

**Agenda**  
**Reef Fish Management Committee**

**Gulf Council**

**The Tremont House**  
**Galveston, Texas**

**Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 8:45 AM – 5:30 PM CDT / 9:45 AM – 6:30 PM EDT**

- I. Adoption of Agenda (**Tab B, No. 1**) – Chair
  - II. Approval of August 2026 Minutes (**Tab B, No. 2**) – Chair
  - III. Action Guide and Next Steps (**Tab B, No. 3**) – Mr. Rindone
  - IV. Reef Fish Landings Updates ( $\frac{3}{4}$  hr)
    - a. Federal Landings Update – Mr. Helies
      - i. IFQ (**Tab B, No. 4ai**)
      - ii. Reef Fish (**Tab B, No. 4aii**)
    - b. Florida Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack Landings (**Tab B, No. 4b**) – Dr. Sweetman
    - c. Alabama Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack Landings (**Tab B, No. 4c**) – Mr. Anson
    - d. Mississippi Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack Landings (**Tab B, No. 4d**) – Gen. Spraggins
    - e. Louisiana Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack Landings (**Tab B, No. 4e**) – Mr. Schieble
    - f. Texas Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack Landings (**Tab B, No. 4f**) – Mr. Geeslin
  - V. **FINAL ACTION** – Reef Fish Amendment 55/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44: Mutton Snapper and Yellowtail Snapper Management Measures – Mr. Rindone ( $\frac{1}{2}$  hr)
    - a. Public Comments Received (**Tab B, No. 5a**)
    - b. Document (**Tab B, No. 5b**)
    - c. Proposed Codified Text (**Tab B, No. 5c**)
- Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM CDT / 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM EDT -----**
- VI. **FINAL ACTION** – Modifications to Red Snapper Private Recreational Post-Season Accountability Measures – Dr. Suitor (1 hr)
    - a. Public Comments Received (**Tab B, No. 6a**)
    - b. Document (**Tab B, No. 6b**)
    - c. Proposed Codified Text (**Tab B, No. 6c**)
  - VII. Draft Options – Management Flexibility for the Federal For-Hire Component of the Red Snapper Fishery – Mr. Rindone ( $\frac{3}{4}$  hr)
    - a. Presentation (**Tab B, No. 7**)

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

- VIII. Presentation – Greater Amberjack Count – Dr. Sean Powers and Dr. Mark Albins (1 hr)
  - a. Presentation (**Tab B, No. 8a**)
  - b. Project Summary Report (**Tab B, No. 8b**)
- IX. Draft – Reef Fish Amendment 65 – Regional Management of Recreational Greater Amberjack – Dr. Hollensead (1 hr)
  - a. Presentation (**Tab B, No. 9**)

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

- X. September 2026 SSC Meeting Summary (**Tab B, No. 10a**) and Presentation (**Tab B, No. 10b**) – Mr. Moncrief (½ hr)
- XI. Draft – Reef Fish Amendment 59A: Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs – Dr. Diagne (1 hr)
  - a. Document (**Tab B, No. 11a**)
  - b. Presentation (**Tab B, No. 11b**)
- XII. Discussion of Exempted Fishing Permits – Chair (¼ hr)
  - a. RESTORE Gulf Fish Spawning Aggregations
- XIII. Other Business – Chair

-- Adjourn on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5:30 PM CDT / 6:30 PM EDT --

#### **Proposed Members (17)**

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| McCawley/Sweetman, Chair      | Marquez           |
| Montegut/Schieble, Vice Chair | Osborne           |
| Allen                         | Overton           |
| Anson                         | Riechers/Geeslin  |
| Ballard                       | Sanchez           |
| Banks                         | Spraggins/Burris  |
| Broussard                     | Strelcheck/Helies |
| Dugas                         | Walker            |
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