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## **Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Advisory Panel to Discuss Red Snapper Management**

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene its Red Snapper Advisory Panel Wednesday, July 30, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Council office - 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, in Tampa, Florida.

The Panel will review stakeholder feedback received through the Mississippi Recreational Summit held in April, and from the recent Louisiana Recreational Fishing Survey. Both the summit and the survey were designed to get input from recreational anglers about Gulf of Mexico red snapper management.

The Panel will also discuss red snapper accountability measure alternatives, which have been removed from Amendment 28 - Red Snapper Allocation, and will be considered as a separate framework action, as well as review and discuss Reef Fish Amendment 40 - Recreational Red Snapper Sector Separation. Amendment 40 considers dividing the recreational sector into two distinct components, resulting in a private angling component and a federal for-hire component. Red snapper resources would then be allocated between these components.

Finally, the Advisory Panel will review new state data collection programs and receive an update on the Gulf of Mexico Headboat Collaborative Pilot Program.

Red Snapper Advisory Panel members were also invited to participate, in a non-voting capacity, in the Reef Fish Advisory Panel meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, 2014, also at the Council office.

For a copy of the detailed agenda visit

[http://www.gulfcouncil.org/council\\_meetings/agenda/Red%20Snapper%20AP%202014-07.pdf](http://www.gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/agenda/Red%20Snapper%20AP%202014-07.pdf), or

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