commercial fishing?</p> | Katy, TX 77493 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/20/2012 7:43:03 | Robert Croker | ad5me@live.com | <p>Sector separation is a very bad idea. We already are paying for the right to fish. Having to 'pay' again just to keep what is caught is quite moronic.</p> | Carmine, Tx 78932 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/20/2012 8:33:55 | Ron Presley | presleyr@bellsouth.net | <p>As a charter captain operating a single charter boat taking up to 4 recreational anglers fishing I feel I am part to the recreational angling community. I am completely opposed to the notion of sector separation that would divide me into another category. I am asking that you do not approve sector separation as a part of managing the fishery.</p> <p>Sincerely, Ron Presley</p> | Merritt Island, FL 32952 | Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/20/2012 9:29:48 | David Noble | noble1two@gmail.com | I oppose Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation as wasteful. | 34104 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/20/2012 9:29:53 | David Noble | noble1two@gmail.com | I oppose Reef Fish Amendment 39 - Sector Separation as wasteful. | 34104 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |

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| 8/20/2012 10:30:40 | Roland lloyd Derouen | rlderouen@yahoo.com | oppose separate sector | | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/20/2012 10:32:08 | RG Schmidt | rgschmidt@embarqmail.com | Can we please drop the sector separation and catch-share quotas talk, and move on to a system that's equitable to both commercial and recreational interests? | Crystal River, FL 34428 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/20/2012 10:44:32 | James A. Holt | phichn@verison.net | I am against the seperation proposal as it will show once again that the sportsman will have more fish taken away in bag limits. | Cove, Texas 77523 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/20/2012 10:50:09 | James LI Sydnor | captlarrysydnor@bellsouth.net | I am in the camp that believes management needs to abandon their efforts to promote catch shares and sector separation and focus their efforts and funding on improved stock assessments with more appropriate modeling that will account for the substantial growth of a fishery in need and to refrain from instituting the practices of additional sector separation and catch shares in the Gulf of Mexico until further scientific, economic and demographic assessments have taken place. | Key Largo, FL 33037 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire |
| 8/20/2012 11:05:55 | Ronald Wolma | reeln4fun@msn.com | Please do not allow the seperation of Recreational Angler"s catch from for hire operations(professional anglers) in the Gulf of Mexico or elsewhere. | San Antonio, TX 78213 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/20/2012 11:30:50 | bo gorham | bo.gorham@serve.com | From everything that I have read, I am opposed to sector separation. I do not understand what benefit would be derived from dividing the allocation of fish to tighter levels. It does not appear to increase the lenght of seasons, and looks like an attempt to prioritize our fisheries resources to the benifit of a few operators over the bulk of fishing constituents. Why dont we spend the time and energy on enhanced data collection for the recreational fleet, and enhanced data about the fish in our oceans? Thanks for listening. | st petersburg, fl 33705 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/20/2012 12:03:31 | stanley shenker | stanleyshenker@ymail.com | Sector separation only provides for the few while penalizing/ignoring the many. Sector Separation SHOULD NOT happen | Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411 | Private Recreational Angler |
| 8/20/2012 12:10:19 | jimmy pasteka | bullrunsgnt@yahoo.com | I We.....reject the proposed sector separation ...Why should so few individuals get a free \$\$\$\$\$ ride again.? The originals charter permits were almost free a minimal charge \$\$ Then the moratorium was put in place .The permits sky rocketed when you found one and Thousands of black mail money was spent just to get one .(was it for this day to come?) Now they should get another wind fall ? And the recreational fisher lose again ?.NO... NO..NO.. this is wrong and something a socialist country would do. We live in the USA. | Needville tx,77461 | Private Recreational Angler, Charter/Headboat For-Hire, Other |
| 8/20/2012 12:11:18 | Kathryn Pasteka | mako224@yahoo.com | I We.....reject the proposed sector separation ...Why should so few individuals get a free \$\$\$\$\$ ride again.? The originals charter permits were almost free a minimal charge \$\$ Then the moratorium was put in place .The permits sky rocketed when you found one and Thousands of black mail money was spent just to get one .(was it for this day to come?) Now they should get another wind fall ? And the recreational fisher lose again ?.NO... NO..NO.. this is wrong and something a socialist country would do. We live in the USA. | Needville tx,77461 | Private Recreational Angler, Other |

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| 8/20/2012 13:02: 44 | Robert E. Jones | robertevansjones@gmail.com | <p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Councils "sector separation" proposal. There are serious doubts about the science behind this proposal as well as the means to execute it effectively without placing all of the burden on recreational anglers. I would suggest that you track catch data separately from these two sectors for at least two years before implementing rules based on hypotheticals.</p> <p>Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Robert E. Jones 512-587-2794</p> | Austin, TX. 78723 | Private Recreational Angler |
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Mr. Bob Gill
Chairman
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
2203 N Lois Avenue, Suite 1100
Tampa, FL 33607

Dear Chairman Gill and Council Members:

As a private recreational fisherman, the health of Gulf fisheries are very important to us. Some of our best memories are on the water with our families going after kingfish, grouper, and red snapper. However, the current management trends have made it harder for us to carve out time to enjoy a day on the water. The current short seasons are not ideally suited for us to be able to plan a trip to the coast. We look at the current techniques being used to manage recreational species such as red snapper and grouper and know that they are not working for fishermen – private or for-hire. Something must change.

Sector separation could go a long way in helping to solve some of these problems and work to better optimize management for each individual sector. Although both private recreational anglers and for-hire/charter boats go after the same fish, their incentives to do so are entirely different. We, as private recreational anglers, care about simply going fishing; while for-hire operators want consistency in order to build a plan that works for their businesses. Treating these two obviously different sectors as one hinders their ability to optimize their wants and needs and cuts down on the days we can enjoy fishing with our families.

Recently, there have been many calls for different types of management – tags, days at sea, weekends only. All of these are really just symptoms of folks wanting a fishery management plan that works best for their needs.

Regional fishery managers should step up and begin a process to explore these ideas for optimizing recreational fisheries management and improving opportunity to fish for the different groups that want to access the fishery in different ways while maintaining healthy catch levels and providing better, more timely data on what is caught. We urge the Council to move sector separation and other recreational optimization ideas into an amendment process. Allowing this to happen would be the first step to better management practices, data collection, and an overall healthier Gulf fishery.

