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Meeting Notice
May 12, 2014

Gulf Council to Convene a Meeting of its Technical Subcommittee

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled a meeting of its Charter Vessel Technical Subcommittee. The meeting will be held at the Gulf Council Office, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, in Tampa, Florida and will begin at 8:30 am Wednesday, May 28, 2014 and conclude no later than 4:00 pm Thursday, May 29, 2014. T

The Subcommittee will meet to discuss methods to improve data collection and data reporting for charter vessels in the US Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Fisheries. The Subcommittee will begin work to develop recommendations on how to achieve an electronic reporting system for charter vessels. The group will consider both the national and regional plans for electronic reporting as well as agency and stakeholder perspectives and objectives.

The meeting will focus on technical considerations of electronic reporting, such as survey type, reporting requirements, quality assurance and quality control mechanisms, reporting mechanisms, and timeliness of fisheries data. The Subcommittee will also discuss potential costs, barriers to implementation, administrative responsibilities, and timeliness to implementation.

The meeting will be webcast over the internet.

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About the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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