

**COUNCIL AGENDA
GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
ASTOR CROWN PLAZA
BALLROOM I-III
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 22-23, 2012**

Wednesday August 22, 2012

- I. Call to Order and Introductions – Boyd
10:30 am – 10:40 am
- II. Induction of New Council Members – Crabtree
10:40 am – 10:45 am
- III. Adoption of Agenda ¹ (**Tab A, No. 4**) – Boyd
10:45 am – 10:50 am
- IV. Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No. 5**) – Boyd
10:50 am – 10:55 am
- V. Review of Action Schedule (**Tab A, No. 6**) – Boyd
10:55 am – 11:00 am
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Ad Hoc Restoration (**Tab H**) – Simpson
11:00 am – 11:10 am
 - b. Shrimp (**Tab D**) – Perret
11:10 am – 11:20 am
 - c. Law Enforcement (**Tab G**) – Williams
11:20 am – 11:30 am
 - d. Budget/Personnel (**Tab I**) – Riechers
11:30 am – 11:45 am
- Lunch –
11:45 am – 1:00 pm
- VII. Review of Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) (if any) (**Tab J**) – Crabtree/Boyd
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm

¹ The established times for addressing items on the Council and committee 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. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from, or completed prior to the date established by these agendas.

- VIII. Public Comment ^{2, 3, 4, 5} – Boyd
- a. Agenda Testimony
 - (1) Final Reef Fish Amendment 38 – Revise Post-Season Recreational Accountability Measures for Shallow-Water Grouper & Revision to the Generic Framework Procedure
 - (2) Final Generic Amendment for Dealer Permits and Electronic Reporting
 - (3) Amendment 33 for Adding Additional Reef Fish to the Limited Access Privilege Program
 - (4) Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) (if any)
 - b. Open Testimony on any other Fishery Issues or Concerns
1:15 pm – 5:30 pm

– Recess –

Thursday August 23, 2012

- IX. Vote on Exempted Fishing Permits (if any) (**Tab J**) – Crabtree/Boyd
8:30 am – 8:45 am
- X. Committee Reports (Continued)
- e. Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – Shipp
8:45 am – 12:00 noon
 - f. Data Collection (**Tab E**) – Pearce
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
 - g. Mackerel (Deferred From June Council Meeting) (**Tab C**) – Fischer
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
 - h. Joint Artificial Reef/Habitat (**Tab F**) – Anson/Boyd
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm
- XI. Other Business (**Tab K**) – Boyd
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm
- XII. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – Simpson
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm
- Adjourn –

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Following Meeting</u> October 29-November 2, 2012 Courtyard Marriott Gulfport, Mississippi</p>
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² 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 first hear testimony related to final actions of the Council and pertinent agenda items and then allow for open public testimony regarding any fishery issue or concerns. During public comment, time constraints may limit individual speaking time as determined by the presiding officer. If your sentiments are reflected in comments made by others, please avoid duplication and allow the next speaker to address the Council.

³ 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.** Materials submitted to Council members or staff for distribution prior to or during a Council meeting will be treated as all other written comments and will be posted to the website.

⁴ Oral or written communications provided to the Council, its members or its staff that relate to matters within the Council's purview are public in nature. 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.

⁵ 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.