

Gulf Council Proposed Actions for 2026

Gulf Meeting Dates:						2026					
Action	Start (Mon/Yr)	Rank	Council	Gulf/NMFS Lead	IPT	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	PH Gulf Draft	SA PH Draft	virtual PH / Gulf Final		SA Final	
2 Document to Modify the Private Recreational Red Snapper Post-Season Accountability Measures	04/26	A	Gulf	SG/AS/DL	Yes	Draft		Final			
3 Reef Fish Amendment 59A : Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs	10/23	A	Gulf	AD/DL	Yes	Draft		Draft			PH Draft
4 Generic EFH Amendment	4/19	B	Gulf	SG/	Yes					virtual PHs	Final
5 Amendment 65 : Regional Management of Recreational Greater Amberjack	08/22	B	Gulf	LH/JF	No			Presentation			
6 Reef Fish Amendment 64 : Delegate Federal For-Hire Red Snapper Management to Gulf States	04/25	B	Gulf	AD/JF	No	Presentation					Draft Options
7 Reef Fish Amendment 59B : Active Participation Requirements in IFQ Programs	10/23	B	Gulf	AD/DL	Yes						
8 Shrimp Amendment 20 : Status Determination Criteria Penaeid Shrimp	0426	B	Gulf	MF	No			Draft			Final
9 Amendment 66 : Management Flexibility for the Federal For-hire Component of the Red Snapper Fishery	01/26	B	Gulf	RR/	No	Presentation		Presentation			
10 Reef Fish Amendment 60 : Distribution of Shares Held by NMFS, Recovery and Distribution of IFQ Shares from Inactive Accounts	10/23	C	Gulf	AD/DL	Yes						
11 Reef Fish Amendment x : Red Snapper Private Angling Allocations between Gulf States	04/23	C	Gulf	RR/JF	No	Discuss					
12 Document to consider changes to private recreational red snapper management such as carryover and transfer provisions	04/24	C	Gulf	SG	No						Presentation

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13	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						
14	Reef Fish Amendment X: Sector Allocations and Catch Levels for Red Snapper	01/21	C	Gulf	TBD	No						
15	Revisions to the ABC Control Rule	03/12	C	Gulf	RR/	No						
16	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	Report from Consultants			ETC		
2	Reef Fish Amendment: Develop Framework for Regulatory Streamlining	04/23	B	Gulf	VW/RR/DL	No	Update		Discuss SSC & Presentation			
Completion of Documents and Transmittal Date												
1	New Electronic Reporting Amendment for Charter For-hire	04/23		Gulf	LH/RM	Yes	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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