

**Gulf Council Motions Report  
April 1-4, 2019  
Biloxi, Mississippi**

**ADMINISTRATIVE/BUDGET**

**Review of 2019 Anticipated Activities and Budget and 2018 Funded Expenditures**

**Motion:** To include funding in the budget to allow for a Council member attendee at SEDAR meetings.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** To accept the 2019 proposed budget as amended.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**DATA COLLECTION**

**SEFHIER Implementation Update – SERO**

**Motion:** To have SERO/SEFSC develop a presentation for the June 2019 Council meeting to explain and discuss specific data elements that will be required for reporting in the for-hire fleet. Additionally, this presentation should include updates on timelines for implementation and ways to solve challenges to implementation that were discussed at the April 2019 meeting.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**

**Final Action: Replacement of Historical Captain Permits with Standard Federal For-Hire Permits**

**Motion:** To approve the Abbreviated Framework Action: Replacement of Historical Captain Permits with Standard Federal Charter/Headboat Permits, and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation, and deem the revised codified text as necessary and appropriate, giving staff editorial license to make the necessary changes in the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.

Dr. Mickle – yes	Ms. Boggs – yes	Mr. Sanchez – yes
Dr. Stunz – yes	Dr. Crabtree – yes	Mr. Robinson – yes

Mr. Swindell – yes	Mr. Boyd – yes	Dr. Shipp – yes
Mr. Dyskow – yes	Mr. Dugas – yes	Mr. Anson – yes
Ms. Guyas – yes	Mr. Diaz – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes
Mr. Banks – yes	Ms. Bosarge – yes	

Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

**Selection of Allocation Review Triggers**

**Motion:** To change the time intervals on black grouper, mutton snapper, yellowtail snapper allocations between the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils from 10 years to 7 years.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** To change the time intervals on Gulf of Mexico group king mackerel allocations between the recreational and commercial sectors, zones, and gear types from 9 years to 6 years.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** To approve the allocation review triggers letter as revised and submit it to NMFS.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**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.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**REEF FISH**

**Final Action Draft Amendment 50: State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper and Individual State Amendments**

**Program Amendment 50A**

**Motion:** To recommend the Council approve Amendment 50A: State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper, and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation.

Dr. Stunz– yes	Mr. Boyd – yes	Mr. Anson – yes
Ms. Bosarge – yes	Mr. Diaz – yes	Mr. Sanchez – yes
Mr. Swindell – yes	Dr. Shipp – yes	Mr. Banks – yes
Mr. Robinson – yes	Dr. Mickle – yes	Ms. Guyas – yes
Mr. Dugas – yes	Mr. Dyskow – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes

Ms. Boggs – yes	Dr. Crabtree – yes	
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Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

**Louisiana Draft Amendment 50B**

**Motion:** To recommend the Council approve the Amendment 50B: Louisiana State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper, and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation.

Mr. Robinson – yes	Ms. Bosarge – yes	Mr. Dyskow – yes
Mr. Banks – yes	Ms. Guyas – yes	Mr. Sanchez – yes
Dr. Stunz – yes	Mr. Swindell – yes	Mr. Anson – yes
Mr. Dugas – yes	Dr. Mickle – yes	Dr. Shipp – yes
Mr. Boyd – yes	Ms. Boggs – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes
Mr. Diaz – yes	Dr. Crabtree – yes	

Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

**Texas Draft Amendment 50F**

**Motion:** To recommend the Council approve the Amendment 50F: Texas State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper, and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation.

Ms. Guyas – yes	Dr. Stunz – yes	Mr. Sanchez – yes
Dr. Shipp – yes	Mr. Boyd – yes	Dr. Mickle – yes
Ms. Boggs – yes	Mr. Diaz – yes	Mr. Dyskow – yes
Ms. Bosarge – yes	Mr. Anson – yes	Dr. Crabtree – yes
Mr. Robinson – yes	Mr. Dugas – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes
Mr. Banks – yes	Mr. Swindell – yes	

Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

**Florida Draft Amendment 50E**

**Motion:** To recommend the Council approve the Amendment 50E: Florida State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper, and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation.

Mr. Boyd – yes	Dr. Crabtree – yes	Dr. Stunz – yes
Mr. Diaz – yes	Mr. Dugas – yes	Ms. Boggs – yes
Mr. Banks – yes	Dr. Mickle – yes	Ms. Bosarge – yes
Ms. Guyas – yes	Mr. Swindell – yes	Mr. Anson – yes
Dr. Shipp – yes	Mr. Dyskow – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes
Mr. Robinson – yes	Mr. Sanchez – yes	

Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

**Alabama Draft Amendment 50D**

**Motion:** To recommend the Council approve the Amendment 50D: Alabama State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper, and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation.

Ms. Boggs – yes	Mr. Dyskow – yes	Mr. Sanchez – yes
Dr. Shipp – yes	Mr. Banks – yes	Mr. Dugas – yes
Mr. Boyd – yes	Mr. Robinson – yes	Dr. Stunz – yes
Mr. Swindell – yes	Ms. Guyas – yes	Dr. Crabtree – yes
Mr. Anson – yes	Mr. Diaz – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes
Ms. Bosarge – yes	Dr. Mickle – yes	

Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

**Mississippi Draft Amendment 50C**

**Motion:** To recommend the Council approve Amendment 50C: Mississippi State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper, and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation.

