

# Gulf Council Motions Report

## August 19 – 22, 2024

### Biloxi, Mississippi

#### ADMINISTRATIVE / BUDGET

##### Review and Approval of Final 2024 Funded Budget

**Motion:** To approve the proposed 2024 funded budget.

Motion carried with no opposition.

##### Review Activities and Budget for the Multi-Year 2025-2028 Council Funding Request

**Motion:** To approve the 2025-2028 Council budget request as presented.

Motion carried with no opposition.

#### ECOSYSTEM

##### Presentation on Modifications to the 2024 NMFS Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management Road Map

**Motion:** To approve and send the comment letter on modifications to the 2024 EBFM road map as amended.

Motion carried with no opposition.

#### DATA COLLECTION

##### Discussion on For-hire Data Collection Program

*Discussion of the methodology for trip validation*

**Motion:** To move forward with non-technical solutions for for-hire trip validation.

4) F.1 To move forward with non-technical solutions for for-hire trip validation.				
First Name	Last Name	-technical solutions for for-hire trip validation.		
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin			Abs
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Troy	Williamson		No	
Troy	Frady	Yes		
John	Sanchez	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Jason	Osborne	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
<b>Results - Passed</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>Yes (15)</b>	<b>No (1)</b>	<b>Abs (1)</b>

Motion carried 15 to 1 with 1 abstention.

Discussion of Draft Document

**Motion:** In Action 4, to make an Option e.

**Option e:** Up to 10% of trips

5) F.2 In Action 4, to make an Option e.				
First Name	Last Name			
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin			Abs
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Troy	Frady	Yes		
John	Sanchez	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Jason	Osborne	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck		No	
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
<b>Results - Passed</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>Yes (15)</b>	<b>No (1)</b>	<b>Abs (1)</b>

Motion carried 15 to 1 with 1 abstention.

**Motion:** In Action 4, to remove Option a.

**Option a:** Up to 50% of trips

6) F.2 In Action 4, to remove Option a.				
First Name	Last Name			
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin			Abs
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Troy	Frady	Yes		
John	Sanchez	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Jason	Osborne	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
<b>Results - Passed</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>Yes (16)</b>	<b>No (0)</b>	<b>Abs (1)</b>

Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 abstention.

**SHRIMP**

**Other Business – Discussion of National Seafood Strategy**

**Motion:** To request that NMFS provide an updated presentation on the National Seafood Strategy as

well as the pilot program example during the Shrimp Committee at the November 2024 Council meeting.

<b>7) To request that NMFS provide an updated presentation</b>				
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>			
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Troy	Frady	Yes		
John	Sanchez	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Jason	Osborne	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
<b>Results - Passed</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>Yes (17)</b>	<b>No (0)</b>	<b>Abs (0)</b>

Motion carried 17 to 0.

### **SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**

#### **SSC Recommendations on Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule**

**Motion:** The Council send a letter to the SEFSC to proceed with the MSE analysis proposed to assess management impacts of different ABC control rules for Tier 1 stocks.

<b>8) E. To send a letter to SEFSC to proceed with MSE analysis</b>				
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>			
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Troy	Frady	Yes		
John	Sanchez	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Jason	Osborne	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
<b>Results - Passed</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>Yes (17)</b>	<b>No (0)</b>	<b>Abs (0)</b>

Motion carried 17 to 0.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **Selection of Special Shrimp Scientific and Statistical Committee Members for 2024-2027 Term**

The Full Council was convened to review applicants for the Special Shrimp Scientific and Statistical Committee. The Council selected the following appointees:

- Don Behringer

- William Cagle
- Jason Saucier

**Selection of Working Group Membership for the Recreational Initiative**

The Council reviewed the nomination information and recommendations received for the Working Group Membership for the Recreational Initiative. The appointees:

- Hughes Andry
- Shane Bonnot
- Ray Cole
- Ken Haddad
- Frank Harwell
- Robert Hilliard
- Robert Hudson II
- Ralph Humphrey Jr
- Michael Kuljis
- John Marquez Jr
- Jacob Mouton
- Jeffrey Plumlee

**GULF SEDAR**

No motions

**REEF FISH**

**Draft Options: Reef Fish Amendment 58: Modifications to Shallow-water Grouper and Deep-water Grouper Management Measures**

**Motion:** To request Council staff to separate out the SWG and the DWG complex into separate documents.

1) B.1 To request Council staff to separate out the SWG and the DWG complex into separate documents				
First Name	Last Name			
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Troy	Frady	Yes		
John	Sanchez	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Jason	Osborne	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
<b>Results - Passed</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>Yes (17)</b>	<b>No (0)</b>	<b>Abs (0)</b>

Motion carried 17 to 0.

