

# Gulf Council Motions Report

## June 3 – 4, 2025

### Tampa, Florida

#### MACKEREL

**Final Action: Modification to the Gulf Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits**

**Motion:** To approve “Modifications to Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits in the Gulf of America” and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate, giving staff editorial license to make the necessary changes in the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.

Names	Vote		
Mr. Sanchez	yes		
Mr. Broussard	yes	absent	1
Mr. McDermott	yes	yes	16
Capt. Frady	yes	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>
Mr. Geeslin	yes		
Mr. Anson	yes		
Dr. Sweetman	yes		
Mr. Schieble	yes		
Mr. Burris	yes		
Mr. Osborne	absent		
Dr. Overton	yes		
Mr. Williamson	yes		
Dr. Frazer	yes		
Capt. Walker	yes		
Dr. Banks	yes		
Mr. Strelcheck	yes		
Mr. Dugas	yes		

Motion carried 16 to 0, with 1 absent.

#### REEF FISH

**FINAL ACTION: Framework Action: Other Shallow-water Grouper Catch Limits**

**Motion:** To approve “Framework Action: Other Shallow-water Grouper Complex Management Measures” and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate, giving staff editorial license to make the necessary changes to the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.

Names	Vote		
Mr. Anson	yes		
Mr. Williamson	yes	absent	1
Mr. Geeslin	yes	no	2
Dr. Banks	yes	yes	14
Mr. Osborne	absent	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>
Mr. Sanchez	yes		
Capt. Walker	no		
Dr. Overton	yes		
Mr. Strelcheck	yes		
Mr. Burris	yes		
Mr. McDermott	yes		
Mr. Schieble	yes		
Dr. Frazer	yes		
Dr. Sweetman	yes		
Capt. Frady	no		
Mr. Broussard	yes		
Mr. Dugas	yes		

Motion carried 14 to 2, with 1 absent.

**Motion:** To table the motion to approve “Framework Action: Other Shallow-water Grouper Complex Management Measures” and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate, giving staff editorial license to make the necessary changes to the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.

Names	Vote		
Mr. Geeslin	no		
Dr. Frazer	no	absent	1
Capt. Frady	yes	no	9
Mr. McDermott	yes	yes	7
Mr. Broussard	no	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>
Mr. Burris	yes		
Mr. Sanchez	yes		
Mr. Anson	yes		
Capt. Walker	no		
Dr. Sweetman	no		
Mr. Strelcheck	yes		
Dr. Overton	yes		
Dr. Banks	no		
Mr. Schieble	no		
Mr. Williamson	no		
Mr. Osborne	absent		
Mr. Dugas	no		

Motion failed 7 to 9, with 1 absent.

**Draft Options – Reef Fish Amendment 58A: Shallow-water Grouper Complex Management Considerations**

**Motion:** To accept the SSC’s recommendations as it relates to catch limits based on the MSY proxy based on F<sub>40%SPR</sub> for scamp and yellowmouth grouper.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Public Hearing Draft – Reef Fish Amendment 58B: Modifications to Deep-water Grouper Management Measures**

**Motion:** In Action 2, to make **Alternative 3** the preferred alternative.

**Alternative 3:** The DWG complex ACL is set equal to the DWG complex ABC. Establish a recreational ACL and sector allocation based on the average recreational landings from the most recent 5 years (2019 – 2023). This results in a recreational ACL of 56,649 lb gw, or approximately 10.21% of the complex ACL. The commercial sector is allocated approximately 89.79% of the complex ACL, or 498,377 lb gw. The commercial quota is reduced from the commercial ACL by 4% and is set at 478,441 lb gw. The recreational and commercial ACLs sum to equal the DWG complex ACL.

Year	OFL	ABC (Complex ACL)	Comm ACL	Comm Quota	Rec ACL
2025-2029+	731,035	555,026	498,377	478,441	56,649

Names	Vote	Row Labels	Count of Vote
Mr. McDermott	yes		
Mr. Sanchez	no	absent	1
Mr. Burris	yes	abstain	1
Mr. Anson	yes	no	2
Capt. Walker	yes	yes	13
Mr. Williamson	absent	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>
Mr. Helies	Yes		
Capt. Frady	yes		
Dr. Banks	yes		
Mr. Osborne	yes		
Mr. Broussard	yes		
Dr. Sweetman	no		
Mr. Geeslin	yes		
Mr. Schieble	yes		
Dr. Frazer	yes		
Dr. Overton	yes		
Mr. Dugas	abstain		

Motion carried 13 to 2, with 1 absent and 1 abstention.

**Discussion: Red Grouper Documents**

**Motion:** To include an alternative in Reef Fish Amendment 62 for a phased-in approach over a period of years for the increase in the red grouper stock ACL. The phased-in approach for the increase in the stock ACL would be 70% of the ABC in year 1, 80% of the ABC in year 2, 90% of the ABC in year 3, and 100% of the ABC in year 4+.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**ECOSYSTEM**

No motions.