



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 1- 4, 2019

IP Casino & Resort – Ballroom A
Biloxi, Mississippi

Monday, April 1 – Full Council

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Closed Session (Tab T) – Dr. Frazer

- Selection of Data Collection Advisory Panel Members
- Selection of Coral Advisory Panel Members
- Selection of 2018 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
- 2015-2018 Funding and Expenditures

----- Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM -----

Monday, April 1 – Committee Sessions

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) – Mr. Boyd

- Review of 2019 Anticipated Activities and Budget and 2018 Funded Expenditures

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Dr. Stunz

- Discussion of Commercial Fishing Unique Trip Identifiers
- SEFHIER Implementation Update and Outreach Meeting Summaries

----- Lunch 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM -----

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- Presentation: Update on Deepwater Horizon Open Ocean Restoration Planning
- Final Action: Replacement of Historical Captain Permits with Standard Federal For-Hire Permits

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM -----

3:15 PM – 5:00 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee continued (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- Discussion and Selection of Allocation Review Triggers
- Final Action: Generic Amendment – Carryover Provisions and Framework Modifications

– Recess –

Tuesday, April 2 – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Review of Reef Fish Landings
- Presentation on 2019 For-hire Red Snapper Season
- Final Action: Draft Amendment 50: State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper and Individual State Amendments

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM -----

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM: Reef Fish Committee continued (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Final Action: Draft Amendment 50 (continued)
- Final Action: Red Grouper Framework Action to Modify Annual Catch Limits and Annual Catch Targets

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM -----

1:30 PM – 3:15 PM: Reef Fish Committee continued (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Draft Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Commercial Trip Limits
- Draft Reef Fish Amendment 52: Red Snapper Reallocation

----- Break 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM -----

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM: Reef Fish Committee continued (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Draft Amendment 36B: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs
- SSC Summary Report

– Recess –

Wednesday, April 3 – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM: Habitat Protection and Restoration (Tab P) – Mr. Banks

- Presentation on the Results of the Council’s 5-year Essential Fish Habitat Review

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Shrimp Committee (Tab D) – Ms. Bosarge

- Review of the Updated Stock Assessments
- Biological Review of the Texas Closure
- Final Action: Shrimp Amendment 18: Evaluation of Shrimp Effort Threshold Reduction in the Area Monitored for Juvenile Red Snapper Bycatch
- Summary of the Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Law Enforcement Committee (Tab L) – Mr. Boyd

- Law Enforcement Technical Committee Meeting Summary

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM -----

Wednesday, April 3 – Council Session

- I. **10:45 AM – 10:50 AM:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Dr. Frazer*
- II. **10:50 AM – 11:00 AM:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- III. **11:00 AM – 11:30 AM:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications – *Dr. Crabtree/Dr. Frazer*
Golden Crab EFP (**Tab S, No. 1**)
- IV. **11:30 AM – 11:35 AM:** Review of Public Comments on EFP Applications (if any) (**Tab S, No. 2**) – *Ms. Muehlstein*
- V. **11:35 AM – 12:00 PM:** Presentation
 - Mississippi Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab A, No. 7**) – *Captain Levine*

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM -----

- VI. **1:30 PM – 5:30 PM:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Dr. Frazer*
 - Final Action: Amendment 50: State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper and Individual State Amendments
 - Final Action: Generic Amendment – Carryover the ACL of Unharvested Quota
 - Final Action: Red Grouper Framework Action to Modify Annual Catch Limits and Annual Catch Targets
 - Final Action: Shrimp Amendment 18: Evaluation of Shrimp Effort Threshold Reduction in the Area Monitored for Juvenile Red Snapper Bycatch
 - Final Action: Replacement of Historical Captain Permits with Standard Federal For-Hire Permits
- A. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, April 4 – Council Session, Continued

Committee Reports:

- A. **8:30 AM – 8:45 AM:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Ms. Bosarge*
- B. **8:45 AM – 9:00 AM:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – *Mr. Boyd*
- C. **9:00 AM – 9:15 AM:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Dr. Stunz*
- D. **9:15 AM – 9:45 AM:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Mr. Diaz*
- E. **9:45 AM – 10:00 AM:** Habitat Protection and Restoration (**Tab P**) – *Mr. Banks*
- F. **10:00 AM – 10:15 AM:** Law Enforcement (**Tab L**) – *Mr. Boyd*

G. **10:15 AM – 10:20 AM:** Announcement of 2018 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (**Tab T**) – *Mr. Boyd*

----- **Break 10:20 AM – 10:30 AM** -----

H. **10:30 AM – 12:30 PM:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Ms. Guyas*

----- **Lunch 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM** -----

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM: Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications (**Tab S**) – *Dr. Frazer*

- Golden Crab EFP

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM: Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Dr. Frazer*

- South Atlantic Council Liaison
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE)
- Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Department of State

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM: Other Business – *Dr. Frazer*

- Presentation on New Gear Type to Collect Lionfish in Gulf of Mexico

– **Adjourn** –

Next Meeting

June 3-6, 2019

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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.