Sincerely,

Alejandro Huerta and 51 others
Edinburg, Texas

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Deer Park, Texas

Pete Martinez
Weslaco, Texas

Lamar Lawson
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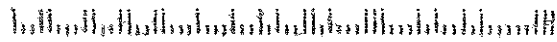
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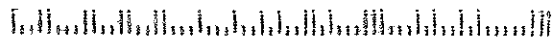
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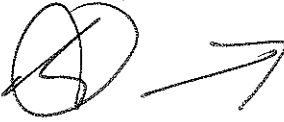


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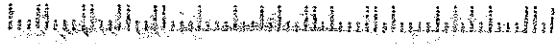
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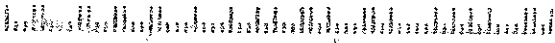


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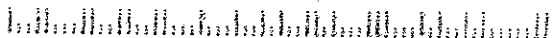
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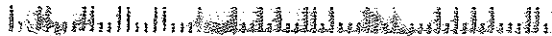
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From: James Symmank 3/23 <jim.symmank@sbcglobal.net>
To: douglassboyd@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2012 5:41 PM
Subject: Sector Separation

I urge you to reject Separation. Sector Separation is a terrible idea. I am a recreational fisherman, and am appalled at the treatment angler's like me receive at the hands of big business demands. Stop letting the "professionals" push us little guys around. We are tired of being ignored.



August 2, 2012

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management
2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100
Tampa, Florida 33607

RE: Comments on Scoping Document for Amendment 39 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico

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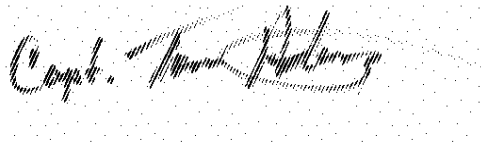
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Jim Donofrio
RFA Executive Director



Capt. Tom Adams
RFA Forgotten Coast Chair

Subject: Recreational Angler Separation

Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2012 8:50 AM

From: SIEMENS, CHRISTOPHER A CTR USAF AETC AFCEE/EXA <christopher.siemens.1.ctr@us.af.mil>

To: Info <Info@gulfcouncil.org>

Conversation: Recreational Angler Separation

My voting Texas Family strongly objects to dividing recreational anglers into sectors. Leave things alone.

Christopher Siemens

AFCEE/EXA

GEITA Support, Portage Inc.

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Subject: Comments pages
Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2012 5:21 AM
From: Capt Tom Adams <4tomadams@gmail.com>
To: Info <Info@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: Comments pages

To All Council members

I would like to know why the Clearwater letter continues to be on the front page of your comments section on Sector separation?? What about the letter from the RFA taking over the first page for the next few weeks. There have been plenty more recent comments than the Clearwater letter-- if these are supposed to be in chronological order. Here is the RFA letter in case you have misplaced it. The RFA is the voice of over 50,000 fishermen who are against Sector Separation and catch shares. Thanks, I am awaiting your quick response.

Capt. Tom Adams

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850-381-1313

Subject: Gulf Council considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats

Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2012 1:51 PM

From: Tagliarini, Tom <tom.tagliarini@ustrust.com>

To: Info <Info@gulfcouncil.org>

Conversation: Gulf Council considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats

Please **reject** the sector separation issue referenced above! The measure is being considered with no real, measurable data to support it.

Thank you.

Tom A. Tagliarini
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Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2012 1:21 PM
From: Miller, Ovide L - BATON ROUG LA <ovide_miller@ml.com>
To: Info <Info@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: Red flag in the Gulf of Mexico

Are you people really this inept ?

Why don't you put people on the council that know what they are talking about?

Ovide Miller

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From: Coastal Conservation Association [mailto:administrator@joincca.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2012 11:59 AM
To: Miller, Ovide L - BATON ROUG LA
Subject: Red flag in the Gulf of Mexico

Call to Action

Gulf fisheries management at a dangerous point

What is happening in the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is big.
Really big.

At first glance, it may not look like a big deal but it is a giveaway that is scarcely conceivable in the management of other natural resources. The Gulf Council is considering dividing recreational anglers into two sectors, those with their own boats and those who own charter and for-hire boats. The Council would then take some portion of the fish now given to all recreational anglers and literally give it away to a select few businesses operating those charter and for-hire boats to use as their own, however and whenever they wish.

And what would those businesses pay for this windfall? Nothing. What are the

tangible conservation benefits of this course of action? Nothing.

The manner in which proponents and NOAA Fisheries staff have attempted to force through sector separation without the basis of real information on impacts that could affect our Gulf fishing for generations has drawn the opposition of the **Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus** <<http://www.votervoice.net/link/clickthrough/ext/232700.aspx>> . The CSC, with more than 300 members in the U.S. Congress, promotes and protects the rights of anglers and hunters and is one of many groups opposing this issue on behalf of Gulf Coast anglers

Sector separation is a **bad idea** <<http://www.votervoice.net/link/clickthrough/ext/232701.aspx>> , plain and simple. We need your help to beat it. A critical vote on sector separation could come as early as the next Gulf Council meeting, August 20-24 in New Orleans.

Please take a few moments and **tell the Gulf Council** <<http://www.votervoice.net/link/clickthrough/ext/232702.aspx>> to reject separation. It is important to defeat this measure now - we don't want to discover the details of a radical new federal program after it is approved.

Click **HERE** <<http://www.votervoice.net/link/clickthrough/ext/232702.aspx>> to send your message.

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July 25, 2012

Dr. Steve Bortone
Executive Director
Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council
2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100
Tampa, Florida 33607

Dear Dr. Bortone:

As a recently designated US Coast Guard city, Clearwater encourages boating safety, and it has a long history of promoting the interests of recreational, charter/for hire, and commercial fishermen. To support these efforts, the city maintains recreational and commercial marinas and invests city funds for federal dredging projects, and it has its own police boat.

It is the city's understanding that the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council (GMFMC) is reviewing management actions and reporting requirements for fishing, and the City of Clearwater wants to advise you that it believes that the preservation of the fisheries stock is paramount.

It is the city's further belief that "sector separation" is an option that would require stricter reporting requirements and improve data gathering for charter/for hire. This option also would allow the "charter/for hire" vessels to operate year round while still adhering to the quotas established by the GMFMC. The importance of data gathering and reporting with enforcement of established regulations for each sector could then be improved and monitored better, while benefitting the tourist who comes to Florida to fish throughout the year.

