



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

Hyatt Regency Birmingham

Birmingham, Alabama

April 3 - 6, 2017

Monday, April 3, 2017 – Committee Sessions

8:30 am – 9:30 am: Law Enforcement Committee – Closed Session

– Doug Boyd, *Chair (Tab L)*

- Selection of 2016 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Recipient

9:30 am – 10:30 am: Advisory Panel Selection – Full Council – Closed Session

- Appointments to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Advisory Panel (**Tab T**)

10:30 am – 11:30 am: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Greg Stunz, *Chair*

- SEFSC Presentation on Recreational Data Procedures
- Discussion of MRIP Percent Standard Error (PSE) Methods and Protocols

– Recess –

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm: Joint Coral/Habitat Protection & Restoration Committees (Tab N) – John Sanchez and Dale Diaz, *Chairs*

- Scoping Workshop Summaries for Coral Amendment 7

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – David Walker, *Chair*

- Effectiveness of Techniques to Reduce Barotrauma Effects
- Options Paper on ABC Control Rule Revisions and Framework Procedures

2:45 pm – 3:15: Spiny Lobster Committee (Tab K) – Martha Guyas, *Chair*

- Review of Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm: Break-----

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) – Kelly Lucas, *Chair*

- Review of Grant Expenditures and Anticipated Budget Activities and Funding
- Approval of Changes to Check Writing Procedures
- Review of H.R. 200 (MSA Reauthorization) Potential Impacts

– Recess –

Tuesday, Tuesday April 4, 2017 – Committee Sessions Continued

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

- Projection for 2017 Federal Recreational Fishing Seasons and Discussion of State Seasons
- Final Action – Amendment 36A – Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs
- Final Action – Amendment 46 – Gray Triggerfish Rebuilding Plan
- Final Action – Framework Action – Mutton Snapper ACL and Management Measures and Gag Commercial Size Limit
- Options Paper – Update Assessment and Framework Action to Adjust Greater Amberjack ACL
- Draft Amendment 47 – Modify Vermilion Snapper ACLs and MSY Proxy
- SEDAR 49 – Stock Assessment Results for Data-Limited Stocks
- Charter For-Hire Management Discussion
- SERO/SEFSC Response to Documentation Requested by Gulf Angler Fishing Group
- Standing and Reef Fish SSC Summary

– Recess –

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – Committee Sessions Continued

8:30 am – 10:00 am: Shrimp Committee (Tab D) – Dale Diaz, *Chair*

- Biological Review of the Texas Closure
- Review of the Updated Stock Assessments for Brown, White and Pink Shrimp and SSC Report
- Summary of the Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting
- Final Action on Shrimp Amendment 17B – Yield, Threshold Number of Permits, and Transit Provisions

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break -----

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – Full Council Session

- I. **10:15 am – 10:20 am:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – Bosarge
- II. **10:20 am – 10:30 am:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (Tab A, No. 3 & 4) – Bosarge
- III. **10:30 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
 - Lenfest Ecosystem Task Force (Tab A, No. 8) – Rollison
 - Alabama Law Enforcement Presentation (Tab A, No. 9) – Bannon

– Recess –

V. **1:30 pm – 5:00 pm:** Public Comment **ii, iii, iv, v** – Bosarge

A. Agenda Testimony

- Final Action on Reef Fish Amendment 46 – Modify the Gray Triggerfish Rebuilding Plan
- Final Action on Reef Fish Amendment 36A – Modifications to the Commercial IFQ Programs
- Final Action on Shrimp Amendment 17B – Yield, Threshold Number of Permits, and Transit Provisions
- Final Action on Framework Action – Modify Mutton Snapper ACL and Management Measures and the Commercial Gag Minimum Size Limit
- Options Paper – Update Assessment and Framework Action to Adjust Greater Amberjack ACL

B. Open Testimony on any Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, April 6, 2017 – Council Session Continued

VI. **Committee Reports**

A. **8:30 am – 9:00 am:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – Diaz

B. **9:00 am – 10:00 am** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – Green

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break-----

C. **10:15 am – 11:00 am:** Reef Fish Continued (**Tab B**) – Green

D. **11:00 am – 11:15 am:** Joint Coral/Habitat Protection & Restoration (**Tab N**)

Sanchez/Diaz

E. **11:15 am – 11:30 am:** Spiny Lobster (**Tab K**) - Guyas

– Recess –

F. **1:00 pm – 1:15 pm:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – Lucas

G. **1:15 pm – 1:30 pm:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – Stunz

H. **1:30 pm – 2:00 pm:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – Walker

- I. **2:00 pm – 2:15 pm:** Announcement of 2016 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (**Tab L**) – Boyd

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm: Break-----

- VII. **2:30 pm – 3:00 pm:** Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, if any (**Tab S**) – Bosarge

- VIII. **3:00 pm – 3:30 pm:** Supporting Agencies Update – (**Tab R**) - Bosarge

- o South Atlantic Council Liaison
- o Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
- o U.S. Coast Guard
- o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- o Department of State

- IX. **3:30 pm – 4:00 pm:** Other Business – Bosarge

– Adjourn –

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Meeting</u> June 5 – 9, 2017 Naples Grand Beach Resort Naples, Florida</p>

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.**

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