

Gulf Council Meeting

June 3, 2026

Priorities and Tasking Schedule

August 2026 Council Meeting

1. **Final Action:** Modifications to the Gulf For-hire Data Collection Program
2. **Revised Draft:** Modifications to Red Snapper Private Recreational Accountability Measures
3. **Reef Fish Amendment 59A:** Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs
4. **Draft Amendment 64:** Delegation of the Federal For-Hire Management Authority for Red Snapper to Gulf States
5. **Draft Amendment x:** Management Flexibility for the Federal For-hire Component of the Red Snapper Fishery
6. **Discussion:** 5-Year Review of Standardized Bycatch Reporting
7. **Executive Order Workplan:** Review of low priority species in FMPs to Consider if they are in need of Federal Management
8. **Discussion:** Private angling red snapper allocation discussion.

October 2026 Council Meeting

1. **Revised Draft Shrimp Amendment 20:** Status Determination Criteria for Panaeid Shrimp
2. **Draft Amendment 55/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44:** Modifications to Mutton Snapper and Yellowtail Snapper Management Measures
3. **Greater Amberjack:** Consideration of State Management

Documents to Finalize and Transmit listed in Order

1. **Abbreviated Framework:** *Catch Limit Modifications for Gulf of America Lane Snapper*
2. **Final Action: Draft Reef Fish Amendment 63:** Red Grouper Commercial Quota Pool under the Grouper/Tilefish IFQ Program

3. **Abbreviated Framework Action:** Red Grouper Commercial Quota Retention for 2027
4. **Reef Fish Framework Action:** Modification to the Recreational For-hire Red Snapper Fishing Season (*Final Aug 2025*)
5. **Abbreviated Framework Action:** Continuation of Management Measures to Reduce Reef Fish Release Mortality (*Final Nov 2025: To be completed Review RFAA, SEFSC Review*)

Documents in Rulemaking

1. **Shrimp Amendment 19:** Shrimp Permit Moratorium (*Transmitted March 2026*)
2. **Reef Fish Amendment 62:** Modifications to Gulf Red Grouper Management Measures (*Transmitted March 2026*)
3. **Reef Fish Framework Action:** Modifications to Other Shallow-water Grouper Complex Management Measures (*Transmitted July 2025*)
4. **Shrimp Framework Action:** Modification of the Shrimp Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of America Shrimp Fishery (*Transmitted January 2026*)
5. **Reef Fish Amendment 58B:** Modifications to Deep-water Grouper Management Measures (*Transmitted February 2026*)
6. **Reef Fish Framework Action:** Modifications to Size Limit for Gulf Lane Snapper (*Transmitted August 2025*)
7. **CMP Framework Amendment 14:** Modifications to Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits in the Gulf of America (*Transmitted March 2026*)
8. **Comprehensive Amendment Addressing Electronic Reporting for Commercial Vessels** (*Transmitted February 2024*)