

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Proposed Actions for 2021

Revised 06/03/2021

Gulf Meeting Dates:						2021							
Action	Start	Rank	Council	Gulf/ NMFS Lead	IPT	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
1 Allocation Review Guidelines	04/19	A	Gulf	AD	Yes			SSC Mtg/Allocation					
2 Reef Fish Amendment 53: Red Grouper Allocations and Catch Levels	10/19	A	Gulf	MF/PH	Yes		Rev Draft		PHs / Final				
3 Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 32: Modify ACLs for Cobia to End Overfishing	09/20	A	Gulf/SA	NM/KO	Yes	CMP AP/ SA Council	Draft		Revised Draft		PH Draft - Gulf	PH Draft - SA	
4 Reef Fish Amendment 54: Sector Allocations and Catch Levels for Greater Amberjack	01/21	A	Gulf	AL/JF					Presentation		SSC review/ Draft Options		
5 Framework Action : Options for Electronic Reporting due to Equipment Failure	04/21	A	Gulf	CRS/RM	Yes				Presentation		Draft		Revised Draft
6 Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery	11/20	A	Gulf	MF/FH	Yes	Shrimp AP	Discuss		Draft Options		Revised Draft		
7 Framework Action: Modify Annual Catch Limits of Vermilion Snapper	06/20	B	Gulf	RR/RM	Yes						Draft Options		
8 Reef Fish Amendment 36B: Permit Requirement for Shareholders in the Commercial Individual Fishing Quota Programs	01/16	B	Gulf	AL/PH	Yes				AP / PH Draft				
9 Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 33: Sector Allocations and Catch Levels for Gulf King Mackerel	10/20	B	Gulf/SA	NM/RR/KO	Yes				Draft Options				
10 Generic EFH Amendment	4/19	B	Gulf	LH/RM	Yes		Rev Outline / Presentation		Draft Options				
11 Revisions to the ABC Control Rule	03/12	B	Gulf	RR/RM	No			SSC	Discuss				
12 Framework Action: Modifications to Vermilion Snapper Bag Limits and Gray Triggerfish Recreational Fixed Closed Seasons	06/20	C	Gulf	CRS/?	Yes								
13 Reef Fish Amendment x: Sector Allocations and Catch Levels for Red Snapper	01/21	C	Gulf		No								
14 Reef Fish Amendment 36C: Commercial IFQ Modifications	08/19	C	Gulf	AL/AD/PH	Yes				AP/Draft				
15 Fishery Ecosystem Management Plan	10/18	C	Gulf	NM/KO	Yes							Eco Tech Com	
16 Amendment x: Sector Separation for Red and Gag Groupers, Gray Triggerfish, and Greater Amberjack	09/20	C	Gulf	AD	No								
17 Amendment x: Modifications to boundary line for red drum out to 9 nautical miles	09/20	C	Gulf	RR	No				Presentation				
18 Amendment to require electronic reporting for commercial logbooks	02/13	C	Gulf	LH/RM	No								White Paper
19 Amendment 49 to consolidate ABC/ACL, sector allocations, and AMs for yellowtail snapper	10/15	C	Gulf/SA	RR/KO	No						Draft Options		

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<b>POSTPONED / DISCONTINUED ACTIONS:</b>													
20 Reef Fish Amendment <b>41</b> for Federal Charter For Hire Red Snapper Management (Jan 2019)	01/15		Gulf	MF									
21 Reef Fish Amendment <b>42</b> for Federal Reef Fish Headboat Management (Jan 2019)	04/15		Gulf	AD									
22 Action to consider requiring descending devices or venting tools onboard vessels possessing reef fish	04/17		Gulf	PH									
23 CMP (Mackerel) Amend <b>29</b> : King mackerel Allocation Sharing and Recreational AMs (Jan 2017)	04/16		Gulf/SA	RR/RM									
24 Allocation sharing mechanism between the commercial and recreational sectors when ACL is not being met	10/16		Gulf	RR/AD									
25 Reef Fish Amend <b>39</b> Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper (Jan 2016)	06/12		Gulf	AL									
26 Reef Fish Amend <b>33</b> (LAPP Program) (no action Jan 2016)	08/12		Gulf	AD									
27 Red Drum Recreational Management	04/14		Gulf	RR/PH									
28 CMP (Mackerel potentially Amend <b>28</b> ) Permit Split (Oct 2015)	01/15		Gulf/SA	RR									
29 Reef Fish Amendment <b>52</b> : Evaluate Red Snapper Allocations (Jan 2020)	01/18		Gulf	MF/PH									
30 Framework Action for Recreational Greater Amberjack with Modifications to Bag Limits, Season Structure, and Management Zones (Jan 2020)	06/19		Gulf	LH/KO									
31 Generic Amendment: Carryover provision to harvest uncaught quota (June 2019)	06/16		Gulf	RR/RM									
<b>COMPLETED ACTIONS:</b>													
32 Framework Action: Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Catch Limits	01/21		Gulf	JF/RM		Review by SSC	Final		Transmit				
33 Reef Fish Amendment <b>48</b> /Red Drum Amendment <b>5</b> : Status Determination Criteria	08/14		Gulf	JF/PH		Transmit							
34 Framework Action: Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Recreational Data Calibration and Recreational Catch Limits	09/20		Gulf	RR/DL/ (PH)			Final		Transmit				
35 Framework Action: Modifications to Gray Triggerfish Catch Limits	10/20		Gulf	CRS/KO		Transmit							
36 Framework Action: Modify Annual Catch Limits of Lane Snapper	01/20		Gulf	LH/DL		Transmit							
37 Framework Action: "Modification of Fishing Access in Eastern Gulf of Mexico Marine Protected Areas (Transmitted 8/2020)	10/19		Gulf	RR/RM									

**NOTE:**

PH = Public Hearing  
AP = Advisory Panel  
SA = South Atlantic  
WG = Working Group

**KEY:**

OP - Options Paper  
PH Draft - Draft for Public  
IPT - Interdisciplinary Planning Team

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