



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

## Committees Schedule & Council Agenda<sup>i</sup>

Naples Grand Beach Resort  
Orchid Ballroom  
Naples, Florida  
June 5-8, 2017

### Monday, June 5, 2017 – Committee Sessions

**8:00 am – 8:30 am: Closed Session – Full Council (Tab T)** – Leann Bosarge, *Chair*

- Appointments to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Advisory Panel
- Appointments to the Red Drum Advisory Panel

**8:30 am – 9:30 am: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G)** – Robin Riechers, *Vice-Chair*

- Approval of Final 2017 Budget Funding
- Review of MSA Legislation: H.R. 200 & H.R. 2023 Potential Impacts

**9:30 – 10:30 am: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E)** – David Walker, *Chair*

- Florida Sea Grant Presentation on Barotrauma
- Options Paper – Framework Action to Require Possession of Descending Devices or Venting Tools on Board Vessels Possessing Reef Fish
- Options Paper – Carryover of Unharvested Quota and SSC Recommendations

**10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break**-----

**10:45 am – 12:00 pm: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I)** – Leann Bosarge, *Chair*

- SEDAR Steering Committee May 2017 Meeting Summary
- SEDAR Assessment Schedule
- Draft Letter on NOAA's Updated Stock Assessment Improvement Plan

**– Recess –**

**1:30 pm – 2:30 pm: Spiny Lobster Committee (Tab K)** – Martha Guyas, *Chair*

- Final Joint Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4

**2:30 pm – 4:00 pm: Joint Coral/Habitat Protection & Restoration Committees (Tab N)** – John Sanchez and Dale Diaz *Chairs*

- Review Options Paper for Coral Amendment 9

**4:00 pm – 4:15 pm: Break**-----

**4:15 pm – 5:15 pm: Reef Fish Management Committee (Tab B)** – Johnny Greene, *Chair*

- Final Action – Amendment 44 – Minimum Stock Size Threshold for Reef Fish Stocks

- Final Action – Amendment 47 – Vermilion Snapper MSY Proxy and ACL

– Recess –

**Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Committee Sessions Continued**

**8:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm: Reef Fish Management Committee (Tab B)** – Johnny Greene, *Chair*

- Final Action – Abbreviated Framework Action to Modify the Number of Unrigged Hooks Carried Onboard Bottom Longline Vessels
- Draft – Framework Action to Modify the ACT for Red Snapper Federal for- hire and Private Angler Components
- Draft – Framework Action - Greater Amberjack ACL and Management Measures
- Report of the Ad Hoc Red Snapper Private Angler AP
- Discussion - Red Snapper Allocation Issues
- Options Paper – Amendment 36B – Commercial Reef Fish IFQ Modifications
- Revised Draft Amendment 41 – Federal Charter-for-Hire Red Snapper Management
- Draft Amendment 42 – Federal Reef Fish Headboat Management

– Recess –

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

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – Committee Sessions Continued**

**8:30 am – 10:00 am: Data Collection Committee (Tab F)** – Greg Stunz, *Chair*

- Presentation on Procedures by Gulf states to Estimate Recreational Landings
- Review of Draft Comments on MRIP Strategic Plan

**10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break-----**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – Full Council Session**

- I. **10:15 am – 10:20 am:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – Bosarge
- II. **10:20 am – 10:25 am:** Adoption of Agenda<sup>i</sup> and Approval of Minutes (Tab A, No. 3 & 4) – Bosarge
- III. **10:25 am – 11:00 am:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, if any (Tab S) – Crabtree/Bosarge
- IV. **11:00 am – 12:00 pm:** Presentations
  - Florida Law Enforcement (Tab A, No. 8) - Pearce
  - Coral Reef Conservation Program (CRCP) Report (Tab A, No.9) - Schoonard
  - Summary of Anecdotal Data Efforts (Tab A, No.10) – Muehlstein

– Recess –

- V. **1:30 pm – 5:30 pm:** Public Comment **ii, iii, iv, v** – Bosarge
- A. Agenda Testimony
- Final Action – Amendment 44 – Minimum Stock Size Threshold for Reef Fish Stocks
  - Final Action – Amendment 47 – Vermilion Snapper MSY Proxy and ACL
  - Final Action – Abbreviated Framework Action to Modify the Number of Unrigged Hooks Carried Onboard Bottom Longline Vessels
  - Final Action – Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 4 to Increase Spiny Lobster Annual Catch Limits and Triggers
- B. Open Testimony on any Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

**Thursday, June 8, 2017 – Council Session Continued**

VI. **Committee Reports**

- A. **8:30 am – 10:30 am:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – Green
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break-----**
- B. **10:45 am – 11:00 am:** Gulf SEDAR (**Tab I**) – Bosarge
- C. **11:00 am – 11:15 am:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – Riechers
- D. **11:15 am – 11:30 am:** Spiny Lobster (**Tab K**) – Guyas

– Recess –

- E. **1:00 pm – 1:30 pm:** Joint Coral/Habitat Protection & Restoration (**Tab N**) - Sanchez/Diaz
- F. **1:30 pm – 1:45 pm:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – Stunz
- G. **1:45 pm – 2:00 pm:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) - Walker
- H. **2:00 pm – 2:15 pm:** Announce Advisory Panel Members (**Tab T**) – Bosarge
- I. **2:15 pm – 2:30 pm:** Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, if Any (**Tab S**) – Bosarge
- VII. **2:30 pm – 3:00 pm:** Supporting Agencies Update – (**Tab R**) - Bosarge
- South Atlantic Council Liaison
  - Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
  - U.S. Coast Guard

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Department of State

VIII. **3:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Other Business – Bosarge**

– **Adjourn** –

**Next Meeting**

**August 7-11, 2017  
Marriott Plaza San Antonio  
San Antonio, TX**

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<sup>i</sup> 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.

<sup>ii</sup> 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.

<sup>iii</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

<sup>iv</sup> 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.

<sup>v</sup> 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.