

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE ¹
GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
ASTOR CROWNE PLAZA
ASTOR BALLROOM I-III
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 20-22, 2012

Monday August 20, 2012

9:00 am – 11:00 am

New Council Member Orientation (Tab L)

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Ad Hoc Restoration Committee (Tab H)

- Presentations

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Data Collection Committee (Tab E)

- Final Generic Amendment – Dealer Permit/Electronic Logbook Reporting Requirements
- Discussion of Electronic Reporting for Headboats
- Discussion of Electronic Reporting for the For-hire Industry

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Shrimp Management Committee (Tab D)

- White Paper on Funding Options for the Electronic Logbook (ELB) Program
- Discussion on Exempted Fishing Permits Related to Shrimp (if any)

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Law Enforcement Committee (Tab G)

- Report from the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel Meeting

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Budget/Personnel Committee (Tab I)

- Discussion on Executive Director Selection Process

– Recess –

Immediately following committee recess NOAA Fisheries will hold a workshop considering administrative changes to the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program. This workshop will be held in the Council's meeting room.

¹ The established times for addressing items on the Council and committee agendas, except for those setting times for public testimony or open public comment, may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from, or completed prior to the date established by these agendas.

Tuesday August 21, 2012

8:30 am – 11:30 am & 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Reef Fish Management Committee (Tab B)

- Discussion with LDWF on State Boundary Extension and Pilot Program
- Scoping Document for Amendment 28 – Sector Allocations
- Options Paper for a Framework Action on Vermilion Snapper Annual Catch Limit
- Comments on Amendment 33 – Reef Fish Limited Access Privilege Program
- Public Hearing Draft for Amendment 37 – Gray Triggerfish Rebuilding Plan
- Final Amendment 38 – Revise Post-Season Recreational Accountability Measures for Shallow-Water Grouper & Revision to the Generic Framework Procedure
- Public Hearing Draft of a Framework Action for 2013 Gag Season, Split Season, & Elimination of February-March Shallow-Water Grouper Closure
- Concerns about Amendment 35 Rebuilding Plan for Greater Amberjack
- Other Reef Fish Advisory Panel Comments (if any)
- Status of Actions Submitted Under Abbreviated Document Process
- Discussion on Exempted Fishing Permits Related to Reef Fish (if any)

– Recess –

Immediately following committee recess will be the Informal Question & Answer Session on Gulf of Mexico fishery management issues.

Wednesday August 22, 2012

8:30 am – 9:30 am

FULL COUNCIL – CLOSED SESSION

- Personnel Matters

9:30 am – 10:30 am

Joint Artificial Reef/Habitat Committees (Tab F)

- Scoping Document for Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment 4 Designating Petroleum Platforms and Artificial Reefs as Essential Fish Habitat

– Recess –