

**Gulf Council Motions Report  
October 21-24, 2019  
Galveston, Texas**

**FULL COUNCIL**

**Review and Adoption of Council Committee Assignments**

**Motion:** To adopt the October 2019 through August 2020 Council Committee assignments as presented.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**OUTREACH AND EDUCATION**

**Release Mortality Symposium Summary**

**Motion:** To approve the Release Mortality Workshop Summary with Committee recommendations and distribute to NRDA.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Review of “Fishing for Our Future” Webpage**

**Motion:** To publish the Gulf Council’s “Fishing for Our Future” website pages.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**

**Final Action: Framework Action: Modification of For-hire Multi-day Trip Possession Limits**

**Motion:** To approve the Framework Action to Modify Federal For-hire 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.

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

Motion carried 17 to 0 by roll call vote.

**Council Research and Monitoring Priorities for 2020 – 2024**

**Motion:** To approve the Gulf Council’s Council Research and Monitoring Priorities for 2020 – 2024 as written.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/BUDGET**

**Update of 2015-2019 Projected Expenditures and Budget Carryover to 2020**

**Motion:** To approve the carryover budget as stated.

**Substitute Motion:** To instruct staff to proceed with the spending plan request as it relates to the carryover funds.

Substitute Motion carried with no opposition.

**SEDAR**

**Summary of August 2019 SEDAR Steering Committee Webinar: NOAA’s Recommended Use of the Current Gulf of Mexico Surveys of Marine Recreational Fishing in Stock Assessments**

**Motion:** For Council staff to facilitate the possibility of an in-person workshop to address MRIP-CHTS and MRIP-FES data stream conversions and their calibration with state survey data collections as they relate to inclusion in future stock assessments.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**CORAL**

**Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Management Review**

**Motion:** To write a letter to the FKNMS requesting that they extend the comment period for the GMFMC to mid-February 2020.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Remaining Items from the Joint Coral SSC, Coral AP, and Shrimp AP Meeting**

**Motion:** To reconvene the Coral AP and Coral SSC to reexamine priority areas for consideration for coral HAPCs in light of new data and the Flower Garden Banks expansion.

Motion carried with no opposition.

## REEF FISH

### **Review of Reef Fish and Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings**

**Motion:** To request that the Council receive an update from each state at the January 2020 Council meeting on that State's 2019 red snapper private angler management.

Motion carried with no opposition.

### **Draft Amendment 36B: Modifications to Commercial Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Programs and Presentations**

**Motion:** *To request that staff explore the feasibility of establishing a non-profit red snapper quota bank.*

*Motion withdrawn.*

### **Draft Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Recreational Management Measures**

**Motion:** To move Action 1 to Considered but Rejected.

Action 1– Establish Greater Amberjack Recreational Fishing Zones and Quotas

Motion failed 3 to 12.

**Motion:** To direct staff to create a recreational greater amberjack zone management decision tool showing the landings by selected time series for: a two-zone system and a three-zone system as specified in the document.

Motion carried with no opposition.

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

Action 3 – Modify the Greater Amberjack Recreational Fishing Year

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** To add an action to consider a split quota between seasons for recreational management of greater amberjack in the Gulf of Mexico based on NMFS projections designed to facilitate access to the stock in spring and fall.

Motion carried with no opposition.

### **Stock Assessment Review: SEDAR 61 – Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper**

**Motion:** To ask the SSC to review red grouper projections based on the allocation time series from Reef Fish Amendment 30B, 1986-2005, and the best available landings used as inputs in the new stock assessment (40.52% recreational / 59.48% commercial) and direct staff to start work on a plan amendment to update the red grouper allocation and establish catch levels based on the new assessment.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** To ask the Science Center to conduct interim analyses of red grouper annually starting in 2020.

Motion carried with no opposition.

### **Remaining Items from the Reef Fish AP Summary Report**

**Motion:** To ask staff to begin a framework action to reevaluate the trolling provisions in Madison Swanson and Steamboat Lumps.

Motion carried with no opposition.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

### **Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Report**

**Motion:** The Council write a letter to the NOAA Office of International Affairs and/or the Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries to open communication and request an annual report regarding the specific impacts and measures taken by Mexico to address the Mexican IUU fishing issue. It would be important to note in the report the estimated take of red snapper by the illegal fleet and the economic impact that it poses against recreational and commercial fishermen in the U.S.

**Substitute Motion:** The Council write a letter to the Secretary of Commerce and copy the NOAA Office of International Affairs and the Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries to open communication and request an annual report regarding the specific impacts and measures taken by Mexico to address the Mexican IUU fishing issue. It would be important to note in the report the estimated take of red snapper by the illegal fleet and the economic impact that it poses against recreational and commercial fishermen in the U.S.

Substitute Motion carried with no opposition.