Administrative Policy

Motion: To accept the SEDAR Policies and Procedures as written in Tab O, No. 3.

Motion carried.

Motion: To accept the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council’s guidelines for SEDAR Administrative Approval Process in Tab O, No. 4(a) and Tab O, No. 4(b).

Motion carried.

Motion: To adopt the change in language regarding Council advisory groups.

Motion carried.

Advisory Panel Selection

Motion: To appoint the following candidates to the Ad Hoc Headboat Advisory Panel:
   Evonn Caraway
   Scott Hickman

Motion carried.

Motion: To appoint Ed Sapp to the Reef Fish Advisory Panel and Spiny Lobster Advisory Panel, and to appoint Joe Hendrix to the Ad Hoc Aquaculture Advisory Panel.

Motion carried.

Budget/Personnel

Motion: To eliminate quarterly budget reports and associated committee meetings and return to an annual budget review and approval meeting.

Motion carried.
**Data Collection**

Motion: To create an ad hoc advisory panel to provide guidance relative to the collection of private recreational angler data.

Motion carried.

Motion: To request that staff develop the mechanisms necessary for implementation of electronic reporting for the headboat industry in concert with the Science Center and bring back to the Council at its October 2011 meeting.

Motion carried.

Motion: To request that an MRIP program representative attend the October 2011 Council meeting and provide an update on the MRIP process.

Motion carried.

**Mackerel**

Motion: To approve the changes in the appropriate sections that add acceptable biological catch (ABC) and annual catch limit (ACL) for Gulf group king mackerel in 2013.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 18, that it be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation, and that the regulations be deemed necessary and appropriate.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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Motion: To approve Action 4 to the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 (Tab C, No. 6(b)), that it be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation, and that the regulations (Tab C, No. 6(c)) be deemed necessary and appropriate.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Dr. Shipp   Yes  Ms. Williams   Yes  Mr. Riley   Abstain
Dr. Crabtree Yes  Mr. McKnight   Yes  Mr. Pearce  Yes
Mr. Riechers Yes  Mr. Greene    Yes  Dr. Dana    Abstain
Mr. Gill    Yes  Dr. McIlwain   Yes  Mr. Perret  Yes
Dr. Abele   Yes  Mr. Teehan    Yes  Mr. Boyd    Yes
Mr. Anson   Yes  Mr. Fischer   Yes

**Outreach & Education**

Motion: To approve of the Five-Year Strategic Communications Plan.

Motion carried.

Motion: To request that staff develop a crisis communication plan.

Motion carried.

Motion: To have staff explore the development of a baseline survey and follow up surveys to measure the outcomes of the Strategic Plan.

Motion carried.

**Reef Fish**

**Regulatory Amendment for Red Grouper Total Allowable Catch**

Motion: In Action 1, that the second sentence in both Alternative 2 and Alternative 3 be changed to read:

“The increases in TAC are contingent upon the TAC not being exceeded in previous years.”

Motion carried.
Motion: To forward the Red Grouper Regulatory Amendment to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation and to deem the proposed regulations necessary and appropriate.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Mr. Greene    Yes  Dr. Shipp    Yes  Mr. Riley    Yes
Mr. Riechers  Yes  Ms. Williams Yes  Mr. Gill    Yes
Mr. Anson     Yes  Mr. Pearce    Yes  Mr. Perret Yes
Dr. Abele     Yes  Dr. Dana     Yes  Dr. McIlwain Yes
Dr. Crabtree  Yes  Mr. Boyd     Yes  Mr. Teehan Yes
Mr. McKnight  Yes  Mr. Fischer  Yes

**Reef Fish Amendment 32**

Motion: To revise the yield stream in Action 3, Preferred Alternative 2 to reflect decreasing dead discard buffer with increasing biomass as follows:

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Motion failed.

Motion: In Action 6, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 1, no action, do not create additional time and area closures that prohibit fishing for gag and other reef fishes.

Motion carried.

Motion: To forward Amendment 32 to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation and to deem the regulations necessary and appropriate.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Dr. Abele     Yes  Dr. Dana     Yes  Mr. Pearce  Yes
Mr. Teehan    Yes  Mr. McKnight Yes  Mr. Boyd   Yes
Mr. Perret    Yes  Dr. McIlwain Yes  Ms. Williams Yes
Mr. Riechers  Yes  Mr. Greene     Yes  Dr. Shipp Yes
Mr. Anson     Yes  Mr. Fischer   Yes  Mr. Riley  Yes
Mr. Gill      Yes  Dr. Crabtree Yes
Regulatory Amendment for Fall Red Snapper Season

Motion: In Action 1, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3.

**Alternative 3:** Extend the recreational red snapper open season through December 31.

Motion carried.

Motion: To split Action 2 into two separate actions, one for the current season and one for the supplemental season.

Motion carried.

Motion: To direct staff to develop a plan amendment to look into sector specific payback provisions for overages for the red snapper fishery.

Motion carried.

Motion: That the Regulatory Amendment for Fall Red Snapper Season include alternatives for annual catch targets and buffers for the recreational fishery designed to reduce the likelihood of their exceeding their quota.

Motion carried.

Motion: That staff develop a plan amendment that will include alternatives that consider the trading of allocation between sectors, and that also consider alternatives that allow shifts of allocation as a fishery rebuilds.

Motion carried.
Amendment 35 – Greater Amberjack

Motion: In Action 1, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3, Option b.

