



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

Managing Fishery Resources in the U.S. Federal Waters of the Gulf of Mexico

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

April 16 - 20, 2018

Marriott Courtyard

Coastal Ballroom

Gulfport, Mississippi

Monday, April 16 – Full Council

8:00 am – 11:30 am & 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm: Closed Session – Ms. Bosarge

- Executive Director Applicant Interviews
- Selection of 2017 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
- Selection of Shrimp AP Members
- Selection of Reef Fish AP Members

– Recess –

Tuesday, April 17 – Committee Sessions

8:30 am – 9:00 am: Coral Committee (Tab N) – Dr. Frazer

- Review of Public Hearing Draft for Coral Amendment 9

9:00 am – 9:30 am: Shrimp Committee (Tab D) – Mr. Diaz

- Review of the Updated Stock Assessments
- Biological Review of the Texas Closure
- Summary of the Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting

9:30 am – 10:00 am: Mackerel Committee (Tab C) – Dr. Frazer

- Review of the South Atlantic Council Amendment 31: Atlantic Cobia Management

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break-----

10:15 am – 10:45 am: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) – Dr. Mickle

- Review of Grant Expenditures and Anticipated Budget Activities and Funding

10:45 am – 11:45 am: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Dr. Mickle

- Revised Policy Statement on the Use of Descending Tools and Venting Devices
- 5-year Review on Inclusion/Exclusion of Species and Species Groupings in Fishery Management Plans
- Discussion of Historical Captain Permits

11:45 am – 1:30 pm: Lunch -----

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Cpt. Greene

- Review of Reef Fish Landings
- Update on State Management of Recreational Red Snapper EFPs
- Public Hearing Draft – Joint Reef Fish Amendment 48/Red Drum 4 – Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Break-----

3:45 pm – 5:45 pm: Reef Fish Management Committee continued

- State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper

– Recess –

Wednesday, April 18 – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm: Reef Fish Management Committee continued (Tab B) – Cpt. Greene

- Recreational data challenges and potential SAFMC responses
- Commercial Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Programs

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break-----

- Options paper – Framework Action – Greater Amberjack Recreational Bag Limits, Seasonal Quotas, and Commercial Trip Limits

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch -----

- Decision Tool for Amendment 42
- Amendment 42 – Reef Fish Management for Headboat Survey Vessels

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm: Break-----

- Decision Tool for Amendment 41
- Amendment 41 – Allocation-based Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels
- SSC Summary Report

– Recess –

Question and Answer Session with SERO Regional Administrator, Dr. Roy Crabtree, Immediately Following the Reef Fish Committee.

Thursday, April 19 – Council Session

- I. **8:30 am – 8:35 am:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions –
Ms. Bosarge
- II. **8:35 am – 8:40 am:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Ms. Bosarge*
- III. **8:40 am – 10:10 am: Presentations**
 - Mississippi Law Enforcement (**Tab A, No. 7**) – *Sgt. Carron*

- Law Enforcement Technical Committee Summary Items (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Mr. Atran*
- Regulatory Review (**Tab A, No. 9**) – *Dr. Simmons/Ms. Gerhart*
- Highly Migratory Species Presentation on Shortfin Mako (**Tab A, No. 10**) – *HMS staff*

10:10 am – 10:25 am: Break-----

- IV. **10:25 am – 11:30 am:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications (**Tab S**) – *Dr. Crabtree/Ms. Bosarge*
- V. **11:30 am – 11:45 am:** Review of Public Comments on EFP Applications (**Tab S**) – *Ms. Muehlstein*

11:45 am – 12:30 pm: Lunch Provided for Council and Staff Members -----

- VI. **12:30 pm – 3:30 pm:** Public Comment **ii, iii, iv, v** – *Ms. Bosarge*
 - A. Open Testimony on Fishery Issues or Concerns

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Break-----

- VII. Committee Reports:
 - A. **3:45 pm – 4:00 pm:** Coral (**Tab N**) – *Dr. Frazer*
 - B. **4:00 pm – 4:15 pm:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Mr. Diaz*
 - C. **4:15 pm – 4:30 pm:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Dr. Frazer*
 - D. **4:30 pm – 4:45 pm:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – *Dr. Mickle*

– Recess –

Friday, April 20 – Council Session Continued

- VIII. Committee Reports:
 - E. **8:00 am – 10:30 am:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Cpt. Greene*
 - F. **10:30 am – 10:45 am:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Dr. Mickle*

10:45 am – 11:00 am: – Break/Hotel Check Out -----

- IX. **11:00 am – 11:05 am:** Announcement of 2017 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (**Tab T**) – *Mr. Boyd*
- X. **11:05 am – 11:30 am:** Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications (**Tab S**) – *Ms. Bosarge*
- XI. **11:30 am – 12:00 pm:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Ms. Bosarge*
 - South Atlantic Council Liaison
 - Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Department of State
- XII. **12:00 pm – 12:30 pm:** Other Business – *Ms. Bosarge*

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

**June 18th – 21st
Marriott Key West
Key West, Florida**

ⁱ The established times for addressing items on the Council agendas, except for those setting times for public comment, may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items.

ⁱⁱ Persons wishing to give public testimony must register at the registration kiosk in the meeting room before the beginning of the public comment period. During public comment the Council will hear testimony related to final actions of the Council and pertinent agenda items. Time constraints may limit individual speaking time as determined by the presiding officer.

ⁱⁱⁱ Any oral or written statement shall include a brief description of the background and interests of the person testifying and the source and date of any specific information. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or information can do so by emailing it to gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org. All written comments will be posted on the Council's website for viewing by Council members and the public.

To help ensure that Council members have sufficient time to consider your written testimony, please submit your comments at least three business days prior to the start of the Council meeting.

^{iv} Oral or written communications provided to the Council are public documents. These communications will be made available to the public in their entirety and maintained by the Council as part of its permanent record. Further, knowingly and willfully submitting false information to the Council is a violation of Federal law.

^v Anyone wishing to use electronic visual aids during public testimony must provide staff with a copy of the material at least one hour before comment begins to allow for a virus scan of said material.