

**Gulf Council Motions Report
June 21-25, 2021
Key West, Florida**

SHRIMP

Draft Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery

Motion: To modify the Purpose of the document to read:

The purpose of this action is to transition from the expired 3G cellular electronic logbook program to a system that would maintain the Council's and NMFS's scientific ability to estimate and monitor fishing effort in the Gulf of Mexico shrimp fishery while minimizing the economic burden on the industry to the maximum extent practicable.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 1, to revise **Alternative 2** to read:

Alternative 2. Modify the method to collect vessel position data. If selected, the owner or operator of a shrimp vessel with a valid or renewable moratorium permit would be required to install an approved vessel monitoring system (VMS) that archives vessel position and automatically cellularly transmits that data to the NMFS.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 1, to add an **Alternative 3:**

Alternative 3. Modify the method to collect vessel position data. If selected, the owner or operator of a shrimp vessel with a valid or renewable moratorium permit would be required to install an approved electronic logbook that archives vessel position and automatically cellularly transmits that data to the NMFS.

Motion carried 12 to 3.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BUDGET

Review and approval of the Final Funded 2021 Budget

Motion: To approve the final funded 2021 budget.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Expanded Sampling and Ageing Study on Gulf of Mexico Gray Triggerfish, with SSC Recommendations

Motion: To fund the Expanded Sampling and Ageing Study on Gulf of Mexico Gray Triggerfish, with SSC Recommendations.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Shrimp ELB Program

Motion: To fund a call for proposals for expanded sampling of the fleet for effort monitoring in the Gulf of Mexico federally permitted Shrimp industry as presented in agenda item Tab G, No. 5b.

Motion carried 15 to 0 with two abstentions.

MIGRATORY SPECIES

No motions.

MACKEREL

Draft Amendment 32: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia Catch Limits, Possession Limits, Size Limits, and Framework Procedure, and South Atlantic Recommendations

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

Alternative 3. Retain the FLEC Zone cobia ACL allocation of 8% to the commercial sector and 92% to the recreational sector and update the ACL(s) selected in Action 2 based on MRIP-FES landings.

Motion carried 13 to 2 with two abstentions.

Motion: In Action 4, to make **Alternative 2** the preferred alternative.

Alternative 2. Use the Gulf Council’s ACL/ACT Control Rule to calculate ACTs for the Gulf Zone and the recreational sector in the FLEC Zone.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 5.1, to make **Alternative 2, Option 2b**, the preferred alternative.

Preferred Alternative 2: Reduce the daily possession limit to 1 fish per person, regardless of the number or duration of trips.

Option 2b: for the commercial sector

Motion carried 14 to 1 with two abstentions.

Motion: In Action 7, to make the amended **Alternative 2** the preferred alternative.

Alternative 2. Modify the Framework Procedure to update the responsibilities of each Council for setting regulations for the Gulf Group Cobia. The responsibilities of each Council would be modified as follows:

1. Recommendations with respect to the Atlantic migratory groups of king mackerel, and Spanish mackerel ~~and cobia~~ will be the responsibility of the South Atlantic Council, and those for the Gulf migratory groups of king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia will be the responsibility of the Gulf Council, with the following exceptions:
 - a. The South Atlantic Council will have the responsibility to:
 - set vessel trip limits;
 - closed seasons or areas;
 - gear restrictions;
 - per person bag and possession limits;
 - size limits;
 - in-season and post-season accountability measures;
 - specification of ACTs or sector ACTs,

for the east coast of Florida including the Atlantic side of the Florida Keys for Gulf migratory group cobia (i.e., Florida East Coast Zone).

2. Both Councils must concur on recommendations that affect both migratory groups.

Motion carried with no opposition.

HABITAT PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

No motions.

DATA COLLECTION

Draft Options for Electronic Reporting due to Equipment Failure

Motion: To convene the Data Collection AP to recommend options for electronic reporting due to equipment failure.

Motion carried with no opposition.

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

No motions.

REEF FISH

Final Action: Reef Fish Amendment 53: Red Grouper Allocations and Annual Catch Levels and Targets

Motion: In Action 1, to create a new preferred **Alternative 7** to read as follows:

Preferred **Alternative 7**. Revise the sector allocations of the total ACL between the recreational and commercial sectors as the average landings using the Fishing Effort Survey (FES)-adjusted Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP-FES) data during the years 1986 – 2005, based on the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) ACL Monitoring Datasets with an implementation date of January 1, 2023, maintaining the allocations for red grouper at 76% commercial and 24% recreational until January 1, 2023, at which time the sector allocations will change to 59.3% commercial and 40.7% recreational. Revise the OFL and ABC as recommended by the SSC, based on SEDAR 61 (2019). Set the stock ACL equal to the stock ABC.