GEORGE N. CRETEKOS, MAYOR

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Dr. Steve Bortone

July 25, 2012

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Please understand that the City of Clearwater supports a balance between reporting and recording of catch and release for all sectors of the fishing community. This is vital, because the city is also aware that some rules may become too burdensome. For this reason, while the city is supporting "sector separation", it hopes that the GMFMC will ensure that any modification to the existing regulations would not adversely impact that angler who chooses to fish as an individual in compliance with current practices.

Thank you for your consideration of this most important issue for the fishing community and the concerns expressed.

Sincerely,

-George N. Cretekos

George N. Cretekos

Mayor

cc: Charlene Ponce, Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management
Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Councilmembers

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 25, 2012

Doug Boyd, Vice Chairman
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
2203 N Lois Avenue
Suite 1100
Tampa, Florida 33607 USA

Dear Mr. Boyd:

The Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC) is one of the largest and most effective caucuses in the U.S. Congress with over 300 members representing nearly all 50 states. With bipartisan leadership in both the House and the Senate, the Caucus promotes and protects the rights of anglers, hunters, shooters and trappers. As leaders of the Caucus, we are writing to report that continued consideration and promotion of the management concepts known as sector separation and catch shares by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council are causing concern among our members. More specifically, we have serious concerns about the current proposal to further subdivide the recreational fishing allocation by awarding the charter boats with their own guaranteed allocation.

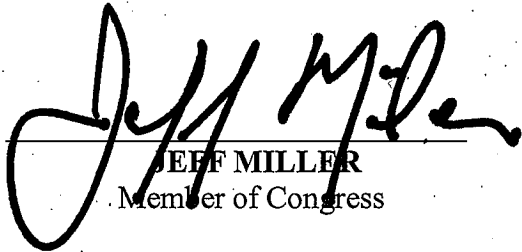
At the root of those concerns is the fact that this specific proposal and the entire concept of catch shares between the recreational and commercial sectors is out of sequence. To further engage in the aforementioned proposal and the concept of catch shares, there needs to be a realistic assessment of the allocation issues for mixed sector fisheries. In order to better understand the issue, we need to accumulate and examine a compilation of enhanced scientific data, additional economic evaluations, and take a closer look at changing demographics and then reassess how mixed sector fisheries would best be reallocated. Without these prerequisites, any discussion of further sector separation or catch shares in mixed sector fisheries is premature.

Even if such reallocation issues were analyzed and modified, taking a portion of the allocation from the recreational sector for the proposed charter boat sector has the potential to decrease the funding available for state fisheries management. The members of the Caucus are well acquainted with the successes of state-based conservation, which is almost entirely guided and funded by sportsmen and the money they spend on fishing and hunting. The sportsmen's ethic of stewardship is at the heart of the American System of Conservation Funding and is built, in part, on the foundation of individual anglers' recreational fishing activities.

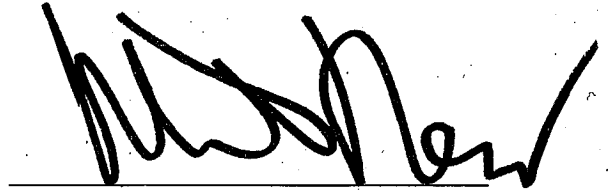
Despite strong opposition from most charter boat owners and recreational fishermen alike, the implementation of a charter boat sector from the recreational fishing allocation and catch shares in general - prior to the collection and analysis of the data necessary to determine the appropriateness of such measures - continues to be promoted. As a voice for recreational

fishermen and conservation efforts throughout the country, the CSC urges the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to consider the far-reaching implications of its actions and refrain from instituting the practices of additional sector separation and catch shares in the Gulf of Mexico until further scientific, economic, and demographic assessments have taken place.

Sincerely,



JEFF MILLER
Member of Congress



MIKE ROSS
Member of Congress

cc: Mr. Eric Schwaab, Acting Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Management
Dr. Roy Crabtree, Regional Administrator, NOAA Fisheries Service
Russell Dunn, NOAA Fisheries National Policy Advisor

Subject: FW: Sector Separation
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 2:11 PM
From: Emily Muehlstein <Emily.Muehlstein@gulfcouncil.org>
To: Charlene Ponce <charlene.ponce@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: Sector Separation

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From: "Shuler, Brandon" <brandon.shuler@ttu.edu>
Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 12:40:39 -0400
To: Trish Kennedy <trish.kennedy@gulfcouncil.org>, Emily Muehlstein
<emily.muehlstein@gulfcouncil.org>
Subject: Sector Separation

Dear Trish and Emily:

Please consider my support for the motion to allow for-hire captains to separate from the recreational sector. I worked as a charter boat captain for many years before returning to school to get my PhD. Now as a recreational fisherman living 800 miles from the Gulf, I only get to fish for snapper, my favorite fish, when I can get away from classroom duties and coordinate the kids' and wife's schedules. I can now sadly see the complaint the rec side has had for so long with our lack of access. I think if we do allow the for-hires to separate, we can grow a bigger access window for the recreational angler.

So please accept my recommendation and comment to support allowing the for-hire sector to separate from the recreational anglers.

Sincerely,
Brandon D. Shuler
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Conversation: Sector Separation

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From: Cecil Williams <cecil.b.williams9@gmail.com>
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To: Trish Kennedy <trish.kennedy@gulfcouncil.org>
Cc: Emily Muehlstein <emily.muehlstein@gulfcouncil.org>
Subject: Sector Separation

Dear Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Muehlstein,

We are utterly new at this activism stuff, but we want our voices heard. We are avid recreational fishermen and we have been following the Texas red snapper debate closely. We are willing to try anything that will make sure we can take our family's fishing when we want, how we want, and any time of the year. We did not know until last night who to send our letters to supporting letting the charter captains leave the recreational fisherman's designation. We highly support getting them out of the recreational designation. For no other simple reason, that they ain't recreational. they are making a living off our fish and taking away the days I can take my grandkids out.

So please consider the attached letters and the addresses for inclusion as our count of ten anglers.

Thank you for this consideration, and help us get our fish back.

