Gulf Council Meeting

October 29, 2026

Priorities and Tasking Schedule

January 2027 Council Meeting

1. **Public Hearing Draft Reef Fish Amendment 59A**: Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs
2. **Draft Reef Fish Amendment 67***:* Modify Catch Levels and Status Determination Criteria for Gulf Hogfish
3. **Final Action:** Generic Amendment 5 to Modify Essential Fish Habitat
4. **Draft Final:** 5-Year Review of Standardized Bycatch Reporting
5. **Presentation:** Changes to Private Recreational Management such as Carryover and Transfer Provisions
6. **Red Snapper Allocation Workgroup:** Status update and outcomes
7. **Protected Resources Workgroup:** Recommendations and report
8. **Regulatory Streamlining:** *Draft Options*

April 2027 Council Meeting

1. **Draft Framework Action***:* Red Snapper Calibration Update for Mississippi
2. **Draft Amendment 65:** Regional Management for Greater Amberjack
3. **Final Action Reef Fish Amendment 59A**: Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs
4. **Public Hearing Draft Reef Fish Amendment 67***:* Modify Catch Levels and Status Determination Criteria for Gulf Hogfish
5. **Public Hearing Draft Shrimp Amendment 20:** Status Determination Criteria for Penaeid Shrimp

Documents to Finalize and Transmit listed in Order

1. **Reef Fish Amendment 55/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44:** Modifications to Mutton Snapper and Yellowtail Snapper Management Measures
2. **Framework Action:** Modifications to Red Snapper Private Recreational Accountability Measures
3. **Generic Amendment:** Modifications to Gulf For-Hire Data Collection Program

Documents in Rulemaking

1. **Reef Fish Amendment 63:** Red Grouper Commercial Quota Pool under the Grouper/Tilefish IFQ Program (*Transmitted September* 2026)
2. **Reef Fish Framework Action**: Modification to the Recreational For-hire Red Snapper Fishing Season (*Transmitted July 2026)*
3. **Abbreviated Framework Action**: Continuation of Management Measures to Reduce Reef Fish Release Mortality (*Transmitted July 2026*)
4. **Abbreviated Framework Action:** Red Grouper Commercial Quota Retention for 2027 (*Transmitted June 2026)*
5. ***Abbreviated Framework:*** *Catch Limit Modifications for Gulf of America Lane Snapper (Transmitted June 2026)*
6. **Shrimp Amendment 19:** Shrimp Permit Moratorium (*Transmitted March 2026*)
7. **Shrimp Framework Action:** Modification of the Shrimp Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of America Shrimp Fishery (*Transmitted January 2026)*
8. **Reef Fish Amendment 58B**: Modifications to Deep-water Grouper Management Measures (*Transmitted February 2026*)
9. **Reef Fish Framework Action**: Modifications to Size Limit for Gulf Lane Snapper (*Transmitted August 2025; combined rulemaking with #5*)
10. **CMP Framework Amendment 14:** Modifications to Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits in the Gulf of America (*Transmitted March 2026*)

11. **Comprehensive Amendment Addressing Electronic Reporting for Commercial Vessels** (*Transmitted February 2024*)