



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

June 18-21, 2018

Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel

Flager Ballroom

Key West, Florida

Monday, June 18 – Committee Sessions

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

- Final Action – Amendment 9: Coral Habitat Areas Considered for Management in the Gulf of Mexico

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

- Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings Update
- Final Action – CMP Amendment 31: Atlantic Cobia Management for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region
- Options – CMP Framework Amendment 7: Modifications to Gulf Cobia Size and Possession Limits

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM -----

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I) – Ms. Bosarge

- SEDAR May 2018 Steering Committee Summary

----- Lunch 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM -----

1:15 PM – 3:45 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Dr. Mickle

- Final Action – Amendment 49: Modifications to the Sea Turtle Release Gear and Framework Procedure for the Reef Fish Fishery
- Review of Proposed Aquaculture Bill and Potential Impacts
- Draft Generic Amendment: Carryover of Unharvested Quota
- 2018 Regulatory Review

----- Break 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM -----

Monday, June 18 – Full Council

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Closed Session (Tab T) – Ms. Bosarge

- Selection of Standing and Special SSC Members
- Final Selection of Reef Fish AP Members
- Final Selection of Shrimp AP Members

– Recess –

Tuesday, June 19 – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 5:30 PM: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Cpt. Greene

- Reef Fish Landings Update
- SEDAR 31 – Hogfish Update Assessment
- SEDAR 51 – Gray Snapper Benchmark Assessment

----- Break 9:30 AM – 9:45 AM -----

- SEDAR 52 – Red Snapper Standard Assessment
- State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper

----- Lunch 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM -----

- Scoping Document – Reallocation of Red Snapper Annual Catch Limit

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM -----

- Public Hearing Draft – Reef Fish Amendment 48/Red Drum 5: Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield
- Draft Framework Action to Modify the ACT for Red Snapper Federal For-hire and Private Angling Components
- SSC Summary Report
- Other Business: Red Grouper

– Recess –

Wednesday, June 20 – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM: Ecosystem Committee (Tab Q) – Dr. Shipp

- Draft Roadmap of Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management Regional Plan for the Gulf of Mexico

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Spiny Lobster Committee (Tab K) – Ms. Guyas

- Spiny Lobster Landings Update
- Public Hearing Draft Spiny Lobster Amendment 13

-----Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM -----

10:15 AM -11:45 AM: Outreach and Education Committee (Tab O) – Mr. Dyskow

- Review of Council’s Outreach Plan on Descending and Venting
- Review of Anecdotal Data Collection Tool
- Review of Council Communication Analytics
- Presentation – Transition from Paper Regulations to FishRules App.
- Summary of Outreach and Education Technical Committee Meeting

-----Lunch 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM-----

Wednesday, June 20 – Council Session

- I. **1:15 PM – 1:20 PM:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions –
Ms. Bosarge
- II. **1:20 PM – 1:30 PM:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Ms. Bosarge*
- III. **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Presentations**
 - Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission – Overview and Strategic Reorientation Process – *Ms. Warner-Kramer*
 - Florida Law Enforcement Presentation – *Cpt. Pearce*
 - 6-Month Update on Lionfish Harvesting by Lionfish International –
Mr. McCormack

-----**Break 2:30 pm – 2:45 PM**-----

- IV. **2:45 PM – 5:30 PM:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Ms. Bosarge*
 - A. Final Action – Amendment 49: Modifications to the Sea Turtle Release Gear and Framework Procedure for the Reef Fish Fishery
 - B. Final Action – Coral Amendment 9: Habitat Areas Considered for Management in the Gulf of Mexico
 - C. Final Action – CMP Amendment 31: Atlantic Cobia Management for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region
 - D. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– **Recess** –

Thursday, June 21 – Council Session, Continued

- V. Committee Reports:
 - A. **8:30 AM – 8:45 AM:** Coral (**Tab N**) – *Dr. Frazer*
 - B. **8:45 AM – 9:00 AM:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Mr. Diaz*
 - C. **9:00 AM – 9:15 AM:** Spiny Lobster (**Tab K**) – *Ms. Guyas*
 - D. **9:15 AM – 9:45 AM:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Dr. Mickle*
 - E. **9:45 AM – 10:00 AM:** Gulf SEDAR (**Tab I**) – *Ms. Bosarge*
 - F. **10:00 AM – 10:15 AM:** Ecosystem (**Tab Q**) – *Dr. Shipp*
 - G. **10:15 AM – 10:30 AM:** Outreach and Education (**Tab O**) – *Mr. Dyskow*

-----**Break/Hotel Check-Out**-----**10:30 AM – 10:45 AM**

- H. **10:45 AM – 12:30 PM:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Cpt. Greene*

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

- VI. **1:30 PM – 2:00 PM:** Reef Fish AP, Shrimp AP, and SSC Appointments (**Tab T**) –
Ms. Bosarge
- VII. **2:00 PM – 2:30 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

VIII. **2:30 PM – 3:00 PM:** Other Business – *Ms. Bosarge*

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

**August 20-23
Omni Hotel
Corpus Christi, Texas**

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.