**Alternative 3:** Modify the rebuilding plan for greater amberjack using the Gulf Council’s Preferred ACL/ACT Control Rule established in the Generic ACL/AM Amendment. Using these methods Option a: would set stock ACL = 1,539,000 pounds ww as reduced from ABC for a period of three years beginning in 2012. Option b: would set the ACL = ABC = 1,780,000 pounds ww and ACT = 1,539,000 pounds ww as reduced from ACL for a period of three years beginning in 2012. Based on the 27% commercial and 73% recreational allocation of greater amberjack the sector quotas are as follows:

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Motion carried.

Motion: In Action 1, to move Alternative 4 to the considered but rejected section.

**Alternative 4:** Modify the rebuilding plan for greater amberjack based on information in the 2011 Update Assessment. In 2009 the fishing mortality rate was estimated at 0.609 and needs to be reduced to 0.333 (approximately 55%). Using these methods **Option a:** would set the stock ACL = 1,220,000 pounds ww as reduced from ABC for a period of three years beginning in 2012. **Option b:** would set the ACL = ABC= 1,780,000 pounds ww and ACT = 1,200,000 pounds ww as reduced from ACL for a period of three years beginning in 2012. Based on the 27% commercial and 73% recreational allocation of greater amberjack the sector quotas are as follows:

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Motion carried.

Motion: In Action 2.3, to add a new alternative that would have the fishery reopen from the fixed seasonal closure when red snapper closes.

Motion carried.

Substitute motion: To close amberjack season on June 1 and reopen amberjack season on July 24.

Substitute motion withdrawn.
Motion: To add a new alternative to close amberjack season on June 1 and reopen amberjack season on July 24.

Motion carried.

Motion: To move Option d and Option e in Action 3, Alternative 2, to the considered but rejected section.

Alternative 2: Establish commercial greater amberjack trip limit and maintain March 1-May 31 closed season.

Option a: No Trip Limit
Option b: Establish a 2,000 pound whole weight trip limit for greater amberjack.
Option c: Establish a 1,500 pound whole weight trip limit for greater amberjack.
Option d: Establish a 1,500 pound whole weight trip limit to August 31, and 1,000 pound trip limit from September 1-December 31.
Option e: Establish a 1,500 pound whole weight trip limit to September 31, and 1,000 pound trip limit from October 1- December 31.
Option f: Establish a 1,000 pound whole weight trip limit for greater amberjack.

Motion carried.

Motion: In Action 3, Alternative 2, to add a trip limit option of 500 lbs.

Motion carried.

Motion: To hold public hearings for Greater Amberjack Amendment 35 in the following locations:
- Panama City, FL
- Tampa, FL
- Biloxi area, MS
- Galveston, TX
- Port Aransas, TX
- Kenner, LA
- Orange Beach, AL

Motion carried.

Other Reef Fish Motions

Motion: To develop a plan amendment to address changes to the red snapper IFQ program using the Ad Hoc Red Snapper IFQ Five-Year Review Advisory Panel’s July 2011 report as guidance.

Motion carried.
Motion: To initiate a plan amendment that defines that IFQ shares/allocations can be transferred for the red snapper IFQ program only to individuals/vessels with a valid commercial reef fish permit. Eligible individuals must be persons who are U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens.

Motion carried.

Motion: To initiate a plan amendment to incorporate the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commercial Reef Fish Advisory Panel to establish a catch share program utilizing the proposed species including vermilion snapper, amberjacks, gray triggerfish, lesser amberjacks, almaco, banded rudderfish, as well as include red porgy. This program may be added to an existing program or stand alone, as appropriate.

Motion carried.

Motion: That the Council urge the Science Center to provide as much updated information as possible to the SSC by the end of this year in order for the SSC to reevaluate the stock assessment for red snapper at their February 2012 meeting.

Motion carried.

Motion: That the Council urge the SEDAR Steering Committee to schedule a standard red snapper stock assessment in 2012 with a benchmark assessment to be completed in 2013.

Motion carried.

Motion: To direct staff to prepare an options paper relative to the for-hire permits.

Motion carried.

Motion: To request that staff begin developing an options paper to require dealer permits and the necessary requirements for electronic reporting.

Motion carried.

**Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem**

**Generic ACL/AM Amendment**

Motion: In Action 7.4, that the preferred alternative be changed to Alternative 2.

**Alternative 2.** Using the Gulf Council’s allocated acceptable biological catch (ABC) and divide the annual catch limit (ACL) between the commercial and recreational sector based on average landings from 1986-2008: Recreational = 18% of ACL and Commercial = 82% of ACL.
Substitute motion: In Action 7.4, that the preferred alternative be alternative 4.

**Alternative 4.** Using the Gulf Council’s allocated acceptable biological catch (ABC) and divide the annual catch limit between the commercial and recreational sector based on average landings from 2004-2008: Recreational = 27% of ACL and Commercial = 73% of ACL.

Substitute motion carried.

Motion: That the Generic ACL/AM Amendment be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for review and deem the regulations as necessary and appropriate.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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**Other Motions**

Motion: That the SSC Selection Committee review all Science and Statistical Committees (SSCs) for best structure, hierarchy, composition, charge, and reporting mechanism to Council and make recommendations, including changes to the SOPPs, to Council for appropriate improvements.

Motion carried.

Motion: To hold the elections for chair and vice chair.

Motion carried.

Motion: To nominate Doug Boyd as vice chair.

Motion carried by acclamation.

Motion: To nominate Bob Gill as chair.

Motion carried by acclamation.

Motion: To recommend approval of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Exempted Fishing Permit.

Motion carried.
Motion: To recommend approval of the Texas Tech University Exempted Fishing Permit request.

Motion carried.

Motion: To convene the Coral SSC to help plan the Coral workshop and assist with the search to fill the Coral GIS position.

Motion carried.