



## Meeting Notice October 3, 2013

### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Meet in New Orleans, Louisiana

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will meet October 28 - 31, 2013, at the DoubleTree Hotel, 300 Canal Street in New Orleans, Louisiana. Council Committees will convene Monday beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The full Council will convene Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. and is expected to adjourn by noon Thursday. Agenda highlights are summarized below.

Committee meetings will open Monday with the Mackerel Management Committee. The committee will take final action on draft Amendments 20A and 20B (formerly Amendments 19 & 20). The Committee will also:

- Discuss additional motions from the South Atlantic September 2013 Council meeting;
- Discuss the purpose and timing of Amendment 24;
- Review the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Framework Action addressing king mackerel trip limits and allowable Spanish mackerel nets;
- Other Business - Review of the Regional Electronic Technology Implementation Plan.

The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Management Committee is also meeting to review:

- The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel Report;
- The Draft Framework Action - Update Tier 3 ACLs with Revised MRIP Landings;
- A Scoping Document - Default Status Determination Criteria, Optimum Yield Definition, and Annual Catch Limits for Red Snapper;
- A Framework Action to Define For-Hire Fishing in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Reef Fish Management Committee will convene Tuesday morning to:

- Hear a presentation on Alternative Methods of Allocation;
- Take final action on Regional Management for Recreational Red Snapper;
- Review a draft Framework Action to rescind Amendment 30B Permit Conditions;
- Discuss the Ad Hoc Red Snapper IFQ Advisory Panel charge;
- Review of Scoping/Options Paper for Sector Separation;
- Discuss Exempted Fishing Permits related to Reef Fish (if any).

The full Council will convene Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. to review exempted fishing permits (if any) and to discuss the Red Drum Tagging Program.

Immediately following the recess Tuesday, the Council and NOAA Fisheries will hold an informal Question and Answer session on general fishery management issues.

The Council will reconvene Wednesday morning and meet as a committee of the whole for Data Collection, Shrimp, and Red Drum.

Public testimony is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and will be taken on the following:

- Final Action - CMP (Mackerel) Amendment 20A - Sale and Permit Provisions;
- Final Action - CMP (Mackerel) Amendment 20B - Modifications to Zone Management;
- Final Action - Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper

An open public comment session to give members of the public an opportunity to address the Council on fishery issues that may not be on the agenda will begin immediately following public testimony and

will conclude no later than 4:30 pm. Anyone wishing to speak must sign up prior to the comment period.

Before adjourning for the day, the Council will review and vote on exempted fishing permits (if any), and review and take action on Mackerel committee recommendations.

Beginning Thursday at 8:30 am, the Council will deliberate and take action on the remaining committee recommendations made earlier in the week.

For a copy of the detailed agenda, or to watch the meeting live, please visit [http://gulfcouncil.org/council\\_meetings/index.php](http://gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/index.php) or call 888-833-1844. Briefing book materials can be downloaded from the Council FTP site at <http://ftp.gulfcouncil.org/?user=anonymous>.

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#### **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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