

Allocation Review



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Outline

- ❖ Definitions
- ❖ Council's allocation review triggers
- ❖ GOM allocations and expected start of initial reviews
- ❖ Allocation Review Workgroup
- ❖ Allocation review procedures and criteria
- ❖ Next Steps

Definitions

- ❖ **Fisheries Allocation Review:** the evaluation that leads to the decision of whether or not the development and evaluation of allocation options is warranted, but is not, in and of itself, an implicit trigger to consider alternative allocations.
- ❖ **Evaluation of Fisheries Allocation Options for an FMP Amendment:** If the allocation review determines a reallocation is warranted then the full analysis and evaluation of allocation options should be initiated. The goal is an FMP amendment (or framework action) to update the allocation or maintain status quo.

Review Triggers Selected

Council has selected these allocation review triggers:

- ❖ **Time-based** as **primary trigger**; and,
- ❖ Council's **public comment process** as **secondary trigger**

Suggested triggers do not preclude the Council from conducting additional allocation reviews

Council could initiate supplementary reviews as needed (for example, when new information is available)

Fisheries Allocations in the Gulf of Mexico

Fisheries allocations subject to the Allocation Review Policy include allocations:

- ❖ between the commercial and recreational sectors;
- ❖ within the recreational sector, i.e., between the federal for-hire and the private angling components;
- ❖ between Gulf zones and gear types;
- ❖ between the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils; and,
- ❖ between the five states in the Gulf of Mexico.

Time intervals & expected starts of initial allocation reviews

Allocations	Time Intervals	First review (expected start)
Recreational red snapper ACL allocation between the private angling and federal for-hire components	4 years	April 2023
Red snapper allocations between the Gulf states	5 years	April 2024
Gray triggerfish and greater amberjack allocations between the recreational and commercial sectors	6 years	April 2025
Gulf of Mexico group king mackerel allocations between the recreational and commercial sectors, zones, and gear types	6 years	April 2025
Recreational and commercial allocations of red snapper, gag, red grouper and, SWG, DWG, and tilefish IFQ aggregates	7 years	April 2026
Black grouper, mutton snapper, yellowtail snapper allocations between the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils	7 years	April 2026

Allocation Review Workgroup

Council motion: To direct staff to contact SERO and SEFSC staff to convene an allocation review workgroup to identify criteria that would be appropriate for the species identified in the draft NMFS allocation review triggers letter. **(April 2019)**

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- ❖ Workgroup met June 24 and July 24, 2019

Allocation Review Procedures

- ❖ Notice indicating species to be reviewed
- ❖ Membership of allocation review panel
- ❖ Allocation review template
- ❖ Council input
- ❖ SSC and SE SSC recommendations
- ❖ AP recommendations
- ❖ Council discussions

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Fisheries allocation review should consider:

- Review FMP objectives and revise if necessary
- Are objectives being met?
- Have other relevant factors that would impact allocation changed?

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- ❖ FMP goals and objectives
- ❖ Regulatory structure (seasons, bag limits...)
- ❖ ABCs/ACLs/Quotas
- ❖ ACL/quota utilization rates
- ❖ Landings history (by user group)
- ❖ Discards and discard mortality rates
- ❖ Protected species bycatch

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- ❖ Accountability measures (e.g., season closure, payback)
- ❖ Status of stock(s)
- ❖ Habitat impacts and environmental events (e.g., red tide)
- ❖ Participation and effort trends (e.g., permits, vessels, trips)
- ❖ Economic efficiency considerations (consumer and producer surplus by user group, IFQ allocation transfer price)
- ❖ Distributional effects (e.g., economic impacts, demographic trends, community engagement and reliance, and social vulnerability indicators)

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- ❖ Tiered allocation review (varying levels of complexity)
- ❖ Number of tiers
- ❖ Information to include in each tier

Next Steps

Convene Allocation Review workgroup

- ❖ Council recommendations
- ❖ SSC recommendations
- ❖ GAO report on allocation

Draft Allocation Review Template

Presentation to the Council

Revisions based on Council recommendations

Thank you