

Gulf Council Motions Report
January 29 – February 1, 2024
New Orleans, Louisiana

ADMINISTRATIVE/BUDGET

Discussion of Proposed Standing and Special Scientific & Statistical Committee Reorganization for June 2024 Appointments

Motion: To accept the proposed changes to the SOPPs in section 2.5 related to the SSC.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To accept the proposed changes to the SOPPs.

Substitute Motion: To accept the proposed changes to the SOPPs with the removal of “without cause” in **Section 2.5.2.**

2.5.2 Members and Chair

Members appointed by the Councils to the ~~SSCs scientific and statistical committees~~ shall be Federal employees, State employees, academicians, or independent experts and shall have strong scientific or technical credentials, and **relevant professional** experience.

Members and officers of the SSC shall be appointed for a period of three years without term limits and may be reappointed at the pleasure of the Council. Membership on an SSC is determined by the Council during a closed session of its Council meetings and is based on the application provided by the applicant as well as the Council members’ knowledge of the applicant. Consideration for appointment may include the appropriate interest, experience, and past performance as well as other factors such as a record of fishery violations. SSC members serve at the pleasure of the Council and may be removed at any time ~~without cause~~. Appointment of new members may be made during any Council ~~meeting session~~.

Each member of the SSC shall be treated as an affected individual for purposes of financial interest disclosure and recusal provisions for SSC members as specified in the Act. Statements of Financial Interest (SOFI) disclosures for SSC members will be reviewed annually by the Council prior to appointment, and when updated by an SSC member reporting any substantial changes in financial interest. SOFI disclosures will be kept on file by the Regional Administrator.

A Chair and Vice Chair for the Standing SSC shall be elected by its members or may be designated by the Council at its discretion from the membership of the Standing SSC. The Chair or Vice Chair shall preside when the SSC is convened and will be responsible for summarizing ~~committee consensus~~ **its recommendations** when advice is requested by the Council.

G4.3 To accept the proposed changes in the SOPPs with the removal of the language "without cause" in section 2.5.2.				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins			Abstain
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (15)	No (0)	Abstain (1)

Substitute Motion carried 15 to 0 with 1 abstention and 1 absent.

Review and Approve Proposal for Phase II Inflation Reduction Act Funding for the Regional Fishery Management Councils

Motion: To approve the proposed activities for Phase II of the Inflation Reduction Act.

G8.1 To approve the proposed activities for Phase II of the Inflation Reduction Act.				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck			Abstain
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (15)	No (0)	Abstain (1)

Motion carried 15 to 0 with 1 abstention and 1 absent.

Review and Finalize the Steering Committee Makeup for the Recreational Initiative

Motion: To approve the number of recreational Council members be increased from 2 to 3 (2-private recreational and 1-For-hire).

Substitute Motion: To approve the number of recreational Council members to be increased, at the

Chairs discretion, from 2 to 3 (2- private 1 for hire).

G9.1S That the Council approve the number of recreational Council members to be increased, at the Chairs discretion, from 2 to 3 (2- private 1 for hire)				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson			Abstain
Susan	Boggs		No	
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (14)	No (1)	Abstain (1)

Substitute Motion carried 14 to 1 with 1 abstention and 1 absent.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

No motions.

DATA COLLECTION

Discussion on For-hire Data Collection

Motion: To direct staff to include motions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, & 11 from the January 2024 Ad Hoc Charter-for-Hire Data Collection Advisory Panel into the charter-for-hire electronic data collection document.

MOTION 1: To adopt the following objectives for a new charter-for-hire data collection program:

- Increasing the timeliness of catch estimates for in-season monitoring;
- Increasing the temporal (and/or spatial) precision of catch estimates for monitoring;
- Reducing biases associated with collection of catch and effort; and,
- Increasing stakeholder trust and buy-in associated with data collection.

MOTION 2: To recommend the Council not require 24-hour tracking.

MOTION 3: To recommend to the Council that Trip Declarations include the following components:

- Vessel Registration Number
- Captain’s Name
- Departure Date and Time
- Estimated Return Date and Time
- Location
- Trip Type

MOTION 4: To recommend to the Council that Trip Declarations are only required for for-hire fishing trips before departure.

MOTION 6 : To recommend to the Council that a trip report include the following components:

- Vessel Registration Number
- Captain’s Name
- Departure Date and Time
- Actual Return Date and Time
- Location
- Trip Type
- Angler Count
- Passenger Count
- Crew Count
- Average Depth Fished
- General Area Fished (GPS Format)
- Individual Species Data
 - Kept
 - Discarded
- Fishing Occurred (y/n)
- Primary Gear Used
- Primary Target Species

MOTION 11: To recommend the Council maintain the component of the SEFHIER program that allowed safe dockage before submitting report and off-loading fish.

F4.1 To direct staff to include motions 1,2,3,4,6,&11 from the January 2024 Ad Hoc Charter-for-Hire Data Collection Advisory Panel into the charter-for-hire electronic...				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (16)	No (0)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 absent.

