



Meeting Notice
March 6, 2013

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Convene a Meeting of its Standing, Special Mackerel, and Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC)

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's Standing, Special Mackerel, and Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committees will meet March 27 and 28, 2013, at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay Hotel, 2900 Bayport Drive in Tampa, Florida. The meeting will begin at 8:30am Wednesday and will adjourn no later than 5:00pm Thursday.

The Standing and Special Mackerel SSC will meet jointly Wednesday, March 27, 2013, to review benchmark stock assessments and recommend acceptable biological catch for cobia and Spanish mackerel. The Standing and Ecosystem SSC will meet jointly Thursday, March 28, 2013, to receive a presentation on the multidisciplinary, multi-year Integrated Ecosystems Assessment project that the Southeast Fisheries Science Center is conducting. The presentation will review:

1. the Gulf of Mexico Integrated Ecosystems Assessment Program
2. the Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem Status Report, and
3. aspects of the ecosystem modeling effort

The Standing SSC will then meet Thursday afternoon to discuss Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule revisions and review the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review schedule and priorities.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630 or by downloading the information from the Council's ftp site, <ftp.gulfcouncil.org>.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the SSCs 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 SSCs 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.

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About the 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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