

**Gulf Council Motions Report  
August 20-23, 2018  
Corpus Christi, TX**

**CORAL**

**Final Action Abbreviated Framework Action: Clarification of Fishing in HAPCs**

**Motion:** To approve the Abbreviated Framework Action: Clarification of Fishing in HAPCs 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.

Mr. Dyskow – yes	Mr. Swindell – absent	Mr. Riechers – yes
Mr. Diaz – yes	Dr. Mickle – yes	Ms. Guyas – yes
Dr. Stunz – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes	Mr. Anson – yes
Mr. Strelcheck – yes	Mr. Sanchez – yes	Mr. Boyd – yes
Ms. Boggs – yes	Mr. Schieble – yes	Ms. Bosarge – yes
Dr. Shipp – absent	Mr. Dugas – yes	

Motion carried 15 to 0 with two absent by roll call vote.

**MACKEREL**

**Options: CMP Framework Amendment 7: Modifications to Gulf Cobia Size and Possession Limits**

**Motion:** In Action 1, to select Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative.

**Alternative 2:** Increase the recreational and commercial minimum size limit for Gulf cobia to 36 inches FL in the Gulf Council’s jurisdictional area.

Motion carried with one opposed.

**SPINY LOBSTER**

**Final Action: Spiny Lobster Amendment 13: Modifications to the Spiny Lobster Gear Requirements and Cooperative Management Procedures**

**Motion:** To approve the Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 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.

Mr. Strelcheck – yes	Ms. Guyas – yes	Mr. Dyskow – yes
Mr. Dugas – yes	Mr. Anson – yes	Mr. Swindell – absent
Mr. Schieble – yes	Dr. Stunz – yes	Ms. Boggs – yes
Dr. Frazer – yes	Dr. Shipp – absent	Mr. Sanchez – yes
Mr. Boyd – yes	Mr. Riechers – yes	Ms. Bosarge – yes
Dr. Mickle – yes	Mr. Diaz - yes	

Motion carried 15 to 0 with two absent by roll call vote.

### SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

**Draft Abbreviated Framework Action: Conversion of Historical Captain Endorsements to Federal For-Hire Permits**

**Motion:** To add the alternatives related to passenger capacity as discussed by the committee.  
Motion carried with no opposition.

### SEDAR

No motions.

### DATA COLLECTION

No motions.

### SHRIMP

**Review of Council Request Regarding Shrimp Effort Threshold Reduction in the Area Monitored for Juvenile Red Snapper Bycatch**

**Motion:** To develop a plan amendment to look at reducing the effort threshold in the area monitored for juvenile red snapper bycatch to 60%.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**REEF FISH**

**Final Action: Framework Action to Modify Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper and West Florida Hogfish Annual Catch Limits**

**Motion:** In Action 1, to make Alternative 3 the preferred alternative.

**Alternative 3:** Modify the red snapper ACLs and recreational ACTs based on the constant catch ABC recommendations of the SSC for 2019 – 2021 and subsequent years as determined from the SEDAR 52 stock assessment. The total ACL is equal to the ABC, and allocations and ACTs are applied as appropriate.

Year	OFL	ABC	Total ACL	Comm ACL	Rec Total ACL	Private Angling ACL	For-hire ACL	Rec Total ACT	Private Angling ACT	For-hire ACT
2019-2021+	15.5	15.1	15.100	7.701	7.399	4.269	3.130	5.919	3.415	2.504

\* Values are in millions of pounds, whole weight.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 2, to make Alternative 2 the preferred alternative.

**Alternative 2:** Modify the West Florida hogfish OFL, ABC and ACL based on the recommendations of the SSC for 2019 – 2021 and subsequent years as determined from the 2018 SEDAR 37 update stock assessment. The ACL is equal to the ABC.

