



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

Hilton Galveston Island Resort

Crystal Ballroom

Galveston, TX

October 5-8, 2015

Monday October 5, 2015 – Committee Sessions

8:30 am – 9:30 am: Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee (Tab E)-

Robin Riechers, Chair

- Review of Integrated Ecosystem Assessment – Management Strategy Evaluation
- Presentation – NOAA Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management Policy

9:30 am – 11:30 am: Joint Administrative Policy & Budget/Personnel Committees (Tab G) – Doug Boyd and Robin Riechers, Chairs

- Review of AP Staggered Terms
- Review of SOPPs – AP Appointments and Administrative Committee Structure
- Review of Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Bills

– Recess –

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

- Joint Public Hearing Draft for CMP Amendment 26 - Changes in 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

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Johnny Greene, Vice-Chair

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

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I) – Kevin Anson, Chair

- Review of SEDAR Steering Committee meeting and SEDAR Assessment Schedule

– Recess –

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 – Committee Sessions

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

- Report from the SSC Meeting
- Report from the Reef Fish AP Meeting
- Final Action – Framework Action to set Gag Recreational Season and Gag and Black Grouper Minimum Size Limits
- Options Paper – Amendment to Define Gulf of Mexico Hogfish Stock, and set ACL and Status Determination Criteria
- Options Paper – Framework Action to set Mutton Snapper ACL and Management Measures
- Revised Public Hearing Draft Amendment 39 - Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper
- Options Paper – Adjust Minimum Stock Size Threshold (MSST)
- Options Paper – South Florida Management Issues
- Discussion – Ad Hoc Private Recreational AP

NMFS Question and Answer Session Immediately following Committee - Crabtree

– Recess –

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 – Committee Sessions

8:30 am – 9:30 am: Reef Fish Management Committee continued.

9:30 am – 11:00 am: Shrimp Management Committee (Tab D) – Leann Bosarge, Appointed Chair

- Public Hearing Draft for Shrimp Amendment 17A – Addressing the Expiration of the Shrimp Permit Moratorium
- Draft Options Paper for Shrimp Amendment 17B – Establishing Optimum Yield, Target Number of Permits, Permit Pool, and Addressing Transit Provisions Through Federal Waters

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 – Council Session

- I. **11:00 am – 11:10 am:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – Anson
- II. **11:10 am – 11:15 am:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No. 3 & 4**) – Anson
- III. **11:15 am – 11:30 am:** Approval of 2016 Committee Appointments (**Tab A, No. 6**) – Anson

– Recess –

IV. **1:00 pm – 2:00 pm:** Presentations

- Southeast Observer Program (**Tab A, No. 7**) - DiCosimo
- Standardized Reporting Bycatch Methods (**Tab A, No. 8**) - Branstetter

V. **2:00 pm – 2:15 pm:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFPs) Applications, if any (**Tab S**) – Crabtree/Anson

– Recess –

VI. **2:30 pm – 5:00 pm:** Public Comment **ii, iii, iv, v** – Anson

A. Agenda Testimony

- Final Action on Framework Action to Set Gag Recreational Season and Gag and Black Grouper Minimum Size Limits

B. Open Testimony on any Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, October 8, 2015 – Council Session

VII. Committee Reports

A. **8:30 am – 9:00 am:** Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem (**Tab E**) – Riechers

B. **9:00 am – 9:30 am:** Admin Policy & Budget/Personnel Committees (**Tab G**)
Robin Riechers and Doug Boyd, Chairs

C. **9:30 am – 10:30 am:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – Dana

D. **10:30 am – 11:00 am:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – Greene

E. **11:00 am – 11:30 am:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – Bosarge

F. **11:30 am – 11:45 am** SEDAR (**Tab I**) – Dana

- Recess -

G. **1:30 pm – 3:30 pm:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – Greene

H. **3:30 pm – 3:45 pm:** Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, if any (**Tab S**) – Anson

VIII. **3:45 pm – 4:00 pm:** Other Business – Anson

A. NOAA Restore Act Science Program Funding

– Adjourn –

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 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.

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.

Next Meeting

January 25-29, 2016
Perdido Beach Resort
Orange Beach, Alabama