

Gulf Council Meeting

August 27, 2026

Priorities and Tasking Schedule

October 2026 Council Meeting

1. **Final Action:** Modifications to Red Snapper Private Recreational Accountability Measures
2. **Revised Draft Shrimp Amendment 20:** Status Determination Criteria for Panaeid Shrimp
3. **Draft Amendment 65:** Regional Management for Greater Amberjack
4. **Public Hearing Draft Reef Fish Amendment 59A:** Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs
5. **SSC Report:** Feedback on MRIP-Fishing Effort Survey Pilot Results

January 2027 Council Meeting

1. **Final Action Amendment 55/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44:** Modifications to Mutton Snapper and Yellowtail Snapper Management Measures
2. **Final Action Reef Fish Amendment 59A:** Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs
3. **Final Action:** Generic Amendment 5 to Modify Essential Fish Habitat
4. **Draft Final:** 5-Year Review of Standardized Bycatch Reporting

Documents to Finalize and Transmit listed in Order

1. **Draft Reef Fish Amendment 63:** Red Grouper Commercial Quota Pool under the Grouper/Tilefish IFQ Program
2. **Generic Amendment:** Modifications to Gulf For-Hire Data Collection Program

Documents in Rulemaking

1. **Reef Fish Framework Action:** Modification to the Recreational For-hire Red Snapper Fishing Season (*Transmitted July 2026*)
2. **Abbreviated Framework Action:** Continuation of Management Measures to Reduce Reef Fish Release Mortality (*Transmitted July 2026*)
3. **Abbreviated Framework Action:** Red Grouper Commercial Quota Retention for 2027 (*Transmitted June 2026*)
4. **Abbreviated Framework:** Catch Limit Modifications for Gulf of America Lane Snapper (*Transmitted June 2026*)
5. **Shrimp Amendment 19:** Shrimp Permit Moratorium (*Transmitted March 2026*)
6. **Reef Fish Amendment 62:** Modifications to Gulf Red Grouper Management Measures (*Transmitted March 2026*)
7. **Reef Fish Framework Action:** Modifications to Other Shallow-water Grouper Complex Management Measures (*Transmitted July 2025*)
8. **Shrimp Framework Action:** Modification of the Shrimp Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of America Shrimp Fishery (*Transmitted January 2026*)
9. **Reef Fish Amendment 58B:** Modifications to Deep-water Grouper Management Measures (*Transmitted February 2026*)
10. **Reef Fish Framework Action:** Modifications to Size Limit for Gulf Lane Snapper (*Transmitted August 2025*)
11. **CMP Framework Amendment 14:** Modifications to Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits in the Gulf of America (*Transmitted March 2026*)
12. **Comprehensive Amendment Addressing Electronic Reporting for Commercial Vessels** (*Transmitted February 2024*)