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Please find attached the CZMA letter for a Framework to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf, Catch Limit Modifications for Gulf of America Lane Snapper.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Mr. Scott Brown, Program Chief  
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Dear Mr. Brown:

This is to advise you of a proposed federal action and the conclusion of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on the consistency of such action with the provisions of your state's Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) in accordance with the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). Pursuant to the action requested by the Gulf Council (Council), NMFS would promulgate regulations to modify the stock annual catch limit from 1,088,873 pounds (lb) whole weight (ww) to 1,304,917 lb ww for Gulf of America lane snapper. The Gulf Council approved this Framework Action for review and implementation at their April 2026 meeting. These regulations are based on the most recent stock assessment and recommendations from the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee, and are consistent with the best scientific information available. The Framework Action can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/modifications-size-limit-and-catch-limits-gulf-lane-snapper>.

This letter is submitted pursuant to provisions of 15 CFR Section 930, Subpart C "Consistency for Federal Agency Activities" and Section 307 of the CZMA of 1972, as amended. We have reviewed the proposed action with regard to the provisions of your state's CZMP and determined this action is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of that program. We are requesting you advise us of your agreement or disagreement with our determination in accordance with the provisions of 15 CFR Section 930.39. In the event there is no response from your agency within 60 days of receipt of this letter, we will presume your agency's concurrence with our determination of consistency in accordance with 15 CFR Section 930.41.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelli O'Donnell at (727) 824-5305 or [kelli.odonnell@noaa.gov](mailto:kelli.odonnell@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

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cc: Chris Blankenship  
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