



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agenda¹

January 28 – 31, 2019

Perdido Beach Resort – Ballrooms A-D

Orange Beach, Alabama

*Agenda Modified Due to Partial Government Shutdown

Monday, January 28th – Committee Sessions

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) – Mr. Boyd

- Review of Ad Hoc Advisory Panels and Reappointments for Coral, Spiny Lobster, and Data Collection Advisory Panels

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- ~~Presentation: Update on Deepwater Horizon Open Ocean Restoration Planning *~~
- Presentation: Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Research Program: Background, Process, and Transparency
- Draft Document: Replacement of Historical Captain Permits with Standard Federal For-Hire Permits

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM -----

10:45 AM – 12:30 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee continued (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- Discussion and Selection of Allocation Review Triggers
- Public Hearing Draft Generic Amendment – Carryover of Unharvested Quota

----- Lunch 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM -----

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Outreach and Education Committee (Tab O) – Mr. Dyskow

- Review of the Proposed Draft of Best Fishing Practices Website
- Overview of Barotrauma Workshop Plan
- Update on “Something’s Fishy” Data Collection Tool

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Dr. Stunz

- ~~Discussion of Commercial Fishing Unique Trip Identifiers *~~
- Southeast For-hire Implementation of Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Update

----- Break 4:00 PM – 4:15 PM -----

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM: Shrimp Committee (Tab D) – Ms. Bosarge

- Draft: Shrimp Amendment 18: Evaluation of Shrimp Effort Threshold Reduction in the Area Monitored for Juvenile Red Snapper Bycatch

– Recess –

5:45 PM – 6:45 PM: *Workshop on For-hire Reporting Requirements – Ms. Muehlstein*

Orange Beach Community Center, 27235 Canal Road, Orange Beach, AL 36561
<https://www.orangebeachal.gov/facilities/community-center/about>

Tuesday, January 29th – Committee Sessions, Continued

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

- Review of Reef Fish Landings
- 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

- Draft Amendment 50: State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper and Individual State Amendments (Continued)

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM -----

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM: Reef Fish Committee continued (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Amendment 51: Establish Gray Snapper Status Determination Criteria, Reference Points, and Modify Annual Catch Limits
- Draft Options: Red Grouper Framework Action

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM -----

3:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Reef Fish Committee continued (Tab B)

- Draft Amendment 36B: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs

– Recess –

Immediately following the Reef Fish Committee: NOAA Fisheries hosts a feedback session to solicit suggestions on improving communication on the Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Grant Program

Wednesday, January 30th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 10:45 AM: Reef Fish Committee continued (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Review Draft Options of Red Snapper Reallocation Document
- Ad Hoc Reef Fish Headboat Advisory Panel Summary
- Ad Hoc Red Snapper Charter For-Hire Advisory Panel Summary
- SSC Summary Report
- ~~Proposed Changes in State Boundaries for Reef Fish Management *~~

----- Break 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM -----

Wednesday, January 30th – Council Session

- I. **11:00 AM – 11:10 AM:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Dr. Frazer*
- II. **11:10 AM – 11:15 AM:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- III. **11:15 AM – 12:00 PM:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications – *Dr. Crabtree/Dr. Frazer*
 - Presentation: Mariner Program Proposal to Harvest *Sargassum spp.* in the Gulf of Mexico (**Tab S, No. 1**) – *Ms. Myers*
- IV. **12:00 PM – 12:15 PM:** Review of Public Comments on EFP Applications (**Tab S, No. 3**) – *Ms. Muehlstein*
- V. **12:15 PM – 12:30 PM:** Presentations
 - Alabama Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Major Downey*

----- Lunch 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM -----

- VI. **1:30 PM – 4:30 PM:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Dr. Frazer*
 - A. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

----- Break 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM -----

Closed Session – Full Council

- 4:45 PM – 5:30 PM: Closed Session – *Dr. Frazer***
- Administrative Matters

– Recess –

Thursday, January 31st – 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 – 10:15 AM:** Outreach and Education (**Tab O**) – *Mr. Dyskow*

----- Break 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM -----

- F. **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*

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*

- ~~Overview of the Proposed Changes to the Financial Interest and Voting Recusal for Council Members (**Tab X**) – *Ms. Levy **~~

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

April 1-4, 2019
[IP Casino & Resort](#)
Biloxi, Mississippi

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.