

Gulf Council Motions Report
June 24 – 27, 2024
Houston, Texas

ADMINISTRATIVE / BUDGET

Discussion of Proposed Modifications to the Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures (SOPPs)

Motion: To accept the following changes to the SOPPs.

Participation Requirements for SSCs

2.5.3 Administrative Provisions

The SSC Chair or their designee will, at the request of the Council Chair, attend Council meetings to report on SSC recommendations and rationale. (The SSC should attend and meet with the Council to the extent practicable.)

The procedural guidelines of Section 302(i)(2) of the Act (as amended) shall apply to the conduct of business at the meetings of the Council, advisory panels (APs), and SSCs. The Council’s SSCs will meet with the approval of the Executive Director.

The Council prioritizes holding in-person SSC meetings with the ability to freely discuss and exchange information; however, the Council may choose to hold virtual meetings of the SSC. A request for virtual participation by an SSC member will require at least 14 days advance notice to the Council staff lead for the SSC **unless the member has an extenuating circumstance, in which case they should notify the Executive Director as soon as possible.** An SSC member who has volunteered to serve in person in the Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process **should** notify the Council staff lead for the SSC at least 30 days in advance if they cannot attend **unless the member has an extenuating circumstance, in which case they should notify the Executive Director as soon as possible.**

Members of the public will be allowed to provide verbal comments during in-person and virtual meetings of the SSC as noticed on the agenda.

Participation Requirements for APs and technical committees

2.6.3 Administrative Provisions

The procedural guidelines of Section 302(I) (2) of the Act (as amended) shall apply to the conduct of business at the meetings of the Council, APs, technical committees, and SSCs. The Council’s APs will meet with the approval of the Council Chair.

The Council prioritizes holding in-person AP and technical committee meetings with the ability to freely discuss and exchange information; however, the Council may choose to hold virtual meetings of an AP or technical committee. A request for virtual participation by a member of an AP or technical committee will require at least 14 days advance notice to the Council staff lead for the AP or technical committee **unless the member has an extenuating circumstance, in which case they should notify the Executive Director as soon as possible.**

Members of the public will be allowed to provide verbal comments during in-person and virtual

meetings of the APs or technical committees as noticed on the agenda.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To accept the proposed changes to the SOPPs in Section 3.8 Council Member Compensation.

In accordance with 50 CFR 600.245(c), the Executive Director of the Council must submit to the Regional Office annually a report, approved by the Council Chair, of Council member compensation authorized. This report shall identify, for each member, amount paid, dates, and location and purpose of meetings attended.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To accept the proposed addition to Training in Section 4.8.1 of the SOPPs.

Anti-Harassment Training should be completed at the time of appointment or reappointment of Council Members, SSC members, AP members, and technical committee members. State Directors and their designees should complete anti-harassment training every three years and at the time of appointment.

Motion carried with no opposition.

CLOSED SESSION

Selection of Ad Hoc Commercial Red Snapper and Grouper-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota Advisory Panel Members

The Council made the following appointments to the Ad Hoc Commercial Red Snapper and Grouper-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota Advisory Panel.

01	Beverin, Kenneth
02	Black-Lee, Jane
03	Chicola, Ron
04	Cosgrove, John
05	Guindon, Keith "Buddy"
06	Kouzounis, Costa
07	Lewis, Brian
08	Paul, Kelia
09	Sobieraj, Randy
10	Walker, David
11	Wirtz, Amy
12	Zurbrick, Jim

Selection of Reef Fish Advisory Panel Members

The Council made the following appointments to the Reef Fish Advisory Panel.

01	Black-Lee, Jane
02	Boyd, Doug
03	Campbell, Bill
04	Ellender, Josh

05	Frady, Troy
06	Hisler, Rachal
07	Hubbard, Dylan
08	Jarvis, Gary
09	Jennings, Mike
10	Langley, William
11	Marquez Jr., John
12	McIngvale, Alexander
13	Mercurio, Greg
14	Papen, Steve
15	Paul, Alicia
16	Seymour, Clarence
17	Valenciano, Rudy
18	Zales, Bob

Selection of Shrimp Advisory Panel Members

The Council made the following appointments to the Shrimp Advisory Panel.

01	Baumer, Kristen
02	Bosarge, Leann
03	Bosarge, Steve
04	Cuevas Jr., Edward
05	Delaney, Glenn
06	Gambill, Haley
07	Gibson, Alan
08	Graham, Gary
09	Henderson, Dennis
10	Londrie, Chris
11	Pearce, Randy
12	Picariello, Laura
13	Versaggi, Justin
14	Zales, Bob

Selection of Standing and Special Statistical Committee Members

The Council made the following appointments to the Standing SSC.

01	Adriance, Jason
02	Allen, Mike
03	Barbieri, Luiz
04	Blanchet, Harry
05	Chagaris, Dave
06	Griffith, David
07	Hopper, Tiffany
08	Isaacs, Jack
09	Mareska, John
10	Mickle, Paul
11	Moncrief, Trevor
12	Nance, Jim

13	Patterson, Will
14	Petrolia, Daniel
15	Powers, Sean
16	Ropicki, Andrew
17	Saul, Steven
18	Scyphers, Steven
19	Townsend, Ralph

The Council made the following appointments to the Special Mackerel SSC.

