

Gulf Council Proposed Actions for 2025-2026

Gulf Meeting Dates:		2025												2026			
Action	Start (Mon/Yr)	Rank	Council	Gulf/NMFS Lead	IPT	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
1 Reef Fish Amendment 62: Red Grouper Management Actions	04/25	A	Gulf	MF/DL	Yes		Discuss		Draft			PH Draft	PHs	Final			
2 Reef Fish Amendment 63: Red Grouper Commercial Quota Pool	08/25	A	Gulf	AD	Yes							Presentation		Draft			Final
3 Reef Fish Amendment 58A: Shallow-Water Grouper Complex Catch Level and Management Considerations	10/22	A	Gulf	LH/DL	Yes	SSC	Discuss Current Options		Revised Draft			PH Draft	PHs	Final			
4 Shrimp 19 Categorical Exclusion: Extend the Moratorium on Federal Gulf Shrimp Permits	04/25	A	Gulf	MF/RM	Yes				Draft		virtual PH	Final					
5 Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 and Reef Fish Amendment 55 yellowtail snapper and mutton snapper	10/15	A	Gulf/SA	RR/KO AI/NM	Yes				Gulf Discuss	SA Discuss		Gulf Draft	SA Draft	Gulf Draft		SA Draft	Gulf Draft
6 Abbreviated Framework Action: Document that replaces and enhances the DESCEND ACT	04/25	A	Gulf	SG	Yes							Draft/Final					
7 Generic EFH Amendment	4/19	B	Gulf	SG/RM	Yes						SSC	Draft					Draft
8 New Electronic Reporting Amendment for Charter For-hire	04/23	B	Gulf	LH/RM	Yes									Draft			
9 Reef Fish Amendment x: Red Snapper Private Angling Allocations between Gulf States	04/23	B	Gulf	TBD	No												
10 Amendment x: Regional Management of Recreational Greater Amberjack	08/22	B	Gulf	JF	No									Discuss			
11 Reef Fish Amendment 59A: Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs	10/23	B	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes									Ad Hoc IFQ AP Recommendations / Draft			
12 Reef Fish Amendment 59B: Active Participation Requirements in IFQ Programs	10/23	B	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes									Ad Hoc IFQ AP Recommendations			
13 Reef Fish Amendment 60: Distribution of Shares Held by NMFS, Recovery and Distribution of IFQ Shares from Inactive Accounts	10/23	C	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes									Ad Hoc IFQ AP Recommendations			
14 Delegate Federal For-Hire Red Snapper Management to Gulf States	4/25	C	Gulf	AD/JF	No							Presentation					
15 Document to consider changes private recreational accountability measures for red snapper	04/24	C	Gulf	SG													
16 Document to review the state specific private angler licensing and reporting requirements currently used to define offshore anglers in each state	10/22	C	Gulf	LH	No												
17 Coral Amendment 10	10/19	C	Gulf	TBD	No												
18 Reef Fish Amendment X: Sector Allocations and Catch Levels for Red Snapper	01/21	C	Gulf	TBD	No												

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19	Revisions to the ABC Control Rule	03/12	C	Gulf	RR/RM	No	MSE Simulations in Progress by SEFSC												
20	Sector Separation: Greater Amberjack, Gray Triggerfish, Gag, and Red Grouper	08/22	C	Gulf	TBD	No													
<b>Climate Resilience Efforts via Inflation Reduction Act Projects and Documents</b>																			
1	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	10/18	A	Gulf	VW/MW	Yes	ETC	Discuss Red Tide FEI Pilot				Select consultant	Draft				Report from Consultants		
2	Reef Fish Amendment: Develop Framework for Regulatory Streamlining	04/23	B	Gulf	VW/RR/DL	No			Select Consultant			SSC Review	Report from Consultants						
<b>Transmitted Actions</b>																			
1	Reef Fish Amendment <b>58B: Deepwater Grouper</b> Complex Catch Level and Management Considerations	10/22		Gulf	RR/DL	Yes		PH Draft	Public Hearings	Final									
2	Framework Action to adjust the red snapper federal charter for-hire season	04/24		Gulf	RR/DL	Yes				Final									
3	Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery	11/20		Gulf	MF/FH	Yes													
4	Framework Action: Modifications to Lane Snapper Management Measures	06/24		Gulf	SG/JB	Yes				Transmit									
5	Framework Action: Modify Catch Levels of Shallow-Water Grouper Complex	11/24		Gulf	JF/DL	Yes		Final	Transmit										
6	Framework Action: Modify Catch Level of Gulf Spanish Mackerel	08/23		Gulf	LH/JB	Yes		Final											

**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