



Meeting Notice  
February 5, 2013

## Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management to Convene its Ad Hoc Private Recreational Data Collection Advisory Panel

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene its Ad Hoc Private Recreational Data Collection Advisory Panel Tuesday, February 26, 2013, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council office, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, in Tampa, Florida.

The Panel will discuss mechanisms to improve private recreational fisheries data collection in Gulf of Mexico fisheries. The Panel will also help identify methods for improving private recreational angler data collection, potentially using additional data collection programs that would supplement data currently collected through the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP).

Programs considered must improve the accuracy and timeliness of catch, effort, and discard data for the Gulf of Mexico private recreational sector. Ideally, programs considered will allow private recreational anglers to participate in the data collection process.

Finally, the Advisory Panel will consider new methodologies, including potential use of offshore permits, vessel registration information, or satellite imagery to improve recreational fishery data, as well as the appropriate use and limitations of self-reported fisheries data. The Panel will also evaluate and advise about improvements in communication between MRIP and stakeholders.

A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Panel will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aides should be directed to Kathy Pereira at least five working days prior to the meeting.

### About Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional Fishery Management Councils established by the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans, which are designed to manage fishery resources within the 200-mile limit of the Gulf of Mexico.



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