

List of Amendments, Dates, and Actions

| Description of Action | FMP/Amendment | Year Implemented |
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| Set a 12-inch total length minimum size limit on gray, mutton, and yellowtail snappers; gray snapper included in the 10 reef fish recreational aggregate bag limit | Amendment 1 | 1990 |
| Commercial reef fish permit moratorium established for three years | Amendment 4 | 1992 |
| Fish trap endorsement and three year moratorium established | Amendment 5 | 1994 |
| Extended commercial reef fish permit moratorium until January 1996. | Amendment 9 | 1994 |
| Commercial reef fish permit moratorium extended until December 30, 2000. Reef fish permit requirement established for headboats and charter vessels. | Amendment 11 | 1996 |
| Gray snapper included in the 20 reef fish recreational aggregate bag limit | Amendment 12 | 1997 |
| 10-year phase-out of fish traps in EEZ established (February 7, 1997 – February 7, 2007). | Amendment 14 | 1997 |
| Commercial reef fish permit moratorium extended until December 31, 2005. | Amendment 17 | 2000 |
| (1) Prohibits vessels from retaining reef fish caught under recreational bag/possession limits when commercial quantities of Gulf reef fish are aboard, (2) adjusts the maximum crew size on charter vessels that also have a commercial reef fish permit and a USCG certificate of inspection (COI) to allow the minimum crew size specified by the COI when the vessel is fishing commercially for more than 12 hours, (3) prohibits the use of reef fish for bait except for sand perch or dwarf sand perch, and (4) requires electronic VMS aboard vessels with federal reef fish permits, including vessels with both commercial and charter vessel permits (implemented May 6, 2007). | Amendment 18A | 2006 |
| Also known as Generic Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment 2. Established two marine reserves off the Dry Tortugas where fishing for any species and anchoring by fishing vessels is prohibited. | Amendment 19 | 2002 |
| 3-year moratorium on reef fish charter/headboat permits established | Amendment 20 | 2003 |

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| Continued the Steamboat Lumps and Madison-Swanson reserves for an additional six years, until June 2010. In combination with the initial four-year period (June 2000-June 2004), this allowed a total of ten years in which to evaluate the effects of these reserves. | Amendment 21 | 2003 |
| Permanent moratorium established for commercial reef fish permits. | Amendment 24 | 2005 |
| Permanent moratorium established for charter and headboat reef fish permits, with periodic reviews at least every 10 years. | Amendment 25 | 2006 |
| Addressed the use of non-stainless steel circle hooks when using natural baits to fish for Gulf reef fish effective June 1, 2008, and required the use of venting tools and dehooking devices when participating in the commercial or recreational reef fish fisheries effective June 1, 2008. | Amendment 27 | 2008 |
| Established additional restrictions on the use of bottom longline gear in the eastern Gulf of Mexico in order to reduce bycatch of endangered sea turtles, particularly loggerhead sea turtles. (1) Prohibits the use of bottom longline gear shoreward of a line approximating the 35-fathom contour from June through August; (2) reduces the number of longline vessels operating in the fishery through an endorsement provided only to vessel permits with a demonstrated history of landings, on average, of at least 40,000 pounds of reef fish annually with fish traps or longline gear during 1999-2007; and (3) restricts the total number of hooks that may be possessed onboard each reef fish bottom longline vessel to 1,000, only 750 of which may be rigged for fishing. The boundary line was initially moved from 20 to 50 fathoms by emergency rule effective May 18, 2009. That rule was replaced on October 16, 2009 by a rule under the Endangered Species Act moving the boundary to 35 fathoms and implementing the maximum hook provisions. | Amendment 31 | 2010 |

Table 2.4.6. Quota Calculation Details

If the stock is managed by an annual catch limit (ACL), please provide the following information (millions of pounds, whole weight):

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| Current ACL Value | 2.42 mp ww |
| Next Scheduled Quota Change | - |
| Annual or averaged quota? | Annual |
| If averaged, number of years to average | - |
| Does the quota include bycatch/discard? | Yes |

The ACL (2.42 mp ww) and ACT (2.08 mp ww) for gray snapper were determined in the 2011 Generic ACL AM Amendment, and include landings and discards.

2.5. Management and Regulatory Timeline**Tables 2.5.1. Pertinent Federal management information.**

Harvest Restrictions: Trip Limits

| First Yr In Effect | Effective Date | End Date | Fishery | Bag Limit Per Person/Day | Bag Limit Per Boat/Day | Region Affected | FR Reference | Amendment Number or Rule Type |
|--------------------|----------------|----------|---------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 1990 | 4/23/90 | 1/14/97 | Rec | 10 reef fish aggregate limit | NA | Gulf of Mexico EEZ | 55 FR 2078 | Reef Fish Amendment 1 |
| 1997 | 1/15/97 | Ongoing | Rec | 20 reef fish aggregate limit | NA | Gulf of Mexico EEZ | 61 FR 65983 | Reef Fish Amendment 12 |

Harvest Restrictions: Size Limits

| First Yr In Effect | Effective Date | End Date | Fishery | Size Length | Length Type | Region Affected | FR Reference | Amendment Number or Rule Type |
|--------------------|----------------|----------|---------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 1990 | 4/23/90 | 12/31/08 | Both | 12" | Total Length | Gulf of Mexico EEZ | 55 FR 2078 | Reef Fish Amendment 1 |

Quota History:

| First Yr In Effect | Effective Date | End Date | ACL | ACT | Region Affected | FR Reference | Amendment Number or Rule Type |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 2012 | 1/30/12 | Ongoing | 2.42 mp ww ¹ | 2.08 mp ww ¹ | Gulf of Mexico EEZ | 76 FR 82043 | Generic ACL/AM Amendment |

¹Combined commercial and recreational ACL and ACT; no sector allocations