Signed,
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Subject: Public Testimony

Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 3:36 PM

From: Dan Green <fishinaddictioncharters@gmail.com>

To: John Milner <GulfCouncil@gulfcouncil.org>

Conversation: Public Testimony

To whom it may concern,

I am a charter boat owner/operator from Galveston Texas. I am writing in regards to public testimony at which I will not be able to attend this week due to heavy work load in my college classes. I wanted to make a point that I am in favor of sector separation. With such strict regulations and policies towards the federally permitted vessels in the gulf coast; I see it as the only way to put us on a level playing field. How can you put straight recreational vessels and charter for hire vessels in the same user group when we are regulated differently? It does not make sense to me. If we had to follow the exact same rules and regulations then I would not have an issue. But the fact of the matter is that we have alternate motives concerning the same fish. Just like the commercial vessels. Why are they separated? Because they run a business and make a living from the fish that they catch. Well so do charter for hire vessels. We need a SEPARATE fishery management plan that will work for US! And we cannot afford to wait another 5 years. We need something now, before we are all out of business.

I am a full time charter guide and college student studying marketing at University of Houston at Clear Lake. With one year left until I graduate, its hard to decide which career path I will take. There is so much uncertainty in regards to the charter for hire industry. It's almost sad to think about hanging up my fishing equipment and starting another career. I have been at this for 6 years now and still can't be sure if I could make it within the current system.

Some of us have been working diligently on pilot programs to explore alternate fishery management systems. I would like to see some of the programs like sector separation sent to scoping and the headboat cooperative pilot released so we can see if they are going to work or not. If they do, then great. If not, lets get back to the drawing board and find something that does. It kills me to just sit here and spin our wheels debating on what is right or what is wrong. Its time to put up or shut up so to speak. We all know that no matter what decision is made, not everyone will like it. But we have to explore and find out what people are willing to accept. Even with all the turmoil within the private recs and cfh captains I think it's safe to say that NO ONE is happy right now.

Please take my words only as my own opinion of the fishery and where we stand. I do not mean this to be an attack on any other fishermen with different views or even to the council for what has become of the current system. I know everyone can understand the emotional burden that is being placed on us and I know we all want to see some positive changes to better the fishermen, industry, and most importantly the fishery.

Sincerely,

Capt Dan Green
Fishin Addiction Charters
Galveston Texas

Hello,

I have a 6 pack charter boat in Clearwater Beach Florida. I have been doing charters in this area for 25 years. My business is Phantom sport fishing. I am writing you today, in support of sector separation. My customers are the non boat owning public. They are losing access every year because of overfishing. I believe as our own sector we can start becoming more accountable, start collecting good data, and end overfishing for all reef fish. I urge the council to pass Amendment 39 and let the charter for hire industry move towards an accountable, sustainable sector. Thanks

Capt Butch Ford

Phantom Sportfishing

Clearwater Beach FL

*I run the charter boat Snoopy 2 out of Clearwater Beach Florida
I have been chartering out of Clearwater Beach for over 30 years.*

I support sector separation.

I hope the Gulf Council realizes the amount of people the charter boats in the Gulf represent. Our marina alone accounts for over 60,000 people per year. That's 60,000 people who used our marina and the charter and headboats to fish in federal waters. Thank you.

Capt Bill Moran

Bill Moran
Clearwater Beach Marina

Snoopy 2 charters

Above Average Charters
25 Causeway Blvd. Slip #28
Clearwater, FL 33767

June 19, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the owner and operator of Above Average Charters; a charter-for-hire boat and I fully support Sector Separation.

Sector separation will help us make decisions as one industry by keeping track of our own data and become accountable for everything we catch, not be thrown into the mix with all private boat owners who are presently not held accountable for any of their catches.

We need our own fishery management plan.

The Charter Fisherman's Association speaks for me and I fully support everything they're trying to do to help the Charter-For-Hire Industry.

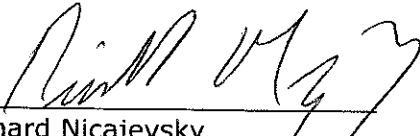
I discuss "Sector Separation" with our customers on a regular basis and they agree the for-hire fishing industry should be managed separately. We provide access to the majority of recreational anglers who visit our area.

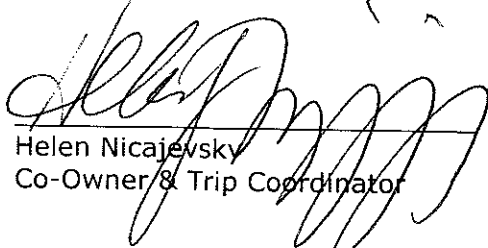
I have been running charters out of Clearwater Marina for 22 years and hold a Federal Permit. We are a family run business and this is the way we make our living. We run 200-250 charters per year with the majority of them being out-of-state families on vacation.

I plan to run charters for many years to come and pass down the business to our children so future generations can access our fisheries.

The Charter For Hire industry is working to preserve the non boat owning recreational fisherman's historical access by establishing a Fishery Management Plan that keeps its access at a constant , improves the rebuilding of fish stocks, stops over-fishing, and improves everyone's access including commercial, private boat and charter for hire sectors for generation to come.

Sincerely,


Richard Nicajevsky
Captain, Owner & Operator

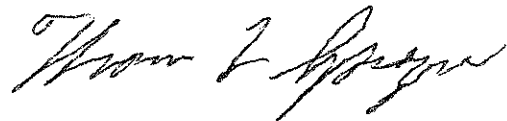

Helen Nicajevsky
Co-Owner & Trip Coordinator

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tom Sprague. I own the charter boat Dos Amigos in Clearwater Beach Florida. My business has been around for almost 40 years and I have owned it for the last 21 years.

I think amendment 39 is a very important issue facing the charter industry and all of its customers. I give my support for the council to pass admedment 39. I charter fish full time and take all walks of life fishing. I don't have a day job or just do this for fun. I am a professional fisherman. I provide a service that should be protected and maintained for generations to come. I think amendment 39 is a start. There is a lot more work to come and I am willing to do what I can to maintain and help my industry grow. I urge the council to pass amendment 39

Tom Sprague

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Sprague". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

to the Golf Council.

My name is Gregg J. Corder. I have been a charter captain out of Clearwater Marina for over 25 years. I am in favor of Sector Separation so we can keep our own date and be accountable for everything we catch. The Charter Fisherman's Association speaks for me and I fully support everything they are trying to do for the CFH industry. We need our own fishery management plan. We are the only ones who can provide access to the fisheries for the non-owning boating public.

Thank - you.

Gregg J. Corder
Charter Boat Two C's II

June 19, 2012

My name is Steve Benell, I am a "boat for hire" charter captain and have been in the Florida fishery for over 10 years and before that, part of the Texas fishery for several years. My boat has Federal Permits, my business is both as an inshore and offshore charter for hire business.

