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Today, The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council took final action on Reef Fish Amendment 50: State Management for Recreational Red Snapper. The leadership and hard work by many on this issue is very well appreciated by The Charter Fisherman's Association.

The action chose to allow the 5 respective Gulf States to manage their own private angling component of Recreational Red Snapper.

Meaning the federally permitted, charter-for-hire sector will remain under federal management, and be able to work towards advancing charter for-hire solutions.

This final action also removes the Sunset Provision placed on Amendment 40: Sector Separation.

The suggested management changes will be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for approval and implementation.

The Charter Fisherman's Association is very pleased with the actions taken by the Gulf Council, and looks forward to continuing to work with the Gulf Council and National Marine Fisheries Service to improve accountability, data collection, while maintaining a sustainable fishery for future generations to come.

The Charter Fisherman's Association is the largest trade association of federally permitted charter and head boat fishermen in the Gulf of Mexico. The for-hire fishing sector provides access to millions of recreational fishermen in the Gulf of Mexico every year.

