

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Proposed Actions for 2025

Gulf Meeting Dates:						2025									
Action	Start (Mon/Yr)	Rank	Council	Gulf/NMFS Lead	IPT	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	
1 Reef Fish Amendment 59A : Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs	10/23	A	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes	Ad Hoc IFQ AP					PH Draft	Mailout / PH		Final	
2 Reef Fish Amendment 59B : Active Participation Requirements in IFQ Programs	10/23	A	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes	Ad Hoc IFQ AP					Discuss			Draft	
3 Reef Fish Amendment 60 : Distribution of Shares Held by NMFS, Recovery and Distribution of IFQ Shares from Inactive Accounts	10/23	A	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes	Ad Hoc IFQ AP					Draft				
4 New Electronic Reporting Amendment for Charter For-hire	04/23	A	Gulf	LH/RM	Yes	Ad Hoc Data AP	Draft				PH Draft		Public Hearings	Final	
5 Framework Action to adjust the red snapper federal charter for-hire season	04/24	A	Gulf	RR/DL	Yes						Final				
6 Framework Action: Modify Catch Levels of Shallow-Water Grouper Complex	11/24	A	Gulf	JF/DL	Yes		Draft		Final						
7 Shrimp Amendment xx : Extend the Moratorium on Federal Gulf Shrimp Permits	04/25	A	Gulf	MF							PH Draft		PH webinar	Final	
8 Framework Action: Modify Catch Level of Gulf Spanish Mackerel	08/23	B	Gulf	LH/JB	Yes				Final						
9 Reef Fish Amendment xx : Red Grouper Management Actions	04/25	B	Gulf						Discuss						
10 Reef Fish Amendment 58A : Shallow-Water Grouper Complex Catch Level and Management Considerations	10/22	B	Gulf	MF/DL	Yes			SSC	Discuss Current Options		Revised Draft			Draft	
11 Reef Fish Amendment 58B : Deepwater Grouper Complex Catch Level and Management Considerations	10/22	B	Gulf	RR/DL	Yes		Draft		PH Draft	Public Hearings	Final				
12 Document that replaces and enhances the DESCEND ACT	04/25	B	Gulf											Draft	
13 Generic EFH Amendment	4/19	B	Gulf	SG/RM	Yes							SSC		Draft	
14 Document to consider changes private recreational accountability measures for red snapper	04/24	B	Gulf	SG										Draft	
15 Document to review the state specific private angler licensing and reporting requirements currently used to define offshore anglers in each state	10/22	B	Gulf	LH	No										

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16 Reef Fish Amendment x: Red Snapper Private Angling Allocations between Gulf States	04/23	B	Gulf	TBD	No									
17 Spatial Area Closures for Gag and other Groupers	08/23	C	Gulf	JF	No									
18 Coral Amendment 10	10/19	C	Gulf	TBD	No									
19 Reef Fish Amendment X: Sector Allocations and Catch Levels for Red Snapper	01/21	C	Gulf	TBD	No									
20 Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 and Reef Fish Amendment 55 yellowtail snapper and mutton snapper	10/15	B	Gulf/SA	TBD	Yes		Report							Discuss
21 Amendment x: State Management of Recreational Greater Amberjack	08/22	C	Gulf	JF	No		Decision flow-chart							Presentation
22 Revisions to the ABC Control Rule	03/12	C	Gulf	RR/RM	No	MSE Simulations in Progress by SEFSC								
23 Sector Separation: Greater Amberjack, Gray Triggerfish, Gag, and Red Grouper	08/22	C	Gulf	TBD	No									
Climate Resilience Efforts via Inflation Reduction Act Projects and Documents														
1 Fishery Ecosystem Plan	10/18	A	Gulf	VW/MW	Yes			ETC	Discuss Red Tide FEI Pilot					Draft
2 Reef Fish Amendment: Develop Framework for Regulatory Streamlining	04/23	B	Gulf	VW/RR/DL	No		RFP for Consultant			Select Consultant				
Transmitted Actions														
1 Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery	11/20		Gulf	MF/FH	Yes	Virtual PH / Mailout	Final			Transmit				
2 Framework Action: Modifications to Lane Snapper Management Measures	06/24		Gulf	SG/JB	Yes		Final			Transmit				
3 Joint Amendment to require electronic reporting for commercial logbooks	02/13		Gulf/SA	LH/RM										

NOTE:

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

KEY:

Draft - Framework Actions (options/alternatives)
 PH Draft - Draft for Public Hearings
 IPT - Interdisciplinary Planning Team

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