**Motion:** To move **Action 1.2** in Amendment 58 to Considered but Rejected.

**Action 1.2:** Distribution of IFQ Program Shares to Newly Established Share Categories under the Other SWG Complex

**Alternative 1:** No Action. Proportionally distribute sub-complex A and sub-complex B share categories based on existing Other SWG share percentages.

**Alternative 2.** Proportionally distribute sub-complex A and sub-complex B share categories based on landings histories of species within each sub-complex. Scamp and yellowmouth grouper landings would determine landings history for sub-complex A. Black grouper and yellowfin grouper landings would determine landings history for sub-complex B.

- **Option 2a:** Use landings history from 2011 – 2023
- **Option 2b:** Use landings history from 2011 – 2019, and 2021 – 2023
- **Option 2c:** Use landings history from 2016 – 2019, and 2021 – 2023

**Alternative 3.** Proportionally distribute sub-complex A and sub-complex B share categories, with 50% based on existing Other SWG share percentages and 50% based on landings histories of species within each sub-complex. Scamp and yellowmouth grouper landings would determine landings history for sub-complex A. Black grouper and yellowfin grouper landings would determine landings history for sub-complex B.

- **Option 3a:** Use landings history from 2011 – 2023
- **Option 3b:** Use landings history from 2011 – 2019, and 2021 – 2023
- **Option 3c:** Use landings history from 2016 – 2019, and 2021 – 2023

<b>2) B.2 To move action 1.2 in Amendment 58 to considered but rejected.</b>				
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>			
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Troy	Frady	Yes		
John	Sanchez	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Michael	McDermott	Yes		
Jason	Osborne	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
<b>Results - Passed</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>Yes (17)</b>	<b>No (0)</b>	<b>Abs (0)</b>

Motion carried 17 to 0.

**Presentation: Reef Fish Amendment 59: Requirements for Participation in IFQ Programs**

**Motion:** In **Action 4**, to move **Alternative 3** to Considered but Rejected.

**Alternative 3:** Reef Fish permit to obtain and maintain allocation.

<b>3) B.3 In Amendment 59 to Action 4, to move Alternative 3 to Considered but rejected</b>				
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>			
Kesley	Banks	Yes		
Dakus	Geeslin	Yes		
JD	Dugas	Yes		
Anthony	Overton	Yes		
Tom	Frazer	Yes		
Kevin	Anson	Yes		
Billy	Broussard	Yes		
Troy	Williamson	Yes		
Troy	Frady	Yes		
John	Sanchez	Yes		
Joe	Spraggins	Yes		
Michael	McDermott			Abs
Jason	Osborne	Yes		
Chris	Schieble	Yes		
Andy	Strelcheck	Yes		
Ed	Walker	Yes		
CJ	Sweetman	Yes		
<b>Results - Passed</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>	Yes (16)	No (0)	Abs (1)

Motion carried 16 to 0 with 1 abstention.

### **Draft Options: Federal For-hire Buffer and Fishing Season for Red Snapper**

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

**Action 1** – Modify the Red Snapper Recreational For-Hire Component Annual Catch Target (ACT)

**Alternative 1:** No Action. The ACT (3,076,322 pounds whole weight [lb ww]) for the recreational for-hire component for red snapper is 9% below the component annual catch limit (ACL; 3,380,574 lb ww).

**Alternative 2:** Apply the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) Fishery Management Council’s (Council) ACL/ACT Control Rule, using federal for-hire landings data from 2020 – 2023, to set the component ACT buffer for the federal for-hire component for red snapper. This results in a federal for-hire component ACT set 5% below (3,211,545 lb ww) the federal for-hire component ACL (3,380,574 lb ww).

**Alternative 3:** The federal for-hire component ACT buffer will be set to 0% for red snapper. This results in a federal for-hire component ACT set equal to the federal for-hire component ACL (3,380,574 lb ww).

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In **Action 2**, to make an **Alternative 4**.

**Alternative 4:** Modify the federal for-hire component fishing season for red snapper. The fishing season opens on May 15 and closes when the for-hire component ACT is projected to be met, or on December 31, whichever occurs first.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In **Action 2**, to move **Alternative 3** to Considered but Rejected.

**Alternative 3:** Modify the federal for-hire component fishing season for red snapper. If NMFS projects the for-hire fishing season will exceed 92 days (i.e., beyond June 1 through August 31), the fishing season opening is forecast backwards from a closure date of September 1 annually. The fishing season opening date will be announced by NMFS annually once the data to complete the projections are available and analyzed.

Motion carried with no opposition.

## **FULL COUNCIL**

### **Election of Chair**

**Motion:** To nominate JD Dugas as Council Chair.

JD Dugas approved as Council Chair by acclamation.

### **Election of Vice Chair**

**Motion:** To nominate CJ Sweetman to be the Council Vice Chair.

**Motion:** To nominate Kesley Banks to be the Council Vice Chair.

Kesley Banks approved as Council Vice Chair by vote.