

Recreational Initiative



Recreational Initiative Working Group Meeting 1

October 29-30, 2024

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Breakout Group Assignments

One Working Group member from each breakout group will report-out a summary of the discussion to the full Working Group.

Group 1:

Hughes Andry (TX)	Robert Hudson (FL)	Willy Goldsmith (facilitator)
Ray Cole (AL)	Jeffrey Plumlee (LA)	Sarah Gardiner (note-taker)
Ken Haddad (FL)	Johnny Marquez (MS)	

Group 2:

Shane Bonnot (TX)	Ralph Humphrey (MS)	Andy Loftus (facilitator)
Frank Harwell (AL)	Jacob Mouton (LA)	Max Birdsong (note-taker)
Robert Hilliard (FL)	Michael Kuljis (MS)	

Breakout Session 1 (1:30-2:15 pm ET, Tuesday, October 29): Reflecting on Past Challenges

Questions for Discussion:

- *What are the greatest sources of angler dissatisfaction in Gulf reef fish fisheries?*
- *Can you provide specific examples of management decisions that were particularly challenging? Are there specific missed opportunities that you can identify?*
- *Are there factors outside of the Gulf Council's control that you view as contributing to and/or exacerbating these challenges?*
- *Is it the Gulf Council's big picture strategy (goals) for recreational management that is failing, or the execution of that strategy (objectives)?*

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Breakout Session 2 (3:15-4:00 pm ET, Tuesday, October 29): Reflecting on Past Successes

Questions for Discussion:

- *Are there specific examples of Gulf recreational fisheries (reef fish or otherwise) where management is working well?*
- *More broadly, are there approaches to management—whether specific strategies, stakeholder engagement, or other—that the Council has successfully applied and which should be emulated in other Gulf fisheries?*