Mr. Swindell – yes	Ms. Guyas – yes	Ms. Bosarge – yes
Dr. Stunz – yes	Mr. Dyskow – yes	Ms. Boggs – yes
Dr. Mickle – yes	Mr. Dugas – yes	Mr. Anson – yes
Dr. Shipp – yes	Mr. Diaz – yes	Mr. Banks – yes
Mr. Sanchez – yes	Dr. Crabtree – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes
Mr. Robinson – yes	Mr. Boyd – yes	

Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

**Review of Codified Text**

**Motion:** To recommend the Council deem the codified text for the state management amendments (50A-50F) as necessary and appropriate, giving staff editorial license to make the necessary changes in the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.

Dr. Stunz – yes	Mr. Banks – yes	Dr. Shipp – yes
Mr. Dugas – yes	Dr. Mickle – yes	Mr. Swindell – yes
Ms. Boggs – yes	Mr. Robinson – yes	Mr. Diaz – yes
Mr. Anson – yes	Mr. Sanchez – yes	Mr. Dyskow – yes
Ms. Guyas – yes	Mr. Boyd – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes
Dr. Crabtree – yes	Ms. Bosarge – yes	

Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

**Final Action: Red Grouper Framework Action to Modify Annual Catch Limits and Annual Catch Targets**

**Motion:** To recommend the Council approve the Red Grouper Framework Action to Modify Annual Catch Limits and Annual Catch Targets, and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate, giving staff editorial license to make the necessary changes in the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.

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Ms. Boggs – yes	Mr. Diaz – yes	Ms. Guyas – yes
Mr. Sanchez – yes	Ms. Bosarge – yes	Dr. Stunz – yes
Mr. Anson – yes	Mr. Dugas – yes	Dr. Crabtree – yes
Mr. Banks – yes	Mr. Boyd – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes
Mr. Robinson – yes	Mr. Dyskow – yes	

Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

**Draft Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Commercial Trip Limits**

**Motion:** In Action 1, to make Alternative 4 the preferred alternative.

**Alternative 4:** Reduce the commercial trip limit to 500 lbs gw (520 lbs ww).

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 1, to add an alternative that creates a step down provision that would be implemented when 75% of the ACT is projected to be harvested. The trip limit would be reduced to 250 lbs gw per trip.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 1, to add an alternative that would establish a date prior to season start whereby the trip limit would be reduced to 250 lbs gw per trip.

Motion failed 3 to 11.

**Draft Reef Fish Amendment 52: Red Snapper Reallocation**

**Motion:** To amend the Purpose and Need to read “to review, evaluate, and modify, as appropriate.”

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** To postpone further consideration on Amendment 52 until August 2019.

Motion carried 13 to 2.

### **Draft Amendment 36B: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs**

**Motion:** To add a statement in Draft Amendment 36B that indicates the elimination of derby fishing as a program goal has been met.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** To move Action 4 to Considered but Rejected.

Action 4 – Accuracy of estimated weights in advance landing notifications

Motion failed 7 to 8.

## **HABITAT PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

**Motion:** To direct Council staff to incorporate into the FMPs NMFS recommendations as they pertain to the 5-year review of Essential Fish Habitat.

Motion carried with no opposition.

## **SHRIMP**

### **Biological Review of the Texas Closure**

**Motion:** To recommend to NMFS that federal waters be closed out to 200 miles to run concurrent with the date that the State of Texas recommends for the 2019 Texas shrimp closure in the Texas Territorial Sea.

Motion carried with no opposition.

### **Final Action: Shrimp Amendment 18: Evaluation of Shrimp Effort Threshold Reduction in the Area Monitored for Juvenile Red Snapper Bycatch**

**Motion:** To recommend the Council approve the Shrimp Amendment 18: Evaluation of Shrimp Effort Threshold Reduction in the Area Monitored for Juvenile Red Snapper Bycatch, and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate, giving staff editorial license to make the necessary changes in the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.

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Dr. Stunz – yes	Mr. Dyskow – yes	Ms. Bosarge – yes
Dr. Mickle – yes	Mr. Dugas – yes	Mr. Boyd – yes
Ms. Boggs – yes	Mr. Robinson – yes	Mr. Sanchez – yes
Mr. Diaz – yes	Mr. Banks – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes
Ms. Guyas – yes	Dr. Shipp – yes	

Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

**Summary of the Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting**

**Motion:** To invite the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to an upcoming Council meeting to discuss the impacts and overlaps of the permits which come before the Corps for approval and management of fisheries in federal waters.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**Motion:** To expand the Officer of the Year Award to include nominations for either an Officer of the Year Award or Team of the Year Award, and accept the proposed changes to the eligibility criteria proposed by the LETC.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**2018 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

The Council chose Lieutenant Jason Marlow from Florida to be the 2018 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

**VOTE ON EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP) APPLICATIONS**

**Golden Crab EFP**

**Motion:** To recommend approval of the Golden Crab EFP.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Motion:** To start a document to bring to the June 2019 Council meeting to modify the red snapper for-hire component’s buffer between its ACT and ACL at 9%, based on the Council’s

ACL/ACT Control Rule.

Motion carried with no opposition.