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## Joint CMP Amendment 32



# Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia Catch Limits, Possession Limits, Size Limits, and Framework Procedure

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Gulf Council  
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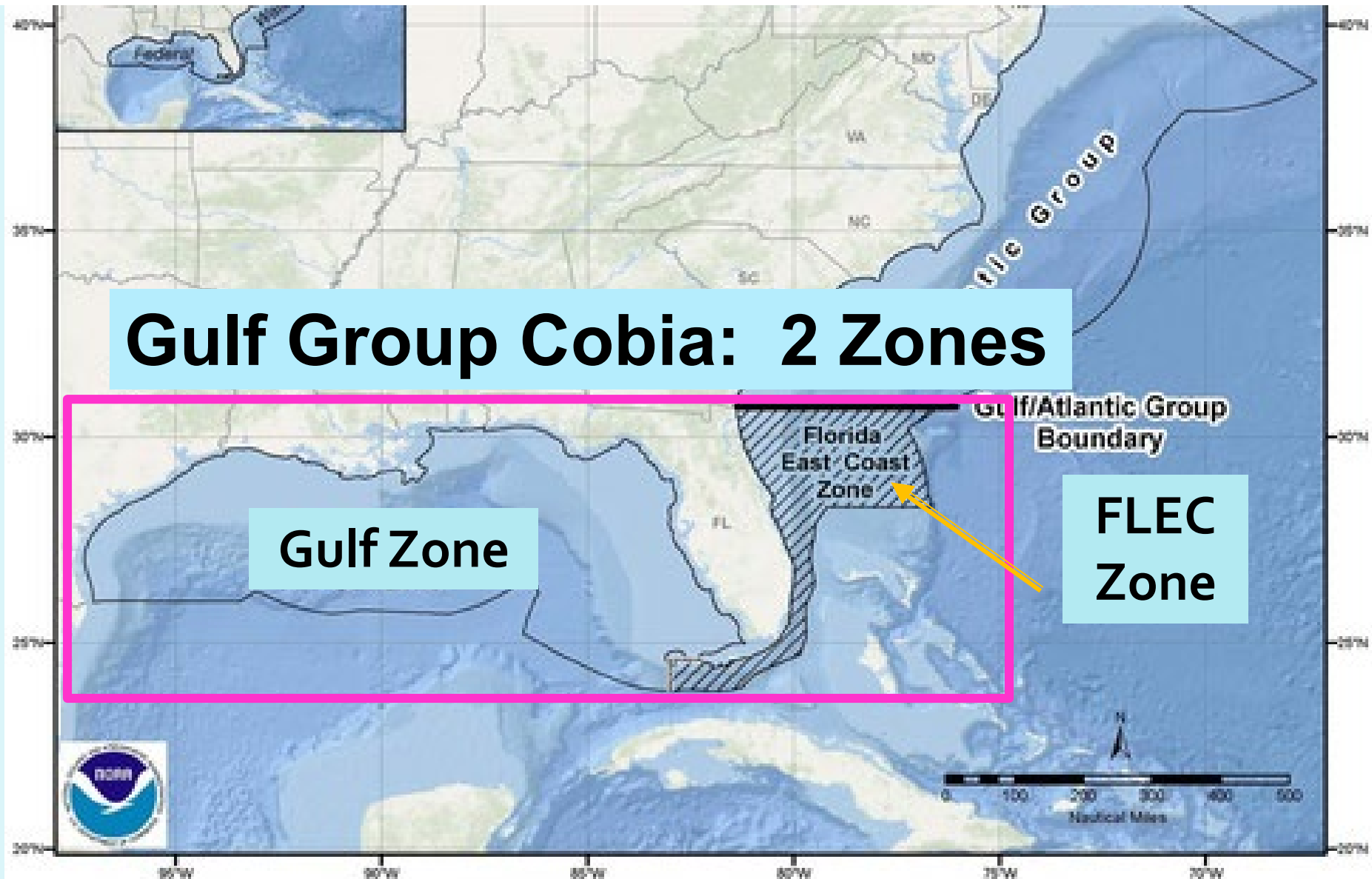
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# Timeline

- ✓ **Jun. 2020:** Update Stock Assessment
- ✓ **Sept. 2020:** Council provides direction to staff to begin CMP Amendment 32
- ✓ **Oct. and Dec. 2020:** Scoping presentations to Gulf and SA Councils
- ✓ **Jan. 2021:** Draft actions and alternatives, Gulf Council selected some preferred alternatives
- ✓ **Mar. 2021:** Draft actions and alternatives, SA Council selected some preferred alternatives
- ✓ **Mar. 2021:** Gulf CMP AP recommendations
- ★ **Apr. 2021:** Updated document with preferred alternatives ★


# Gulf Group Cobia Zone Management




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# Possibilities of Management Actions

- Action 1 – Gulf Group Cobia OFL, ABC, ACL
  - 3 alternatives
- Action 2 – Zones' ACLs
  - 5 alternatives
- Action 3 – FLEC Zone sector allocation 
  - 4 alternatives
- Action 4 – Update or establish ACTs
  - 3 alternatives

- Action 5 – Possession, vessel, and trip limits 
  - 5.1 Gulf Zone – 4 alternatives
  - 5.2 FLEC Zone – 4 alternatives
- Action 6 – Size limit
  - 4 alternatives
    - Option a: Gulf Zone
    - Option b: FLEC Zone
- Action 7 – CMP Framework Procedure
  - 2 alternatives