



# Gulf of Mexico 2018 Regulatory Review Overview, Findings, and Schedule



# Overview

- Request from May 2017 CCC Meeting
- E.O. 13771 - Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs (Jan 2017)
- E.O. 13777 – Regulatory Reform Task Force (Feb 2017)
  - Review existing regulations for what is outdated, ineffective
  - Allow the public opportunity to provide input



# Regulations Identified for Possible Removal

## § 600.725 General prohibitions – Gulf of Mexico

Fishery	Authorized gear types
8. Golden Crab Fishery (Non-FMP)	Trap.
11. Octopus Fishery (Non-FMP)	Trap, pot.
12. Marine Life Aquarium Fishery (Non-FMP)	Dip net, slurp gun, barrier net, drop net, allowable chemical, trap, pot, trawl.

**This list of gears is invalid due to Council's FMP**

## §622.9 Prohibited gear and methods—general.

(c) *Fish traps*. A fish trap may not be used or possessed in the Gulf or South Atlantic EEZ.

*Fish trap* means—In the Gulf EEZ, a trap and its component parts (including the lines and buoys), regardless of the construction material, used for or capable of taking finfish, except a trap historically used in the directed fishery for crustaceans (that is, blue crab, stone crab, and spiny lobster).



# Regulations Identified for Possible Removal

## **§ 622.20 Permits and endorsements.**

(b)(1)(i)(B) *Permits with a historical captain endorsement.* A charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish that has a historical captain endorsement may only be transferred to a vessel operated by the historical captain and is not otherwise transferable.

## **§ 622.373 Limited access system for charter vessel/headboat permits for Gulf coastal migratory pelagic fish**

(b)(2) *Permits with a historical captain endorsement.* A charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf coastal migratory pelagic fish that has a historical captain endorsement may only be transferred to a vessel operated by the historical captain and is not otherwise transferable.

**Council will see an abbreviated framework action in August, possibly take final action**



# Regulations Identified for Possible Removal continued

## Subpart E—Red Drum Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico

§ 622.90 Permits.

§ 622.91 Recordkeeping and reporting.

§ 622.93 Adjustment of management measures.

Removal of the prohibition on harvest and possession ( § 622.92) would require a plan amendment to revise these sections



# Spiny Lobster Regulations Identified for Clean-up

## Subpart R—Spiny Lobster Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic

- § 622.400 Permits and fees.
- § 622.402 Vessel and gear identification.
- § 622.403 Seasons.
- § 622.413 Incorporation by reference.

The Council is addressing these updates in Spiny Lobster Amendment 13



# Regulations Identified in April - but Council deemed necessary

## **§ 622.10 Landing fish intact—general.**

Finfish in or from the Gulf EEZ or Caribbean EEZ, except as specified in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, must be maintained with head and fins intact. [exceptions for HMS, bait, and fish for consumption on board]

## **§ 622.385 Commercial trip limits.**

(a)(2)(i)(A)(1) King mackerel in or from the EEZ may be possessed on board or landed from a vessel for which a commercial vessel permit for king mackerel and a king mackerel gillnet permit have been issued, as required under § 622.370(a)(2), in amounts not exceeding 45,000 lb (20,411 kg) per day.





# Next Steps and Questions

- Review and approve the list of regulations for removal and clean-up, as modified
- Submit List to NMFS July 2, 2018
- Staff will identify a vehicle for removal of regulations, if desired

