

**Ad-Hoc Red Snapper Grouper/Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ)  
Advisory Panel  
Scope of Work**

**Charge:** To evaluate and make recommendations relative to requirements for participation in the red snapper and grouper/tilefish individual fishing quota (IFQ) programs considered in Reef Fish Amendment 59 and to modifications to IFQ shares and annual allocation distribution approaches proposed in Reef Fish Amendment 60.

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**Agenda Item V:** Review of Reef Fish Amendment 59A: IFQ Permit Requirements

Council staff will review management actions and alternatives in Reef Fish Amendment 59A. Amendment 59A addresses permit requirements for obtaining and/or maintaining shareholder accounts, IFQ shares and annual allocation. Amendment 59A also considers divestment measures for non-compliant shareholder accounts. Preferred alternatives selected by the Gulf Council during its January 2025 meeting will be discussed. AP members should review and discuss the range of actions and alternatives and recommend preferred alternatives to the Council as appropriate.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Review of Reef Fish Amendment 60: IFQ Distribution Issues

Council staff will review management actions and alternatives in Reef Fish Amendment 60. Amendment 60 addresses the distribution of shares and annual allocations in the red snapper and grouper/tilefish IFQ programs. IFQ shares and annual allocation to be distributed include, shares held by NMFS (from Reef Fish Amendment 36A), shares and annual allocation recovered from inactive IFQ shareholders accounts, shares and allocation reclaimed from shareholder accounts who do not comply with commercial reef fish permit requirements to be set in Reef Fish Amendment 59A and, annual allocation from future IFQ quota increases. AP members should review and discuss the range of actions and alternatives, suggest modifications, and make recommendations to the Council as warranted.

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**Agenda Item VII:** Discussion on Active Participation in IFQ Programs

AP members will suggest and discuss management measures that could be considered by the Council as it develops Amendment 59B, which plans to address active participation requirements in the IFQ programs. Examples of potential active participation requirements could include landings requirements to ensure that shareholders land predetermined percentages of their IFQ shareholdings during predetermined time intervals, limits to the percentage of shares and annual allocation that could be transferred in any given year. AP members should recommend quantifiable and practicable management measures likely to foster active participation in the IFQ programs.

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**Agenda Item VIII:** Public Comment

Members of the public will be able to address the Ad-hoc IFQ AP with respect to agenda items discussed during this meeting, and other issues, as time allows.

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**Agenda Item IX:** Other Business

Additional items may be brought up for discussion by AP members during the adoption of the agenda, time permitting. If the Advisory Panel wishes to further the discussion, additional discussion could be scheduled at a future AP meeting.

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