

Gulf Council Meeting
January 28, 2026

Priorities and Tasking Schedule

April 2026 Council Meeting

1. **Public Hearing: Draft Reef Fish Amendment 63:** Program to Establish a Commercial Red Grouper Quota Pool
2. ***Draft / Final Abbreviated Framework: Update Lane Snapper Catch Limits***
3. **Draft Amendment 55/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44:** Modify Yellowtail and Mutton Snapper Management Measures
4. **Presentation:** Delegation of Federal For-hire Management to Gulf States
5. **Options Paper:** Review of low priority species in FMPs to Consider if they are in need of Federal Management and consider ecosystem component species
6. **Update:** Generic Amendment to Modify Essential Fish Habitat
7. **Discussion:** Document to consider Changes to Red Snapper Private Recreational Accountability Measures including Payback and Carryover Provisions

June 2026 Council Meeting

1. **Reef Fish Amendment 59A:** Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs
2. **Public Hearing Draft:** Modify Electronic Reporting Requirements for Federally Permitted For-Hire Vessels
3. **Discussion:** 5-Year Review of Standardized Bycatch Reporting
4. **Greater Amberjack:** Consideration of State Management

Documents to Finalize and Transmit listed in Order

1. **Reef Fish Amendment 58B:** Modify Deepwater Grouper Management (*Final Aug 2025: SEFSC Review*)

2. **Reef Fish Amendment 62:** Modification of Red Grouper Management Measures (*Final Jan 2026: To be completed: RIR, RFAA, SEFSC Review*)
3. **Shrimp Amendment 19:** Consider Permit Moratorium Requirements (*Final Nov 2025: To be completed: RFAA, SEFSC Review*)
4. **Reef Fish Framework Action:** Modify the Red Snapper For-Hire Season (*Final Aug 2025: To be completed: RFAA, SEFSC Review*)
5. **Abbreviated Framework Action:** Continuation of Management Measures to Reduce Reef Fish Release Mortality (*Final Nov 2025: To be completed Review RFAA, SEFSC Review*)
6. **CMP Framework Amendment 14:** Modify Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits and Accountability Measures (*Final June 2025, SEFSC Review*)

Documents in Rulemaking

1. **Reef Fish Framework Action:** Modify Other Shallow-water Grouper Management Measures (*Transmitted July 2025*)
2. **Reef Fish Framework Action:** Modifications to Lane Snapper Management Measures (*Transmitted August 2025*)
3. **Shrimp Framework Action:** Modify Shrimp Vessel Position Data Collection (*Transmitted January 2026*)
4. **Comprehensive Amendment Electronic Reporting for Commercial Vessels** (*Transmitted February 2024*)