Being a smaller, less expensive boat, I take a lot of local recreational anglers that would normally not fish in the waters I can fish. They either don't have boats or don't have boats capable of going offshore or don't have the knowledge to make them successful. In conversation with these customers, they agree that we as a "for hire" business should be managed differently from the regular recreational fisherman. The first thing they say to me is "recreational" does not apply to people they are "for hire", that we are a business no different than a restaurant, shoe store or a gas station. We are professionals at what we do, thus the need for us to attain "sector separation" so that we can function and be governed as professionals and business owners.

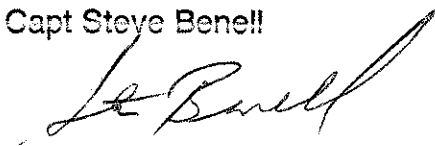
We as Professional fishermen are not involved in the decision making or rules of any other businesses, yet these "other business" fishermen who make up part of the recreational sector, are accounted for and have input in our regulations and how our business is run, based the results and opinions of a few but taken as the rule for every private boat owner in the Gulf. The application of all these private boats to our business, is hurting those of us in the business.

There is currently no real way of keeping track of what is caught, that works. With Sector Separation, we can be monitored far more accurately for what is caught.

I am in full support of the Charter Fisherman's Association, very much in favor of Sector Separation and hope that it is an issue that is settled far sooner than later. separation can only benefit the whole Gulf of Mexico as a fishery for years to come and continue to aid the economy of the already struggling Gulf States.

Sincerely,

Capt Steve Benell

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Scales N Tails Charters
Clearwater Beach, Florida

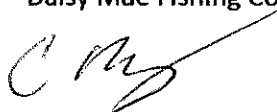
My name is Eric Mahoney. I own and operate the federally permitted charter boat Daisy Mae VI in Clearwater Beach Florida. Daisy Mae Fishing Company has been providing the public access to the offshore waters off Tampa for well over 60 years. I take mine and my customer's privilege to fish in the Gulf very seriously. I am a member of the Charter Fisherman's Association and I support the CFA and all there trying to do.

Amendment 39 is a step in the right direction and I support it 100 percent. The Charter for hire sector should have been separate a long time ago. The MSA is specific in naming 3 separate sectors. Commercial, Recreational and Charter for hire. I it is specific in this for a reason. It's really common sense.

Sector separation would give the majority of rec fisherman their own sector and would open up many avenues to make this sector better and more accountable. Providing more access to our offshore Gulf fishery to the American public should be a priority and I think that's what amendment 39 could do. I talk with my customers about this all the time and everyone is dumbfounded by the fact the charter for hire sector is not managed separately. We need our own fishery management plan and are own real time data collection and we need it yesterday. We can very easily become an accountable sector, stop overfishing and start getting back to the world class fishery we have had in the past. I urge the council to support Amendment 39. Thanks for your time.

Eric Mahoney

Daisy Mae Fishing Company.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Mahoney', written over a horizontal line.

I HAVE BEEN CHARTER FISHING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO FOR OVER 40 YEARS. I OWN THE CHARTER BOAT 100 PROOF AND I FISH OUT OF CLEARWATER BEACH FLORIDA. I SUPPORT SECTOR SEPARATION. I HAVE SEEN LOTS OF CHANGES IN OUR FISHERY OVER THE YEARS AND I BELIEVE SECTOR SEPARATION IS ANOTHER CHANGE THAT IS LONG OVERDUE. THE CHARTER FISHERMAN AND THE PRIVATE BOAT OWNER ARE 2 DIFFERENT SECTORS AND BEING LUMPED IN TOGETHER DOESN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE. I HAVE NO PROBLEM KEEPING RECORDS OR DATA FOR FISHING. I WOULD LIKE MORE DAYS TO FISH FOR MY CLIENTS AND WHATEVER THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO GET THAT I AM ALL FOR. PLEASE SUPPORT SECTOR SEPARATION. THANKS
CAPT. BILLY BURKE

Pam Anderson,

Please provide a copy of this email for the public record in testimony today.

On behalf of the members of the PCBA, I wish to state that we continue to be opposed to sector separation of the recreational fishery and the creation of any new catch share programs in any fishery or sector. The sector separation issue has one primary issue that the NMFS has continued to not answer and that is how many days fishing for red snapper, groupers, amberjacks, and mackerels will charter for hire fishermen have, headboat fishermen have, and private recreational fishermen have if the recreational sector is divided and each has their own quota? A very simple projected estimate is all that is necessary in order to provide some guidance on support or not of sector separation. The NMFS could simply project for any future year such as 2013, 2014, or 2015 and base that on the current projected ABC for those years. This estimate would simply provide a reasonable guide on how each projected rec subsector would benefit or not by having their own sector. There is no need to approve sector separation in order to provide this estimation.

Until and unless, there is a comprehensive study that provides the impact to fishermen, processors, fish houses, and communities as a result of current IFQ programs, we do not support the consideration, development, or implementation of any new catch share programs. This study should also provide more biological information such as the impact of discards from vessels that have no IFQ and that affect on stock biomass. Many problems exist with the current IFQ programs that need to be addressed before any new programs are considered.

Thank you,

Bob Zales, II

President

Panama City Boatmen Association

Capt Bob Zales, II

bobzales@att.net

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"The charm of fishing is that, it is the pursuit of what is elusive, but attainable; a perpetual series of occasions for hope."

Quote on a wall of a ladies clothing store in Islamorada, FL

Captain Thomas Hylton
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June 18, 2012

RE: IN FAVOR OF SECTOR SEPARATION

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Tom Hylton and I have been a charter captain of Gypsy Sport Fishing for over thirty years. Both my grandfather and my dad were professional fishermen. I have a long history of professional fishing in the state of Florida.

I am in favor of Sector Separation because it makes sense. I am not a commercial fisherman, nor am I an amateur. I've been providing for my family by fishing the Gulf of Mexico for over thirty years. I don't just fish on weekends and go back to my sales job. I carry local fishermen who either can't afford a boat, or have tried fishing on their own and get more results fishing with me—sold their boat, and are much happier. I also carry the family of four from Ohio and just want to have a good time. Just the other day, I received a thank you from an out-of-state customer who said, "Thanks for one of the best days of our lives."

Yes, it is a business. Yes, I take pride in that business. No, I'm not an amateur and should not be classified as such.

If Sector Separation is voted in, I would be happy to keep data of what I catch in order to guarantee accountability. I agree wholeheartedly with the Charter Fisherman's Association (CFA) and would do whatever it takes to achieve Sector Separation Status.

