

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Proposed Actions for 2024

Gulf Meeting Dates:						2023					2024			
Action	Start (Mon/Yr)	Rank	Council	Gulf/NMFS Lead	IPT	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
1 Reef Fish Amendment 59: Requirements for Participation in IFQ Programs	10/23	A	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes	IFQ Objectives Status Update		IFQ Objectives Presentation			Presentation			
2 Reef Fish Amendment 60: Distribution of Shares Held by NMFS, Recovery and Distribution of IFQ Shares from Inactive Accounts	10/23	A	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes									Presentation
3 Framework Action: Modifications to Gag Management Measures	01/23	A	Gulf	RR/DL	Yes	Presentation	SSC Meeting	Draft			Discuss Analyses			Draft
4 Fishery Ecosystem Plan	10/18	A	Gulf	NM/KO	Yes		ETC Meeting	ETC Report						
5 Reef Fish Amendment: Develop Framework for Regulatory Streamlining	04/23	A	Gulf	RR/DL	No									
6 Abbreviated Framework Action to Adjust Catch Levels for Lane Snapper	10/23	A	Gulf	MF							Final Draft			
7 Framework Action: Modify Catch Level of Gulf Spanish Mackerel	08/23	B	Gulf	NM/KG				Draft Options						Final Draft
8 Generic EFH Amendment	4/19	B	Gulf	LH/RM	Yes									
9 Revisions to the ABC Control Rule	03/12	B	Gulf	RR/RM	No									
10 Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery	11/20	B	Gulf	MF/FH	Yes	Update on pilot studies		Update on testing / Shrimp AP / Draft			Any updates on Early Adopter Program			Discuss Draft
11 Reef Fish Amendment 58: Shallow-Water Grouper Complex Catch Level and Management Considerations	10/22	B	Gulf	JF/MF	No									Draft Options
12 Document to review the state specific private angler licensing and reporting requirements currently used to define offshore anglers in each state	10/22	B	Gulf	CRS/LH	No			Discuss at GSMFC and Council						
13 Reef Fish Amendment x: Red Snapper Private Angling Allocations between Gulf States	04/23	B	Gulf		No						Discuss during Allocation Review Policy			
14 Reef Fish Amendment 61: Modifications to the Mid-water Snapper Complex and Catch Limits	08/19	B	Gulf	CRS	No						Draft Options			
15 Coral Amendment 10	10/19	C	Gulf	NM/KO	No									Convene Coral WG
16 Framework Action: Modifications to Vermilion Snapper Bag Limits and Gray Triggerfish Recreational Fixed Closed Seasons	06/20	C	Gulf	CRS	No									
17 Reef Fish Amendment X: Sector Allocations and Catch Levels for Red Snapper	01/21	C	Gulf	TBD	No									
18 Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 and Reef Fish Amendment 55 yellowtail snapper	10/15	C	Gulf/SA	CRS/KO	Yes	Draft	South Atlantic Draft	Gulf Council Draft						

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19 Amendment x: Evaluate if Unassessed Species are Still in Need of Federal Management; Review and Update Annual Catch Limits as Applicable	10/21	C	Gulf	TBD	No									
20 Amendment x: State Management of Recreational Greater Amberjack	08/22	C	Gulf	TBD	No									
21 Sector Separation: Greater Amberjack, Gray Triggerfish, Gag, and Red Grouper	08/22	C	Gulf	TBD	No									
22 Consideration of Gulf king mackerel recreational and commercial annual catch limits and management measures	10/22	C	Gulf	TBD	No									
COMPLETED ACTIONS:														
23 Framework Action: To Modify Commercial and Recreational Management Measures for Greater Amberjack	08/22		Gulf	LH/DL		Draft		Final	Transmit					
24 Reef Fish Amendment 56: Establish Rebuilding Plan, Sector Allocations, and Catch Levels for Gag	01/22		Gulf	RR/DL										
25 Joint Amendment to require electronic reporting for commercial logbooks	02/13		Gulf/SA	LH/RM		Virtual PHs	South Atlantic Council Final	Gulf Council Final						
26 Framework Action: Modifications to Red Snapper State Calibration Ratios and Gray Snapper Catch Limits	01/23		Gulf	LH/DL		Transmit								

NOTE:
PH = Public Hearing
AP = Advisory Panel
SA = South Atlantic
WG = Working Group

KEY:
Draft - Framework Actions (options/alternatives)
PH Draft - Draft for Public Hearings
IPT - Interdisciplinary Planning Team

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