

**Gulf Council Motions Report  
June 3-6, 2019  
Miramar Beach, Florida**

**DATA COLLECTION**

**Review of Proposed Data Collection Advisor Panel (AP) Charge**

**Motion:** To review and evaluate data collection and monitoring management programs. The AP should make recommendations to the Council for data collection programs in relation to their implementation, efficiency, end user costs, and feasibility.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**HABITAT PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**

No Motions.

**MIGRATORY SPECIES**

No Motions.

**SEDAR**

No Motions.

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

**Parson's Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) EFP**

**Motion:** To direct Council staff to write a letter to NMFS recommending approval of the EFP for testing the new BRD device.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**

**Generic Amendment – Carryover of Unharvested Quota**

**Motion:** To direct staff to add a payback provision to the document to address carryover for stocks in rebuilding plans.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** To direct staff to begin work on the appropriate document to allow the possession of two daily bag limits of Gulf of Mexico reef fish species on federally permitted charter and headboats at any time on trips exceeding 24 hours in duration. Anglers will be permitted to retain two daily bag limits at any point during such a trip so long as two licensed captains are on board, proof of trip duration can be produced at sea prior to returning to port, and the charter or headboat does not return to port less than 24 hours post-departure.

**Substitute Motion:** To direct staff to develop a framework action with language that would allow persons on a federal for-hire trip more than 24 hours in length, 30 hours in length, and 36 hours in length to retain a two-day bag limit of reef fish species and CMP species at any time.

Substitute Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** To postpone further discussion on the Carryover of Unharvested Quota document until NMFS conducts interim stock analysis procedures.

Motion carried with no opposition.

## **REEF FISH**

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

**Motion:** To remove Alternative 5 from Action 1.1.

**Alternative 5:** Restrict the amount of shares that may be held at any one time by a shareholder account without a valid or renewable commercial reef fish permit to a maximum of:

**Option 5a:** 5% of a share category's share cap.

**Option 5b:** 10% of a share category's share cap.

**Option 5c:** 20% of a share category's share cap.

**Option 5d:** 30% of a share category's share cap.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 2, to add an alternative to equally distribute reclaimed shares held by NMFS among all accounts with the equivalent of 500 lbs of shares for each share category to shareholders within one month of the effective date for the final rule implementing this amendment.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 4, to modify the alternatives to require that the estimated weight reported on advance landing notifications be within 20%, 25%, or 30% of actual landed weight per share category when the total weight on board of that share category is more than:

**Option a:** 100 lbs.

**Option b:** 500 lbs.

**Option c:** 750 lbs.

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

#### 2.4 Action 4 – Accuracy of estimated weights in advance landing notifications

**Alternative 1:** No Action. Do not change the current reporting requirement regarding estimated weight of IFQ species to be landed on the advance landing notification.

**Alternative 2:** Require that the estimated weight reported on advance landing notifications be within 10% of actual landed weight per share category when the total weight on board of that share category is more than

**Option 2a:** 100 lbs.

**Option 2b:** 500 lbs.

**Alternative 3:** Require that the estimated weight reported on advance landing notifications be within 20% of actual landed weight per share category when the total landed weight of that share category is more than

**Option 3a:** 100 lbs.

**Option 3b:** 500 lbs.

Substitute Motion failed 7 to 8 with one absent and one abstention.

**Second Substitute Motion:** In Action 4, to modify the alternatives to require that the estimated weight reported on advance landing notifications be within 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100% of actual landed weight per share category when the total weight on board of that share category is more than:

**Option a:** 100 lbs.

**Option b:** 500 lbs.

**Option c:** 750 lbs.

Second Substitute Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 4 that the accuracy on the estimated weights applies only to under reporting of those weights.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Final Action: Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Commercial Trip Limits**

**Motion:** In the Action, to make Alternatives 2 and 6 the preferred alternatives.

**Alternative 2:** Establish a commercial trip limit for Gulf greater amberjack of 1,000 lbs gw (1,040 lbs ww).

**Alternative 6:** Reduce the commercial trip limit for Gulf greater amberjack to 250 lbs gw (260 lbs ww) when 75% of the ACT is projected to be met.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** To approve the Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Commercial Trip 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.

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

Motion carried 16 to 0 with one absent.

**Draft Framework Action to Modify the Recreational For-Hire Red Snapper Annual Catch Target Buffer**

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

**Alternative 2:** Apply the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) Fishery Management Council’s (Council) ACL/ACT Control Rule, using federal for-hire landings data from 2014 – 2017, to set the component ACT buffer for the federal for-hire component. This results in a federal for-hire component ACT set 9% below the federal for-hire component ACL.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Public Hearing Draft Amendment 51: Establish Gray Snapper Status Determination Criteria, Reference Points, and Modify Annual Catch Limits**

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

**Alternative 2:** For gray snapper, the MSY proxy is the yield when fishing at 26% spawning potential ratio (F<sub>26%</sub> SPR).

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 1, to make Alternative 5 a preferred alternative.

**Alternative 5:** For future assessments of gray snapper, the MSY proxy equals the yield produced by FMSY or proxy recommended by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), and subject to approval by the Council through a plan amendment.

Motion carried with no opposition.

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

**Alternative 2:** The gray snapper MFMT is equal to F26% SPR.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 5, to make Alternative 2, Option 2b the preferred.

**Alternative 2:** Use the OFL and ABC yield stream associated with the MSY proxy of F<sub>26%SPR</sub> to set OFL, ABC, and ACL. Do not set an ACT.

**Option 2b:** Apply the ACL/ACT Control Rule (landings from 2014 through 2017) to establish an 11% buffer between the ABC and the ACL. The ACL for gray snapper for the years 2019 through 2021 will be reduced from the ABC by 11%.

Year	OFL (mp ww)	ABC (mp ww)	ACL (mp ww)
2019	2.59	2.52	2.24
2020	2.58	2.51	2.24
2021+	2.57	2.51	2.23

Motion carried with no opposition.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### Recreational Greater Amberjack

**Motion:** To direct staff to develop a draft framework amendment for recreational greater amberjack. The goal of the amendment would be to have May and fall harvest seasons. This framework should include options including changing the fishing year, fractional bag limits, and modifications to the current season structure.

Motion carried 9 to 6.

### Minimum Size Limit for Almaco Jack

**Motion:** To ask the SSC to look at almaco jack.

Motion carried with no opposition.

## **CORAL AND DATA COLLECTION AP 2019-2022 APPOINTMENTS**

### **Coral Advisory Panel**

(6 Members)

Brooker, Jon Paul  
Hickman, Scott  
Kilgour, Morgan  
Krueger, Shelly  
Ruzicka, Richard  
Sapp, Portia

### **Data Collection Advisory Panel**

(11 members)

Bryant, Gary  
Chicola, Ronald  
Colby, Michael  
DeLaCruz, Jason  
Haukebo, Sepp  
Hickman, Scott  
Hubbard, James (Dylan)  
Humphrey, Ralph  
Marin, Charlotte  
Schmidt, Eric  
Smith, Nicole