I would like to reiterate that charter fisherman provide a valuable service, not only to local anglers, but also to families, and friends that travel to Florida and desire a pleasant day on the water.

Sincerely,

Captain Tom Hylton

Subject: Sector Separation

Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 11:48 AM

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Conversation: Sector Separation

Please record this email as my strong opposition to sector separation.

There has been a lot of noise lately coming from a small group of for hire business about sector separation. Firstly I would like to say is this; "We are not separate sectors. Everyone who fishes on a for hire vessel is a recreational angler, just as they are on my vessel. The only difference is that the anglers on the for hire vessel paid for the opportunity to fish, while those on my vessel are there by my invitation. The reality is; that for hire guides and captain provide the conduit to allow recreational anglers an opportunity to fish. Would we consider a fishing pier that charges a fee as a for hire vessel?

I must ask: Why would one recreational angler, just by virtue that he paid someone else for the opportunity to fish, be granted special Status? Did I not pay for my access to the opportunity to fish? Do I not purchase licenses and permits? Did I not have to purchase my boat, the fuel, the bait and supplies?

The point being made is whether they are paying someone else or paying it for themselves there is NO DIFFERENCE between an angler on a for hire vessel and one on a private vessel. In this country we do not create special classes of citizens and single them out for special treatment based on who they paid for their access. The captain and crews of a for hire vessel are not the recreational anglers, it is the clients they carry who are the anglers. Those clients deserve no more right to a portion of the recreational allocation of recreationally caught fish than any other recreational angler.

Remember this is not about the captain or crew, they are not the anglers, they are just the mode of transportation for the anglers. One could think of it as this; a charter boat is but a taxi and a head boat is just a bus and the riders in these taxis and buses are going fishing. These riders deserve no more special treatment than the guy who has to ride the bus to go down to the local seawall to fish, would this grant the bus driver special access privileges?

Recreational anglers catch fish for the pure enjoyment of catching fish and having fresh seafood on their table. It is not about profit, it is not about commoditizing the resource, it is about fair and equitable access to the fishery and THE OPPORTUNITY TO FISH

The only reason a very few in the for hire sector want to separate is so that they can claim for their own private use and profit a share of the recreational fishing quota for various species. This is reminiscent of the Charter Boat Permit moratorium, where a few charter operators pushed for this to eliminate competition and prevent new entries into the fishery. The result was that a permit that cost them \$22 dollars was suddenly worth thousands of dollars. If sector separation is allowed to go through (against the wishes of the majority of recreational anglers) then those that NMFS picks as the winners will suddenly realize a windfall. Once again the value of their permits will go up exponentially with the amount of quota NMFS assigns. So let's be honest here! The majority of anglers DO NOT WANT THIS, not the for hire nor the private.

This is being pushed by a vocal minority of anglers in the Gulf of Mexico to try and squash competition and new entrants, and lock up a portion of the fishery for their own personal gain. They are doing it with support from various NGOs like the EDF; whose stated purpose is to implement Catch Shares and IFQ in the Gulf of Mexico as the management tool of choice. Well we have to ask; why is EDF being granted such wide spread access to make such important decisions regarding the lives of anglers in the Gulf of Mexico? Also how is it that NMFS allows a NON-Profit to have such influence over the rule making process; a situation that is clearly in violation of their non-profit status and FEDERAL LAW!

There will be no management advantage gained by sector separation. It will not increase the biomass of the species, it will not reduce pressure, it will not increase habitat and it will not result in a single byte of increased data.

As you contemplate the scoping of such a project please ask at every step; "What is gained by dividing the recreational community?" The majority of the recreational fishing community is opposed to this, the majority of the for hire captains and guides are against this; Let's do the right thing and find real management solutions for our recreational fisheries TOGETHER not SEPARATE. Remember IT IS ALL ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO FISH.

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Subject: Sector Separation and Headboat Pilot Program / Exempted Fishing Permits

Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 10:25 AM

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Conversation: Sector Separation and Headboat Pilot Program / Exempted Fishing Permits

Hello,

It has come to my attention that certain groups and individuals that are currently promoting the Sector Separation and Headboat Pilot Program are one and the same. This very small collective of well funded business owners have sought to inject their idea's into fishery management, despite the clear and overwhelming opposition. The great distrust that has been created with the NMFS dealings with fishermen continues to increase, despite promises of communication and transparency made by Jane Lubchenco, following the OLE scandal. Its time to stop ignoring the clear will of the fishery stakeholders, and stop refusing to allow a truly transparent process to take place.

Most fishermen are resigned to the idea that the idea of sector separation merely getting on the agenda despite overwhelming opposition is a sign that it's a 'done deal' despite the lack of support. Its also outrageous that the idea of a handful of Headboats, from this same small group would be even considered to get a exempted permit, allowing them to profit greatly in the harvest of fish not allowed to be retained by the majority. How this is happening naturally leads to much speculation about undue influence in the fishery management process by certain NGO's, currently under federal investigation. We need speculate no more! What we knew has been confirmed by the very source itself. They have claimed responsibility for advancing their goals by working from the inside of the councils and AP's, even getting their advocates these positions. How unthinkable.

In the following letter from the Environmental Defense Fund, you will notice their stated objectives, which

deal directly with the current subjects at hand. Allowing these measures, or any for that matter associated with Sector Separation, Headboat Pilot Programs / Exempted Permits, Catch Shares, IFQ's, and other similarly promoted management schemes must be placed on hold to a full investigation into potential wrongdoing takes place. A copy of this information is being forwarded to all Congressional Reps from the Gulf States. Additionally list of the names and contact information of those seeking this unpopular proposal are being included in the correspondence to ensure a clear picture is seen of Who is really involved. Again here is the letter from EDF itself indicating their undue involvement in the Fishery Management process:

"Environmental Defense Fund Progress Report

Catch shares are the default tool for managing fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico region

Over the past year, EDF has helped propel the commercial grouper/tilefish IFQ plan toward implementation, advanced the goal of catch share management for king mackerel and all remaining Gulf reef fish species, helped create... essential management building blocks for catch shares in the for-hire sport fishing sector, and continued to support the nation's first industry alliance dedicated to promoting catch shares.

