

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	Jan-27
1 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 Draft	SA PH Draft	Gulf PH Draft	PHs	SA Final	Gulf Final
2 Document to Modify the Private Recreational Red Snapper Post-Season Accountability Measures	04/26	A	Gulf	SG/AS/DL	Yes						Options		Draft		Final			
3 Generic EFH Amendment	4/19	B	Gulf	SG/RM	Yes						PH Draft						virtual PHs	Final
4 New Electronic Reporting Amendment for Charter For-hire	04/23	B	Gulf	LH/RM	Yes	Draft					PH Draft	mailout & virtual PHs	Final					
5 Amendment 65: Regional Management of Recreational Greater Amberjack	08/22	B	Gulf	LH/JF	No	Discuss					Presentation				Draft			
6 Reef Fish Amendment 64: Delegate Federal For-Hire Red Snapper Management to Gulf States	04/25	B	Gulf	AD/JF	No				Draft Options				Presentation					
7 Reef Fish Amendment 59A: Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs	10/23	B	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes						Ad Hoc IFQ AP Recommend / Draft		Draft		PH Draft	virtual PHs		Final
8 Reef Fish Amendment 59B: Active Participation Requirements in IFQ Programs	10/23	B	Gulf	AD/RM	Yes													
9 Shrimp Amendment 20: Status Determination Criteria Penaeid Shrimp	04/26	B	Gulf	MF	No						Options				PH Draft			
10 Amendment x: Management Flexibility for the Federal For-hire Component of the Red Snapper Fishery	01/26	B	Gulf	RR/	No								Presentation					
11 Document exploring the feasibility of a federal recreational deepwater grouper permit	04/26	C	Gulf	LH/	No						Presentation							
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 Reef Fish Amendment x: Red Snapper Private Angling Allocations between Gulf States	04/23	C	Gulf	RR/JF	No								Discuss					
14 Document to consider changes to private recreational red snapper management such as carryover and transfer provisions	04/24	C	Gulf	SG	No				Presentation									
15 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													
16 Coral Amendment 10	10/19	C	Gulf	TBD	No													
17 Reef Fish Amendment X: Sector Allocations and Catch Levels for Red Snapper	01/21	C	Gulf	TBD	No													
18 Revisions to the ABC Control Rule	03/12	C	Gulf	RR/RM	No	MSE Simulations in Progress by SEFSC												
19 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	Workshops				Report from Consultants	ETC				
2 Reef Fish Amendment: Develop Framework for Regulatory Streamlining	04/23	B	Gulf	VW/RR/DL	No	Draft Workplan					Request for proposals		Update		Discuss SSC & Draft			
Completion of Documents and Transmittal Date																		
1 Reef Fish Amendment 63 : Red Grouper Commercial Quota Pool	08/25		Gulf	AD/RM	Yes	Draft Options			PH Draft/Ad Hoc IFQ AP after Council	Virtual PHs	Final							
2 Framework Action to adjust the red snapper federal charter for-hire season	04/24		Gulf	RR/DL	Yes													
3 Abbreviated Framework Action to Modify Lane Snapper Catch Levels	01/26		Gulf	RR/KO	Yes				Draft / Final		Transmit							
4 Abbreviated Framework Action: Continuation of Management Measures to Reduce Reef Fish Release Mortality	04/25		Gulf	SG	Yes							Transmit						
5 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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