



# 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>

Hilton Riverside-Jefferson Ballroom

New Orleans, Louisiana

August 10-13, 2015

### Monday, August 10, 2015 – Committee Sessions

#### **8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Joint Administrative Policy and Budget/Personnel**

**Committees (Tab G) – Robin Riechers and Doug Boyd, Chairs**

- Discuss Combining Administrative Policy and Budget/Personnel Committees
- Discuss Historical Performance of Council Scoping Meetings
- Review of AP Staggered Terms
- Discuss Procedures for AP Appointments and Fishing Violations
- Review of SOPPs Revisions
- Review of MSA Reauthorization Bills
- Discuss Recent NOAA EFH 5-Year Review Budget Enhancement

– Recess –

#### **1:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Mackerel Management Committee (Tab C) – Pam Dana, Chair**

- Joint Draft Options Paper for CMP Amendment 26: Modifications to Allocations, Stock Boundaries, and Sale Provisions for Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Migratory Groups of King Mackerel
- Options Paper for CMP Amendment 28: Separating Permits for Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Migratory Groups of King Mackerel and Spanish Mackerel

#### **3:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Shrimp Management Committee (Tab D) – Leann Bosarge, Appointed Chair**

- Draft Options Paper for Shrimp Amendment 17- Addressing the Expiration of the Shrimp Permit Moratorium
- Other Business – Update on Changes in TED Regulations in Louisiana

#### **4:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Johnny Greene, Vice-Chair**

- Review of Public Hearing Draft - Joint Electronic Charter Vessel Reporting Amendment

– Recess –

## **Tuesday, August 11, 2015 – Committee Sessions**

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

- Review Public Hearing Draft Amendment 39 - Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper
- Updated Options Paper - Framework Action to Set Gag Recreational Season and Gag and Black Grouper Minimum Size Limits
- Final Action - Amendment 28 - Red Snapper Allocation
- Final Action - Framework Action to Allow NMFS to Withhold a Portion of the Commercial Red Snapper Quota in 2016
- Draft Framework Action - Modify Gear Restrictions for Yellowtail Snapper
- Options Paper - Amendment 42 - Federal Reef Fish Headboat Management
- Options Paper - Amendment 41 - Federal Charter-for-Hire Red Snapper Management
- Discussion - Ad Hoc Private Recreational Advisory Panel

– Recess –

## **Wednesday, August 12, 2015 – Council Session**

- I. **8:30 am – 8:45 am:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – Anson
- II. **8:45 am – 9:15 am:** Induction of New Council Members – Crabtree
- III. **9:15 am – 9:30 am:** Adoption of Agenda<sup>i</sup> and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No. 3 & 4**) – Anson
- IV. **9:30 am – 10:00 am:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFPs) Applications (if any) (**Tab I**) – Crabtree/Anson
- V. **10:00 am – 10:15 am:** Summary of the Council Coordinating Committee (**Tab A, No. 6**) – Simmons
- VI. **10:15 am – 10:30 am:** Review of White Paper Evaluating Potential Artificial Reef Siting Criteria in the Gulf of Mexico (**Tab A, No. 7a,b**) – Froeschke
- VII. Committee Reports
  - A. **10:30 am – 11:00 am:** Joint Administrative Policy/Budget/Personnel Committees (**Tab G**) – Riechers/Boyd

– Recess –

VIII. **1:00 pm – 5:30 pm:** Public Comment <sup>ii, iii, iv, v</sup> – Anson

A. Agenda Testimony

1. Final Action on Reef Fish Amendment 28 – Red Snapper Allocation
2. Final Action on Red Snapper Commercial Quota Retention for 2016

B. Open Testimony on any Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

**Thursday, August 13, 2015 – Council Session**

IX. Committee Reports

B. **8:30 am – 9:00 am:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – Dana

C. **9:00 am – 9:30 am:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – Bosarge

D. **9:30 am – 12 pm:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – Greene

- Recess -

E. **1:30 pm – 2:00 pm:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – Greene

F. **2:00 pm – 2:15 pm:** Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications (if any) (**Tab I**) – Anson

X. **2:15 pm – 2:45 pm:** Other Business – Anson

XI. **2:45 pm – 3:00 pm:** Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Donaldson

– Adjourn –

<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 turn in a registration card 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.

**Next Meeting**

**October 5-9, 2015**  
**Hilton Galveston Island**  
**Galveston, Texas**