With the vital help of our industry partnerships, we recently ushered the grouper/tilefish IFQ plan to final passage by the Gulf Council in January (13-4 vote in favor). The Secretary of Commerce approved the plan in August and it is set to begin on January 1, 2010. However, higher than expected interactions with threatened sea turtles added a wrinkle to the program. In May, NMFS implemented an emergency closure of the longline reef fishery (of which the grouper/tilefish fishery is a part) to help resolve the problem. To keep fishermen on the water, we targeted converting 50 percent of the fleet, or approximately 50 vessels, to vertical, or 'bandit' gear, which has been proven to cause far fewer turtle interactions. EDF immediately launched a grant program for conversion of longline vessels to the vertical gear. To date, applications have been approved to convert 50 vessels, and 45 have converted. Offering the industry an option for staying in business has gone a long way to solidify relationships and trust with both fishermen and regulators.

Our work to promote catch share management for all Gulf reef fish continues to bear fruit. In June, at our urging, the Gulf Council established a new advisory panel to explore a catch share plan for all remaining reef fish,

including three subgroups: commercial, recreational for-hire and private anglers. EDF and key allies have secured voting positions on the panel. We expect that the commercial sub-group will easily move forward with a plan to add all remaining reef fish (19 more species in total, including amberjack and gray triggerfish) into the existing IFQ program. The for-hire and private angler sub-groups will explore catch share and accountability measures for reef fish, including red snapper and grouper. The recreational discussions will undoubtedly be long, heated and challenging. Part of their charge is to discuss intersector trading.

The work we are doing with a core group of for-hire recreational fishermen, whose movement we helped develop and continue to support, called SOS (Save Our Sector), will be important to continue to move catch shares forward in the for-hire sector of the recreational red snapper fishery. SOS now has over 200 supporters across all five Gulf states. This membership, which includes boat owners and crew members, reflects a significant portion of the 1,100 licenses in the for-hire fleet. The group's work was a key factor in the Gulf Council's October decision to consider separation of the recreational sector into for-hire and private angler sectors in the generic Annual Catch Limit/Accountability Measures amendment, which will be subject to public hearings in either December or January and likely voted on next summer. The amendment will form the foundation for a for-hire IFQ and harvest tags for private anglers.

To demonstrate that vessel monitoring systems and electronic logbooks can work in for-hire recreational fisheries and provide the accountability necessary for catch shares, EDF is conducting a two-year pilot project with SOS. Internal discussions with NMFS officials indicate strong agency support for the SOS management plan, which includes use of electronic logbooks, and is resulting in meetings and dialogue among the group, NMFS officials and key members of Congress. While working with key for-hire leadership to develop an IFQ concept design for-hire catch share, we funded and worked with SOS leadership to launch an SOS web site to serve as a consistent source of information for interested parties.

After almost three years, the red snapper IFQ program continues to meet high expectations. In NMFS's recent "2008 Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper IFQ Annual Report" the agency states, "... overall, [there are] numerous improvements over the historical derby-style fishing conditions..."

Overfishing is being reversed because fishermen are complying with the catch limit, the ratio of discards to landings has dropped by 68 percent, and illegal fishing is declining. The economic signs are also positive. NMFS documents dockside prices at 17 percent higher than pre-IFQ, while fishermen report an increase of 30 percent or more (some data collection problems are not yet fixed). Quota share prices rose by 37 percent from 2007 to 2008, reflecting the scarcity of red snapper and fishermen's optimism for the future. The number of shareholders has declined by about 15 percent and a few vessels have exited the fishery, indicating that excess capacity is beginning to fall. There continues to be broad support

for the program which is contributing to the expansion of catch shares to other Gulf and South Atlantic, fisheries.

Of course, on-going improvements are needed; high priorities include additional at-sea monitoring, better economic data, and enhanced systems to detect and deter cheating. Fishermen, with new conservation incentives under IFQs, are working to combat one of the remaining discarding problems by seeking to accumulate a “snapper bycatch pool.” The pool would consist of a small reserve of quota that fishermen may access if they happen to catch red snapper beyond their quota, for example, while fishing for other reef fish. This will help take away the misguided justification (e.g., that a fisherman cannot find snapper shares) that a few fishermen still make for discarding snapper. The biggest threat to the continued success of the red snapper IFQ (and other Gulf IFQs) is the inability of regulators thus far to address overfishing by the recreational sector. This problem slows down stock rebuilding and could potentially diminish the positive conservation incentives instilled by catch shares.

Our partner, University of British Columbia, has developed recommendations and is continuing to work with NMFS to better track reductions in red snapper bycatch under IFQ management, information that is critical for measuring success. They are also participating in a red snapper stock assessment update to ensure future annual catch limits are based on the best science. As we expected, NMFS’s recent report (see above) shows a significant improvement over the first year report, but we are working for a much more rigorous and comprehensive report in 2010. These reports are important because they will be used in NMFS’s and the Council’s planned five-year review in 2012. Another project partner, Texas Tech, has started its on-the-water research that will help identify habitat for red snapper spawners so that it can be protected to complement IFQs and speed recovery of the badly overfished stock.

EDF continues to encourage and support fishermen who provide the leadership to advance catch shares. The Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders' Alliance, which we helped create, continues to expand its membership of commercial and for-hire fishermen. Its executive director and members are serving on federal advisory panels, have met with members of Congress, and are engaged in helping guide other EDF Oceans regions through challenges. The Alliance is working with Chicago’s Shedd Aquarium “Rite Bite” program and others to move red snapper off of environmentalists’ “fish to avoid” lists by featuring red snapper in eco-friendly restaurants. The program has also received funding and approval to initiate a pre-certification process for Marine Stewardship Council certification.

Finally, EDF has successfully urged the Gulf Council to establish an advisory panel to explore catch share management for the king mackerel fishery. King mackerel is jointly managed by the Gulf, South Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Councils. If completed, this will be the first-ever catch share for a coastal pelagic species.”

Thank You for carefully considering this important matter,
Captain Henry
ACME Ventures Fishing

Subject: opposed to sector separation
Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 9:30 PM
From: hunthb@comcast.net
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Conversation: opposed to sector separation

I would like to go on record to being opposed to the sector separation and changing the size limit on greater amberjack to 34 inches. We have in the past few years been working with a 30 inch size limit. As a charter boat captain for 40 years, I do not agree that there has been enough time to justify it to a 34 inch size limit to appease the environmentalist that are pushing this change. This will reduce fishing days due to the increase size limit.. At a one fish catch limit, I feel that amberjack are being overfished.

