



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Bonnie Ponwith, Ph.D., Director  
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Dear Dr. Ponwith:

During its August 2014 meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) made a motion to recommend that the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Steering Committee change the slot in 2016 currently scheduled for red drum to a data poor assessment, which will include red drum and other high priority species as designated by the Council:

Motion: To recommend that the SEDAR Steering Committee change the slot in 2016 currently scheduled for red drum to a data poor assessment, which will include red drum and other high priority species as designated by the Council.

Motion carried with no opposition.

The Council is aware of ongoing research on red drum in the Gulf of Mexico, but acknowledges that assessing red drum in tandem with other data-limited species may prove to be a better application of limited analytical capabilities.

If you have any questions about this recommendation, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Doug Gregory".

Doug Gregory, Executive Director  
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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cc: All Technical Staff  
SEDAR Steering Committee  
Gulf Council