

Agenda **Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Focus Group Meeting**

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Office
4107 W. Spruce St. Suite 200
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November 30, 2022: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST
December 1, 2022: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

Charge: To provide a detailed plan for the following:

- Review the current IFQ programs' goals and objectives and recommend their replacement/retention. These revised goals and objectives shall serve as the basis for the Focus Group recommendations.
- Define the changes needed for an improved Red Snapper and Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program to specifically address minimizing discards, fairness and equity, and new entrants' issues.
- The Council is considering changes to assist new entrants (i.e., replacement fishermen) to the IFQ programs.
 - What could such program changes look like and what would be the implications of those changes?
 - Evaluate the benefits and drawbacks to get to active fishermen who own no shares:
 1. Increases in annual allocation (not shares), and
 2. Allocation held by the agency in non-active accounts
- Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Format
- Review of Agenda and Meeting Objectives (i.e., Council's charge)
- Assess and Discuss Program Changes
- Discussion of Next Steps
- Public Comment (Day 2)
- Other Business

Breaks will be taken during the morning and afternoon sessions, and for lunch

Members:

Laura Chicola – *Permitholder who leases allocation (no shares)*
Jason DeLaCruz – *Dealer*
Brad Gorst – *Crew*
Lance Nacio – *New entrant*

Casey Streeter – *Small shareholder*
David Walker – *Large shareholder*
Jim Zurbrick – *Medium shareholder*
Dr. Andrew Ropicki – *Knowledgeable non-participant*

Facilitators: Joy Hazell, Dr. Wendy-Lin Bartels