SHRIMP

Shrimp Futures Project: Workshops to Address Current Challenges and Future Scenario Planning

Motion: To support the Shrimp Futures Project.

D5.1 To recommend the Council support the Shrimp Futures Project.				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (16)	No (0)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 absent.

REEF FISH

Draft Options: Modification of Mid-Water Snapper Complex Composition and Catch Limits

Motion: In Action 1, to add an **Alternative 3** to remove wenchman from the mid-water snapper complex but remain in the Reef Fish FMP.

B.4.1 In Action 1, to add an Alternative 3 to remove Wenchman from the mid-water Snapper complex but remain in the Reef Fish FMP				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (16)	No (0)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 absent.

Review of 2023 Gulf Red Grouper and Gag Grouper Recreational Landings and Quota Closure

Motion: To write a letter to NOAA’s Office of Science and Technology and the states escalating the review and evaluation of the recreational effort extrapolation methodologies between MRIP-FES and state effort programs. These findings should be presented to the Gulf SSC and Council as soon as

possible.

B.8 To write a letter to NOAA's Office of Science & Technology and the States escalating the review and evaluation of the recreational effort extrapolation methodologies				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (16)	No (0)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 absent.

Draft Options: Gag Grouper Management Measures

Motion: To stop work on Draft Options: Gag Grouper Management Measures.

B.5.1S To stop work on Draft Options: Gag Grouper Management Measures				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson			Abstain
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck		No	
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman			Abstain
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (13)	No (1)	Abstain (2)

Motion carried 13 to 1 with 2 abstentions and 1 absent.

Final Action: Draft Abbreviated Framework Action: Modifications to Catch Limits for Gulf of Mexico Lane Snapper

Motion: To make Option 2 the preferred.

B.6.1 To make Option 2 the preferred				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (16)	No (0)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 absent.

Motion: To approve the Abbreviated Framework Action: Modifications to Catch Limits for Gulf of Mexico Lane Snapper 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.

B.6.2 To recommend the Council approve the Draft Abbreviated Framework Action: Modifications to Catch Limits for Gulf of Mexico Lane Snapper				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (16)	No (0)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 absent.

Permit Requirements for Participation in Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Programs

Motion: In Action 1, to add an **Alternative 4**.

Alternative 4: Require a commercial reef fish permit to maintain an account.

B.7.2 In Action 1, to add Alternative 4: Require a commercial reef fish permit to maintain an account				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson			Abstain
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (15)	No (0)	Abstain (1)

Motion carried 15 to 0 with 1 abstention and 1 absent.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gulf of Mexico SEDAR Schedule

Motion: To request the SEFSC work with Gulf Council staff to outline a proposed action plan for revising aspects of the SEDAR process and planning to be presented at the spring SEDAR Steering Committee meeting to include; consideration of state surveys becoming fully integrated replacements for FES, consideration of conducting assessments of some stocks outside of SEDAR, and the potential for utilization of other methods, such as interim assessments, for some species towards implementation of more responsive approaches.

B.9.1 To request the SEFSC work with Gulf Council staff to outline a proposed action plan for revising aspects of the SEDAR process and planning to be presented ...				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (16)	No (0)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 absent.

Motion: To direct the SSC to include consideration of the Great Red Snapper Count in the terms of reference for the planned benchmark assessment of Gulf red snapper. Consideration should be sensitive to the concerns expressed by the peer-review team during the SEDAR 74 Review Workshop.

B.9.2 To direct the SSC to include consideration of the Great Red Snapper Count in the terms of reference for the planned benchmark assessment of Gulf red snapper...				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill		No	
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (15)	No (1)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 15 to 1 with 1 absent.

Update the Ad Hoc Red Snapper/Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Advisory Panel (AP) Charge

Motion: To accept the proposed changes to the charge for the Ad Hoc Red Snapper/Grouper-Tilefish IFQ AP.

Revised Charge: To evaluate and make recommendations relative to requirements for participation in the red snapper and grouper/tilefish individual fishing quota (IFQ) programs considered in Reef Fish Amendment 59 and to modifications to IFQ shares and annual allocation distribution approaches proposed in Reef Fish Amendment 60.

B.9a.1 To accept the proposed changes to the charge of the Ad Hoc Red Snapper/Grouper-Tilefish IFQ AP....				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (16)	No (0)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 absent.

Motion: To re-advertise and repopulate the Ad Hoc Red Snapper/Grouper-Tilefish IFQ AP.

B.9a.2 To re-advertise to repopulate the Ad-Hoc Red Snapper/Grouper Tilefish IFQ AP				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (16)	No (0)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 absent.

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

Allocations and Allocation Review Policy

Motion: To approve the updated allocation review schedule.

E.4.1 To recommend the Council approve the updated allocation review schedule				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton			
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin			Abstain
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Result - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (15)	No (0)	Abstain (1)

Motion carried 15 to 0 with 1 abstention and 1 absent.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

No motions.

FULL COUNCIL

Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP): LGL, Inc.

Motion: To recommend approval of the exempted fishing permit submitted by LGL, Inc.

Motion carried with 1 abstention and 1 absent.