01	Cao, Jie
02	Stallings, Chris
03	Streich, Matthew

The following Special SSCs will be repopulated later.

- Special Coral
- Special Red Drum
- Special Spiny Lobster

The following Special SSC will be readvertised and then repopulated during the August Council meeting.

- Special Shrimp

DATA COLLECTION

Discussion on For-hire Data Collection Program

Motion: The need for this action is to improve management and monitoring of the federally permitted for-hire and headboat component of the recreational sector of Gulf reef fish and CMP fisheries to prevent overfishing while achieving, on a continual basis, the optimal yield.

Motion carried with no opposition.

MACKEREL

Framework 14: Modifications to Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits and Accountability Measures

Motion: To move **Action 3** to Considered but Rejected.

Action 3: Modify Gulf Spanish Mackerel Bag Limits

C4. To move Action 3 to Considered but Rejected...				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson		No	
Susan	Boggs		No	
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Dale	Diaz		No	
JD	Dugas	Yes	No	
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer		No	
Dakus	Geeslin		No	
Bob	Gill			Abstain
Michael	McDermott		No	
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Rick	Burris	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck		No	
Kesley	Banks		No	
CJ	Sweetman		No	
Troy	Williamson		No	
Ed	Walker	Yes		
Results - Passed	Subtotals	Yes (6)	No (11)	Abs (1)

Motion failed 6 to 10 with 1 abstention.

Motion: To delay action on Framework 14: Modifications to Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits and Accountability Measures until CMP Stakeholder engagement is complete.

Motion carried with no opposition.

MIGRATORY SPECIES

No motions.

REEF FISH

Discussion: Reef Fish Amendment 60: Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Programmatic Distributional Issues

Motion: To establish a vision for the red snapper and Grouper/ Tilefish IFQ programs.

VISION

Fishery vision: a cohesive commercial fishery - including a diverse range of profitable small, medium, and large businesses, and fishery trusts – that maximizes access to and use of available IFQ shares.

Process vision: a simple, automated, and transparent process that ensures IFQ shares and allocation are equitably distributed by NMFS to a defined user group, the impacts of which are measurable and evaluated over time.

Substitute Motion: To establish a vision for the red snapper and Grouper/ Tilefish IFQ programs.

VISION

Fishery vision: a cohesive commercial fishery that includes a diverse suite of successful businesses and fishery trusts that optimizes access to and use of available IFQ shares.

Process vision: a simple, automated, and transparent process that ensures IFQ shares and allocation are equitably distributed by NMFS to a defined user group, the impacts of which are measurable and evaluated over time.

Second Substitute Motion: To postpone discussion of the following vision until the August 2024 Council meeting.

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Second substitute motion carried with no opposition.

Draft Options: Reef Fish Amendment 59: Requirements for Participation in Individual Fishing Quota Programs

Motion: To direct staff to explore the possibility of establishing a permit pool from terminated commercial reef fish permits for future use, including use by new entrants.

Substitute Motion: To direct staff to explore the possibility of establishing a permit pool from those commercial reef fish permits that will be terminated.

Substitute Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 abstention.

Presentation and Discussion on the 20-Fathom Recreational Seasonal Closure for Shallow-water Grouper

Motion: To direct staff to begin a framework action to remove the 20-fathom recreational seasonal closure for shallow-water grouper.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Discussion: NMFS Letter to Gulf Council on Lane Snapper Overfishing

Motion: To request staff to start a document to evaluate minimum size and bag limits, and other measures to stay within the ACL for lane snapper.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: The Council request the SEFSC to conduct an interim analysis for lane snapper.

Motion carried with no opposition.

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

SSC Recommendations from May 2024 Meeting

Motion: Request the Southeast Fisheries Science Center conduct a desk MSE on Spanish mackerel to

examine the impacts that the unknown magnitude of recreational landings data may have on management performance of Spanish mackerel. This evaluation should consider but not be limited to differences in historical calibrations of landings in the eastern Gulf as well as uncertainties in these calibration for state and federal landings that may contribute to additional management uncertainty. The evaluation could also consider the performance of decreasing the recreational bag limit.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To request that NOAA Fisheries recommend that the National Academies of Sciences follow up on “Assessing Equity in the Distribution of Fisheries Management Benefits” with a second Consensus Study Report that, as noted in the current report, “would build on this contribution by evaluating equity in select, illustrative fisheries using the information available.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Other Business

Motion: To direct staff to write a letter to ask for an extension to the EBFM Roadmap request comment deadline of July 31, 2024, to allow the ETC to meet and provide their input prior to submission.

Motion carried with no opposition.

FULL COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

Wahoo Management Considerations

Motion: To direct staff consider if wahoo in the Gulf of Mexico is in need of conservation and management.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Briefing Book Deadlines Discussion

Motion: Agenda items not fully in the Briefing Book 5 calendar days prior to their time on the final agenda shall be deleted from the agenda and scheduled for the next Council meeting.

Motion failed 0 to 17.