

Recreational Initiative

Recreational Initiative Working Group Meeting 2

January 8-9, 2025

Hyatt Centric New Orleans French Quarter
800 Iberville Street
New Orleans, LA 70112
“Orleans Meeting Room”

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:

Shane Bonnot (TX)	Robert Hilliard (FL)	Willy Goldsmith (facilitator)
Ray Cole (AL)	Jacob Mouton (LA)	Sarah Gardiner (note-taker)
Ken Haddad (FL)	Johnny Marquez (MS)	

Group 2:

Hughes Andry (TX)	Ralph Humphrey (MS)	Andy Loftus (facilitator)
Frank Harwell (AL)	Jeffrey Plumlee (LA)	Max Birdsong (note-taker)
Robert Hudson (FL)	Michael Kuljis (MS)	

Breakout Session 1 (3:00-3:45 pm CT, Wednesday, January 8): Red Snapper Management

Questions for Discussion:

- What are the benefits and challenges stemming from the key management decisions outlined in the presentation?
- What management decisions (or outcomes) have been the greatest sources of angler dissatisfaction?
- From an angler perspective, how well have the accountability measures in place been performing?
- Are there any elements of federal management for red snapper that have been going well?
- What management strategies do you think would have contributed the most to achieving the desired outcomes that you identified in Working Group Meeting 1?
- What are your thoughts on having separate management for the private and for-hire elements of the recreational red snapper fishery?

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Breakout Session 2 (10:00-10:45 am CT, Thursday, January 9): Gag and Red Grouper Management

Questions for Discussion:

- What are the benefits and challenges stemming from the key management decisions outlined in the presentation?
- What management decisions (or outcomes) have been the greatest sources of angler dissatisfaction?
- From an angler perspective, how well have the accountability measures in place been performing?
- Are there any elements of federal management that have been going well?
- What management strategies do you think would have contributed the most to achieving the desired outcomes that you identified in Working Group Meeting 1?

Breakout Session 3 (1:45-2:30 pm CT, Thursday, January 9): Greater Amberjack and Gray Triggerfish

Questions for Discussion:

- What are the benefits and challenges stemming from the key management decisions outlined in the presentation?
- What management decisions (or outcomes) have been the greatest sources of angler dissatisfaction?
- From an angler perspective, how well have the accountability measures in place been performing?
- Are there any elements of federal management that have been going well?
- What management strategies do you think would have contributed the most to achieving the desired outcomes that you identified in Working Group Meeting 1?