

Agenda
Reef Fish Management Committee

Gulf Council
Golden Nugget
Biloxi, Mississippi

Tuesday, August 25th, 2026, 8:45 AM – 5:30 PM CDT / 9:45 AM – 6:30 PM EDT

- I. Adoption of Agenda (**Tab B, No. 1**) – Dr. Sweetman
- II. Approval of June 2026 Minutes (**Tab B, No. 2**) – Dr. Sweetman
- III. Action Guide and Next Steps (**Tab B, No. 3**) – Mr. Rindone
- IV. Draft Options – Reef Fish Amendment 64: Delegate Federal For-Hire Red Snapper Management to Gulf States – Dr. Diagne (1 hr)
 - a. Presentation (**Tab B, No. 4a**)
 - b. Document (**Tab B, No. 4b**)
- V. Draft Options – Management Flexibility for the Federal For-hire Component of the Red Snapper Fishery – Mr. Rindone (1 hr)
 - a. Presentation (**Tab B, No. 5**)

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM CDT / 11:30 AM – 11:45 AM EDT -----

- VI. Draft – Modifications to Red Snapper Private Recreational Post-Season Accountability Measures – Dr. Suitor (1 hr)
 - a. Presentation (**Tab B, No. 6a**)
 - b. Document (**Tab B, No. 6b**)
- VII. July 2026 SSC Meeting Summary (**Tab B, No. 7**) – Mr. Moncrief (¼ hr)

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CDT / 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EDT -----

- VIII. Draft – Reef Fish Amendment 59A: Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs – Dr. Diagne (1 hr)
 - a. Draft Document (**Tab B, No. 8**)
- IX. Discussion: Decision Points for Red Snapper Catch Limits and Allocations – Dr. Froeschke and Mr. Rindone (**Tab B, No. 9**) (1 hr)

----- Break 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM CDT / 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM EDT -----

- X. Public Hearing Draft – Reef Fish Amendment 55/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44: Mutton Snapper and Yellowtail Snapper Management Measures (**Tab B, No. 10**) – Mr. Rindone (1 hr)

- XI. Discussion of Exempted Fishing Permits – Dr. Sweetman (¼ hr)
- a. Louisiana **(Tab B, No. 11a)**
 - i. LDWF Greater Amberjack EFP Application **(Tab B, No. 11ai)**
 - ii. LDWF Greater Amberjack EFP **(Tab B, No. 11aii)**
 - iii. Greater Amberjack EFP Signed Resolution **(Tab B, No. 11aiii)**

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-- Convene on Wednesday, August 25th, 2026, at 8:30 AM CDT / 9:30 AM EDT --

- XII. Overview: Understanding Catch Per Unit Effort from Fishery-Independent and -Dependent Indices of Relative Abundance – Dr. Mike Allen (2 hrs) **(Tab B, No. 12a)**
- b. Presentation: G-FISHER Composite Video Index **(Tab B, No. 12b)** – Dr. Ted Switzer
 - c. Presentation: Red Grouper Commercial CPUE Index **(Tab B, No. 12c)** – Dr. John Walter
 - i. Background: Gulf of America Red Grouper Commercial CPUE nominal index **(Tab B, No. 12ci)**
- XIII. Other Business – Dr. Sweetman

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Members (17)

McCawley/Sweetman, <i>Chair</i>	Marquez
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