

**Gulf Council Motions Report
October 23 – 26, 2023
Panama City Beach, Florida**

ADMINISTRATIVE/BUDGET

Draft Activities for Proposed Use of Administrative Award Carryover Funds

Motion: To move forward with the process proposed regarding the recreational initiative.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Information on Inflation Reduction Act Funding for the Regional Fishery Management Councils

Motion: To implement the proposal to hire a staffer for 2 years as use of Phase I IRA funding as outlined in Tab G, No. 5(a) of the briefing book.

Motion carried with no opposition.

DATA COLLECTION

Joint Amendment for Commercial Electronic Reporting

Motion: To approve the Joint Amendment on Commercial Electronic Reporting 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.

F4.1 To approve the Joint Amendment on Commercial Electronic Reporting and that it be forwarded....				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Rick	Burris	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
		Yes (17)	No (0)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

ECOSYSTEM

Ecosystem Technical Committee (ETC) Recommendations

Motion: The Council supports the Ecosystem Technical Committee’s approach utilizing red tide as the initial FEI that will articulate potential management applications to the Council.

Motion carried with no opposition.

MACKEREL

Other Business

Motion: Begin development of a Council action to review and modify Gulf king mackerel recreational and commercial annual catch limits and management measures.

Motion carried with no opposition.

REEF FISH

SSC Review of 2023 Gulf Lane Snapper Interim Analysis

Motion: To direct staff to develop an abbreviated framework action to adjust the OFL, ABC and ACL for lane snapper.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Review of IFQ Program Goals and Objectives

Motion: To direct staff to initiate a plan amendment to address the issues related to share ownership (maintaining and obtaining shares) of IFQ species.

Substitute Motion: To direct staff to initiate a plan amendment for discussion at the January 2024 meeting that considers requirements for obtaining an IFQ account and holding and obtaining shares and allocation.

B6.2S Substitute Motion: To direct staff to initiate a plan amendment for discussion at the January 2024 meeting that considers requirements for obtaining an IFQ account and holding and obtaining shares and allocation.				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson			Abstain
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Rick	Burris	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
		Yes (16)	No (0)	Abstain (1)

Substitute Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 abstention by roll call vote.

Motion: To direct staff to initiate a plan amendment that evaluates options for equitably distributing shares currently held by NMFS, and recovering and redistributing shares associated with inactive accounts.

Motion carried with no opposition.

FINAL ACTION: Draft Framework Action: Modifications to Recreational and Commercial Greater Amberjack Management Measures

Motion: To approve the Framework Action: Modifications to Recreational and Commercial Greater Amberjack Management Measures 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.

B7.1 To approve the Framework Action: Modifications to Recreational and Commercial Greater Amberjack Management Measures and that it be forwarded to the ...				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Rick	Burris	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
		Yes (17)	No (0)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

Motion: The Council request NMFS implement an emergency rule establishing a 7 fish commercial trip limit for greater amberjack, consistent with the recently approved Framework Action.

B7.2 The Council request NMFS implement an emergency rule establishing a 7 fish commercial trip limit for greater amberjack, consistent with the recently approved Framework Action				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Absent		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Rick	Burris	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck		No	
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
		Yes (15)	No (1)	Abstain (0)

Motion carried 15 to 1 with 1 absent by roll call vote.

Draft: Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 / Reef Fish Amendment 55: Catch Level Adjustments and Allocations for Southeastern U.S. Yellowtail Snapper

Motion: To recommend moving Snapper Grouper Amendment 44/ Reef Fish Amendment 55 to priority level C and continue work on this document after completion of the updated SEDAR 64 Operational Assessment that incorporates calibrated SRFS recreational landings estimates, and requests that the South Atlantic Council also consider the same.

Motion carried with no opposition.

SSC Discussions on 2023 Gulf Gag Health Check

Motion: To direct staff to write a letter to the SEFSC requesting yearly interim analyses on gag grouper until the next stock assessment is received.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Draft Options: Gag and Black Grouper Management Measures

Motion: To discontinue work on draft Framework Action: Modifications to Recreational and Commercial Management of Gulf of Mexico Gag and Black Grouper.

Substitute Motion: In draft Framework Action: Modifications to Recreational and Commercial Management of Gulf of Mexico Gag and Black Grouper, to move Actions 2 and 3 to Considered but Rejected.

- Action 2: Establish a Recreational Vessel Limit for Gag and Black Grouper
- Action 3: Establish a Commercial Spawning Season Closure for Gulf Gag

Substitute Motion carried with no opposition.

Other Business

Motion: The Gulf Council will delay any changes in allocation between the commercial and recreational sectors of any Gulf fishery resources that are subject to MRIP-FES until such time as the 2024 pilot study has been completed and deemed consistent with BSIA by the Gulf SSC.

B14.1 The Gulf Council will delay any changes in allocation between the commercial and recreational sectors of any Gulf fishery resources that are subject to MRIP-FES until such time as the 2024 pilot study has been completed....

First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson			Abstain
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Kesley	Banks		No	
JD	Dugas		No	
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin		No	
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott		No	
Chris	Schieble		No	
Troy	Williamson		No	
Rick	Burris	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck			Abstain
Dale	Diaz		No	
		Yes (8)	No (7)	Abstain (2)

Motion carried 8 to 7 with 2 abstentions by roll call vote.

B.14.2. Motion: To direct staff to work with the SEFSC to provide data and information, such as catch and trends in abundance or CPUE, for deepwater species (i.e, deepwater groupers, tilefishes, queen and silk snapper, etc.) for review and discussion by the April 2024 meeting.

B14.2 To direct staff to work with the SEFSC to provide data and information, such as catch and trends in abundance or CPUE, for deepwater species (i.e, deepwater groupers, tilefishes, queen and silk snapper, etc) for...				
First Name	Last Name			
Kevin	Anson			Abstain
Susan	Boggs	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
Bob	Gill	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Rick	Burris	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Dale	Diaz	Yes		
		Yes (16)	No (0)	Abstain (1)

Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 abstention by roll call vote.

SHRIMP

No motions.

FULL COUNCIL

Review and Adoption of Proposed Council Committee Assignments October 2023 through August 2024

Motion: To adopt the proposed council committee assignments roster as written.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Other Business: Update on NOAA Fisheries Efforts to Incorporate Feedback from Underserved Communities and other Stakeholders into a Southeast Equity and Environmental Justice Implementation Plan

Motion: To direct the Council to write a letter to Dr. Rubino requesting consideration and priority for the shrimp industry situation as part of the National Seafood Strategy implementation plan.

Motion carried with no opposition.

FULL COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Selection of Ad Hoc Charter For-Hire Data Collection Advisory Panel Members

The following individuals were appointed to the Ad Hoc Charter For-Hire Data Collection Advisory.

- Kevin Beach
- Elizabeth Boggs
- Joshua Ellender
- Richard Fisher
- Jim Green III
- Michael Jennings
- Bo Johnson
- Steve Papen
- Clarence Seymour, Jr.
- Clay Shidler
- Thad Stewart
- Josh Swinford
- Abby Webster