Motion failed 5 to 12.

Motion: To approve Reef Fish Amendment 53: Red Grouper Allocations and Annual Catch Levels and 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.

Ms. Guyas – yes	Mr. Anson – yes	Mr. Dugas – yes
Ms. Bosarge – no	Mr. Sanchez – no	Mr. Riechers – yes
Ms. Boggs – no	Mr. Burris – yes	Mr. Williamson – yes
Mr. Swindell – no	Mr. Diaz – yes	Mr. Banks – no
Dr. Stunz – yes	Mr. Strelcheck – yes	Dr. Frazer – yes
Dr. Shipp – yes	Mr. Dyskow – yes	

Motion carried 12 to 5 by roll call vote.

Presentation on Greater Amberjack Historical Landings and Potential Management Actions and Table of Greater Amberjack Landings

Motion: To request SEFSC run an analysis for Greater Amberjack which shows what the historical ABCs and ACLs would have been with FES back in time.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Overview and Discussion of Individual Fishing Quota Programs Review

Motion: To make the Red Snapper and Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program Review final and available for publishing on the Council’s website, www.gulfcouncil.org

Motion carried with no opposition.

Reef Fish Amendments 36B and 36C: Modifications to Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Programs

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

Alternative 5. In order to obtain (transfer into a shareholder account), or maintain shares (hold existing shares in a shareholder account), shareholder accounts established following implementation of this amendment must be associated with a valid or renewable commercial reef fish permit. A shareholder account is considered to be associated with a permit if the permit has the exact same entities listed on both the shareholder account and permit.

Motion carried 11 to 4.

Motion: In Action 2, to make **Alternative 3, Option 3b** the preferred alternative.

Alternative 3: After implementation of this amendment, if a shareholder account no longer has an associated valid or renewable reef fish permit (i.e., the permit is transferred or is not renewed within one year of the expiration date and is terminated), the shareholder(s) must divest of the account’s shares as needed to meet the requirements set in Action 1 or the shares will be reclaimed by NMFS:

Option 3b: 3 years following the transfer or termination of the permit.

Motion carried 9 to 5.

RED DRUM

No motions.

2021 – 2024 SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE (SSC) APPOINTMENTS

Standing SSC (16 members)

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| Lee Anderson, Ph.D. | Douglas Gregory | William Patterson, Ph.D. |
| Luiz Barbieri, Ph.D. | David Griffith, Ph.D. | Sean Powers, Ph.D. |
| Harry Blanchet | Paul Mickle, Ph.D. | Steven Scyphers, Ph.D. |
| David Chagaris, Ph.D. | Trevor Moncrief | Jim Tolan, Ph.D. |
| Roy Crabtree, Ph.D. | James Nance, Ph.D. | Richard Woodward, Ph.D. |
| Benny Gallaway, Ph.D. | | |

Special Ecosystem SSC (3 members)

Mandy Karnauskas, Ph.D.
Joshua Kilborn, Ph.D.
Steven Saul, Ph.D.

Special Red Drum SSC (3 members)

Ed Camp, Ph.D.
Jennifer Green
Susan Lowerre-Barbieri, Ph.D.

Special Reef Fish SSC (3 members)

Jason Adriance
Micheal Allen, Ph.D.
John Mareska

Special Socioeconomic SSC (3 members)

Luke Fairbanks, Ph.D.
Cynthia Grace-McCaskey, Ph.D.
Jack Isaacs, Ph.D.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will populate the Special Spiny Lobster SSC at a later time.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will re-advertise for applicants for the Special Coral SSC, Special Mackerel SSC, and Special Shrimp SSC.

2021 – 2024 REEF FISH ADVISORY PANEL (AP) APPOINTMENTS

Reef Fish AP (21 members)

Brenda Ballard	Harold Dauterive	Dylan Hubbard
Charles Bergmann	Jason DeLaCruz	Chris Jenkins
Jane Black-Lee	Joshua Ellender	Kyle Johnson
Douglass W. Boyd	Martin Fisher	Gregory Mercurio
Steve Buckner	Troy Frady	John Marquez, Jr.
Patrick Cagle	John Greene, Jr.	Mike Prasek, Jr.
Ronald Chicola	Keith “Buddy” Guindon	Ed Walker

2021 – 2024 SHRIMP ADVISORY PANEL (AP) APPOINTMENTS

Shrimp AP (15 members)

Steve Bosarge	Andrea Hance	William “Corky” Perret
Wilburn “Ricky” Brown	Harris Lasseigne, Jr.	Randy Skinner
Thu Bui	Lance Nacio	Phillip Tran
Glenn R. Delaney	Franklin Parker	Laura Picariello
Gary Graham	Hunter Pearce	John Williams