

Gulf Council Proposed Actions for 2026

Gulf Meeting Dates:						2026											
Action	Start (Mon/Yr)	Rank	Council	Gulf/NMFS Lead	IPT	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1 Reef Fish Amendment 63: Red Grouper Commercial Quota Pool	08/25	A	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes	Draft Options			PH Draft/Ad Hoc IFQ AP after Council	Virtual PHs	Final						
2 Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 and Reef Fish Amendment 55 yellowtail snapper and mutton snapper	10/15	A	Gulf/SA	RR/KO AI/NM	Yes			SA Draft			SA/Gulf Draft		Gulf PH Draft	SA PH Draft	Gulf Final		SA Final
3 Document to Modify the Private Recreational Red Snapper Post-Season Accountability Measures	04/26	A	Gulf	SG/AS	No						Options						
4 Generic EFH Amendment	4/19	B	Gulf	SG/RM	Yes						PH Draft	virtual PHs	Final				
5 New Electronic Reporting Amendment for Charter For-hire	04/23	B	Gulf	LH/RM	Yes	Draft					PH Draft	mailout & virtual PHs	Final				
6 Amendment x: Regional Management of Recreational Greater Amberjack	08/22	B	Gulf	LH/JF	No	Discuss					Draft						
7 Reef Fish Amendment 64: Delegate Federal For-Hire Red Snapper Management to Gulf States	04/25	B	Gulf	AD/JF	No				Draft Options				Draft				
8 Reef Fish Amendment 59A: Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs	10/23	B	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes						Ad Hoc IFQ AP Recommendations / Draft		PH Draft			Final	
9 Reef Fish Amendment 59B: Active Participation Requirements in IFQ Programs	10/23	B	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes												
10 Shrimp Amendment 20: Status Determination Criteria Penaeid Shrimp	0426	B	Gulf	MF	No						Options				PH Draft		
11 Document exploring the feasibility of a federal recreational deepwater grouper permit	04/26	C	Gulf	LH/	No												
12 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												
13 Amendment x: Management Flexibility for the Federal For-hire Component of the Red Snapper Fishery	01/26	C	Gulf	TBD	No												
14 Reef Fish Amendment x: Red Snapper Private Angling Allocations between Gulf States	04/23	C	Gulf	TBD	No												
15 Document to consider changes to private recreational red snapper management such as carryover and transfer provisions	04/24	C	Gulf	SG	No				Presentation								
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													
Climate Resilience Efforts via Inflation Reduction Act Projects and Documents																		
1 Fishery Ecosystem Plan	10/18	A	Gulf	VW/MW	Yes			ETC	Workshops				Report from Consultants	ETC				
2 Reef Fish Amendment: Develop Framework for Regulatory Streamlining	04/23	B	Gulf	VW/RR/DL	No	Draft Workplan							Update					
Completion of Documents and Transmittal Date																		
1 Framework Action to adjust the red snapper federal charter for-hire season	04/24		Gulf	RR/DL	Yes													
2 Abbreviated Framework Action to Modify Lane Snapper Catch Levels	01/26		Gulf	RR/KO	Yes				Draft / Final									
3 Abbreviated Framework Action: Continuation of Management Measures to Reduce Reef Fish Release Mortality	04/25		Gulf	SG	Yes													
4 Abbreviated Framework Action: Red Grouper Commerical Quota Retention for 2027	04/26		Gulf	AS/FH	Yes				Draft / 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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