Year	OFL	ABC	ACL
2019	151,500	129,500	129,500
2020	163,700	141,300	141,300
2021+	172,500	150,400	150,400

\* Values are in pounds whole weight.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** That the Council approve the Reef Fish Framework Action: Modification of Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper and West Florida Hogfish Annual Catch Limits, 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.

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

Motion carried 15 to 0 with two absent by roll call vote.

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

**Motion:** In Action 1.1, Alternatives 2 through 5, remove the Option b from all alternatives.

**Option b:** A valid Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic dealer permit with an IFQ dealer account.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 1.1 to amend Alternative 3 to say:

**Alternative 3:** In order to obtain (transfer into an account), or maintain shares (hold existing shares in an account), all shareholders who entered the IFQ programs after January 1, 2015, must possess one of the following:

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 1.2 to remove Option 2a.

**Option 2a:** On the effective date of the final rule implementing this amendment.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 1.2 to remove Option 2b from Alternative 2 and Option 3a from Alternative 3.

**Option 2b:** Before the beginning of the calendar year following the effective date of the final rule implementing this amendment.

**Option 3a:** Before the beginning of the calendar year following the sale or termination of the permit.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Final Action: Modification to the Recreational Red Snapper ACT Buffers**

**Motion:** That the Council approve the Reef Fish Framework Action: Modification to the Recreational Red Snapper Annual Catch Target Buffers, 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.

Mr. Banks – yes	Dr. Mickle – yes	Mr. Riechers – yes
Ms. Boggs – yes	Mr. Dyskow – yes	Mr. Dugas – yes
Mr. Sanchez – yes	Mr. Boyd – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes
Mr. Strelcheck – Abstain	Ms. Guyas – yes	Mr. Anson – yes
Dr. Stunz – yes	Mr. Swindell – Absent	Ms. Bosarge – yes
Dr. Shipp – Absent	Mr. Diaz – yes	

Motion carried 14-0 with one abstention and two absent by roll call vote.

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

**Motion:** To leave charter for-hire vessels under federal management, and select in Action 1, Alternative 2 as preferred.

**Alternative 2:** For a state with an approved state management program, the state will manage its private angling component only, and must constrain landings to the state’s private angling component ACL as determined in Action 2. The federal for-hire component will continue to be managed Gulf-wide. For states without an approved state management program, a private angling fishing season will be estimated using the remainder of the private angling component ACL, reduced by the established buffer. The sunset provision ending the separate management of the private angling and federal for-hire ACLs (currently 2022) is removed.

Motion carried 8 to 6.

**Motion:** To begin an amendment for state management for the federal for-hire industry.

Motion failed 5 to 8.

**Substitute Motion:** To begin an amendment for state management for the federal for-hire industry upon final vote on Amendment 50A.

Substitute Motion failed 6 to 8.

**Motion:** To add alternatives, if necessary, in amendment 50A that set up an endorsement system or other ways for identifying federal vessels in the federal for-hire component to be included in the state management plan.

Motion carried 9 to 5.

The following locations for public hearings for Amendment 50A and the individual state plans were named:

- Mobile, AL
- Destin, FL
- Ft. Myers, FL
- Panama City, FL
- Tampa/St. Petersburg, FL
- Baton Rouge, LA
- Biloxi (area), MS
- Brownsville, TX
- Corpus Christi, TX
- League City, TX

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Motion:** Effective immediately, replace the language in Section 3, Page 11 of the SOPP's that reads: Council members must be physically present at Council meetings in order to present a motion or vote, with, *In the event that a Council member is not present at a Council meeting, their level of participation in relation to making motions and voting will be at the discretion of the Chair and Vice Chair.*

Motion failed 4 to 10.

#### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**Motion:** To nominate Dr. Tom Frazer for the position of Council Chairman.

Tom Frazer accepted as Council Chairman by acclamation.

**Motion:** To nominate Dale Diaz for the position of Council Vice-Chairman.

Dale Diaz accepted as Council Vice-Chairman by acclamation.