

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/RM	No							Presentation		Draft Options		AH IFQ AP	PH Draft			
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 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			SA Draft	Gulf Draft			
5 Generic EFH Amendment	4/19	B	Gulf	SG/RM	Yes						SSC	Draft								
6 New Electronic Reporting Amendment for Charter For-hire	04/23	B	Gulf	LH/RM	Yes									Draft						
7 Amendment x: Regional Management of Recreational Greater Amberjack	08/22	B	Gulf	JF	No									Discuss						
8 Reef Fish Amendment x: Delegate Federal For-Hire Red Snapper Management to Gulf States	04/25	B	Gulf	AD/JF	No							Presentation					Draft Options			
9 Reef Fish Amendment 59A: Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs	10/23	B	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes									Ad Hoc IFQ AP Recommendations / Draft			PH Draft			
10 Reef Fish Amendment 59B: Active Participation Requirements in IFQ Programs	10/23	B	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes															
11 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															
12 Reef Fish Amendment x: Red Snapper Private Angling Allocations between Gulf States	04/23	C	Gulf	TBD	No															
13 Document to consider changes private recreational accountability measures for red snapper	04/24	C	Gulf	SG																
14 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															
15 Coral Amendment 10	10/19	C	Gulf	TBD	No															
16 Reef Fish Amendment X: Sector Allocations and Catch Levels for Red Snapper	01/21	C	Gulf	TBD	No															
17 Revisions to the ABC Control Rule	03/12	C	Gulf	RR/RM	No	MSE Simulations in Progress by SEFSC														
18 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

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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		Draft Workplan					
Completion of Documents and Transmittal Date																			
1 Reef Fish Amendment 58B: Deepwater Grouper 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 Shrimp 19 Categorical Exclusion: Extend the Moratorium on Federal Gulf Shrimp Permits	04/25		Gulf	MF/RM	Yes				Draft		virtual PH	Final							
5 Framework Action: Modifications to Lane Snapper Management Measures	06/24		Gulf	SG/JB	Yes				Transmit										
6 Abbreviated Framework Action: Continuation of Management Measures to Reduce Reef Fish Release Mortality	04/25		Gulf	SG	Yes							Draft/Final							
7 Framework Action: Modify Catch Levels of Shallow-Water Grouper Complex	11/24		Gulf	JF/DL	Yes		Final	Transmit											
8 Framework Action: Modify Catch Level of Gulf Spanish Mackerel	08/23		Gulf	LH/KO	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

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