Capt Hank Hunt

Capt Hank Hunt Charter Services, Inc

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Subject: Scoping Document for Amendment 39 NO TO sector Separation!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Date: Saturday, June 16, 2012 10:46 PM
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Conversation: Scoping Document for Amendment 39 NO TO sector Separation!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The CHF is and should be a recreational sector because it is the license buying, tax paying, public access guy who is keeping his share of the bounty, however granted it should have more than 80% of the TAC! Commercial fishermen have lived off our fish for too long! SOS is not for a recreational fishery, if a fishery is so depleted it has to come to this then commercial fishing should be stopped...period...and especially if it is also a recreational fishery! Too much government money is being spent to try to get everybody a little bit and no one is happy! Ban commercial fishing for Red Snapper and Amberjack to save the economy of the fishing communities...recreational fisheries take care of themselves without greed of profit!

I feel that as a charter captain I'm a recreational liaison, not a commercial fisherman... I still can't believe the amount of trouble/money the government goes through to manage a depleting fish stock...it seems as simple as Red fish and Speckled Trout...as technology, fishing pressure, popularity of cuisine changed commercial fishing was eliminated to save the species and the larger economy of the communities...why is that an off limits discussion from our government for Red Snapper, Amberjack and Grouper.... I'm sure there is a species, however I can't think of one off the top of my head that has been disrupted solely by recreational efforts, however I can think of many more that have made a significant come back due to the conservation nature and financial assistance of recreational anglers...it boils down to when you make money for fishing by any means (mass entrapment not Rod & Reel) to gather fish, no matter what restrictions are placed greed or the need to pay bills will make people do things that are illegal thus the down fall of the Red Snapper, Amberjack and Grouper... we had seen this happen in other fisheries to that are booming now after the any means available fishing (not single hook and single line) was banned...i.e.... Speckled Trout and Red Drum...the commercial fisheries quotas were established years ago when the fishery was more viable, technology was different, the world was different...the demographics have now changed and so should the quotas to reflect a more sustained use of the fish stock going to the growing recreational sector and not the stagnant or receding commercial industry who are just becoming big companies and will get bigger with catch shares and only a few people enjoying the fruits of profit from the mass resource...even though I am not and Snapper/Grouper fisherman I'm not for IFQ's for single hook and line fisherman which included charter for

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Subject: Admendment 39 Request

Mr Bortone, could you forward this to all council members, The Chair and gulf council staff ? Thank you

Mr chairman ,

As president of the Charter Fisherman's Association and one of the developers of the plan once known as SOS or Sector Separation and now known as reef fish amendment 39 which will establish a separate Charter for Hire FMP, I want to take this opportunity to make a request for you and the entire council to consider. The birth of admendment 39 officially began in August of 2008 at the red snapper AP meeting held in New Orleans when a small group of Captains attended that meeting and as part of that group I made a presentation to the AP on a management plan that would change the way red snapper could be managed in the charter for hire sector.

The presentation outlined a plan that would improve the flexibility small business needed to stay profitable, improve the flexibility that public recreational fishermen needed to access the red snapper fishery, help stop the erosion of the historical public access to that fishery , improve accountability in the charter for hire sector, stop over fishing of the portion of the ACL historically landed in the recreational charter for hire sector, and develop a better data collection system that would improve fishery dependent science and enforcement.

4 years later this plan that now is including most federal reef fish species has a new beginning. We have scoped this plan with great painstaking discussion , workshops , testimonies , staff presentations and evaluation that has brought us to the point of the planned admendment process. It is in the interest of timely progress of that process that I make my request that you begin the process of developing the options and actions portion of this admendment. This charter for hire FMP admendment has already gone through the scoping process ad nauseam for 4 years.

Since the Oct 08 gulf council meeting in Mobile Al. when I presented the SOS plan as it was known at that time, there has been a total of 18 council meetings where almost every aspect of the issues of developing a Separate FMP for the CFH sector has been discussed with individual council members, in open public during committee sessions and in full council and at every one of these meetings there has been and was opportunity for personal and electronic public testimony for the general public on this issue and the normal discussions between council members and stakeholders in this process. This issues has been on the agenda at council meetings in all 5 coastal states covering ports and areas from Key

West Florida to Corpus Christi Texas for the public to have the opportunity a total of 18 times to have personal say in the development of this plan and also have had 4 years to come up with alternative ideas as well.

This issue has been at the forefront of magazine articles, printed op-eds, discussion papers, fishing blogs, and special workshops, fishing industry organizational meetings and AP panels and also the reason for developing pilot projects to examine the improvement of managing our fisheries in the charter for hire sector. I will give you a simple time line on what has been done up until now in the public discussion and scoping of this plan as presented and evaluated by NMFS and the Gulf council staff.

In Oct of 2008 in Mobile AL the SOS plan was presented to the gulf council.

In Jan of 2009 in Bay St Louis Ms the gulf council staff developed presented a white paper examining 3 different aspects of managements the 3 were the SOS plan, council plan, and Ad Hoc Red Snapper AP plan.

In August 2009 in New Orleans a MRIP data collection work shop was held for 2 days with scientist, enforcement, managers and stakeholders in the charter for hire industry to discuss the issue of self reported electronic log books for the charter for hire sector and the types of data needs, validations, enforcement and scientific value. This data collection system is a corner stone of the charter for hire FMP that we presented.

In Oct 2010 in Baton Rouge La. We presented the council a sector separation concept paper that we had put together with input from fishermen and businesses from all 5 coastal states and had committee discussions and public comment that led to the development of a work shop to further vet out what sector separation meant to recreational fishery management.

In Nov 2010 in Tampa, FL A special public sector separation workshop was held for 3 days To try and define what would a Separate Sector FMP look like and what it meant to management of recreational fisheries in the future.

In April 2011 in Orange Beach AL. Andy Strelcheck and his staff presented a 12 series scenario of what impact would sector separation and the plan as presented have on future access for the public non boat owning fishermen who access red snapper aboard federally permitted charter for hire vessels. This presentation was also given in May to members of the public and charter industry in Florida in Tampa and Destin, Also In Orange Beach AL, and in Tx.

And In April 2012 in Corpus Christi Tx the gulf council staff presented the sector separation paper showing the reality of trends and future of the charter for hire sector under status quo management and compared benefits of a new separate FMP for the charter for hire sector. So in closing I again respectfully request that we begin the actual building of Admendment 39 through the options and actions

process. No one can see what will be developed until this actually begins. Industry and the public on both sides of the issue keep requesting to see what it will look like other than what we want it to look like as presented. It is due time that this council initiates the options and actions process.

Thank you for your consideration,

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