



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

Managing Fishery Resources in the U.S. Federal Waters of the Gulf of Mexico

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ **August 20-23, 2018**

Omni Hotel
Corpus Christi, Texas
Nueces Ballroom

Monday, August 20th – Committee Sessions

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Coral Committee (Tab N) – Dr. Frazer

- Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Expansion Update
- Final Action: Abbreviated Framework Action: Clarification of Fishing in HAPCs
- Coral Reef Conservation Program Grant Update

----- **Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM** -----

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Dr. Mickle

- Draft Abbreviated Framework Action: Conversion of Historical Captain Endorsements to Federal For-Hire Permits
- Review of Senate Bill S. 3138 – A Bill to Establish a Regulatory System for Marine Aquaculture in the United States EEZ

----- **Lunch 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM** -----

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM: Mackerel Committee (Tab C) – Dr. Frazer

- CMP Landings Update
- Update of Cobia CPUE Indices and SSC Recommendations
- Options: CMP Framework Amendment 7: Modifications to Gulf Cobia Size and Possession Limits

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I) – Ms. Bosarge

- Overview of Revised SEDAR Process
- Review and Finalize 2020 and 2021 Gulf SEDAR Schedule

----- **Break 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM** -----

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM: Shrimp Committee (Tab D) – Mr. Diaz

- Review of Council request regarding shrimp effort threshold reduction in the area monitored for juvenile red snapper bycatch and SSC recommendations

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM: Spiny Lobster Committee (Tab K) – Ms. Guyas

- Spiny Lobster Landings
- Final Action: Spiny Lobster Amendment 13: Modifications to the Spiny Lobster Gear Requirements and Cooperative Management Procedures

– Recess –

Tuesday, August 21st – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 5:30 PM: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Review of Reef Fish Landings
- Final Action: Framework Action to Modify Red Snapper ACLs and ACTs and Gulf Hogfish ACLs

----- Break 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM -----

- Draft Amendment 36B: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs
- Final Action: Modification to the Recreational Red Snapper ACT Buffers

----- Lunch 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM -----

- Gulf of Mexico Allocation Review Triggers
- Comparison of Council's Allocation Policy with NMFS Allocation Review Policy
- Scoping Document: Reallocation of the Red Snapper ACL

----- Break 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM -----

- Revised Draft Amendment 50: State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper and Individual State Amendments

– Recess –

Wednesday, August 22nd – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Reef Fish Committee, Continued (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Presentation: The Great Red Snapper Count
- SSC Summary Report

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Dr. Stunz

- Gulf of Mexico 2017 Headboat Summary Report
- Update on SEFHIER Implementation Plan

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM -----

Wednesday, August 22nd – Council Session

- I. **10:45 AM – 10:50 AM:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Ms. Bosarge*
- II. **10:50 AM – 10:55 AM:** Induction of New Council Members – *Mr. Strelcheck*
- III. **10:55 AM – 11:00 AM:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Ms. Bosarge*

- IV. **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM:** Presentations
 - Highly Migratory Species Amendment 11 Presentation on Shortfin Mako Sharks (**Tab A, No. 7**) – *HMS Staff*
 - Texas Law Enforcement Presentation (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Lt. Casterline*

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM -----

- V. **1:30 PM – 5:00 PM:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Ms. Bosarge*
 - A. Final Action: Abbreviated Framework Action: Clarification of Fishing in HAPCs
 - B. Final Action: Framework Action to Modify Red Snapper ACLs and ACTs and Gulf Hogfish ACLs
 - C. Final Action: Modification to the Recreational Red Snapper ACT Buffers
 - D. Final Action: Spiny Lobster Amendment 13: Modifications to the Spiny Lobster Gear Requirements and Cooperative Management Procedures
 - E. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, August 23rd – Council Session, Continued

Committee Reports:

- A. **8:30 AM – 8:45 AM:** Coral (**Tab N**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- B. **8:45 AM – 9:00 AM:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- C. **9:00 AM – 9:15 AM:** Spiny Lobster (**Tab K**) – *Ms. Guyas*
- D. **9:15 AM – 9:30 AM:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Dr. Mickle*
- E. **9:30 AM – 9:45 AM:** Gulf SEDAR (**Tab I**) – *Ms. Bosarge*
- F. **9:45 AM – 10:00 AM:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Dr. Stunz*
- G. **10:00 AM – 10:15 AM:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Mr. Diaz*

----- Break / Hotel Check-Out 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM -----

- H. **10:30 AM – 12:30 PM:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Ms. Guyas*

----- Lunch 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM -----

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM: Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Ms. Bosarge*

- South Atlantic Council Liaison
- NOAA OLE
- Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Department of State

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM: Other Business – *Ms. Bosarge*

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – *Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Constant*

– **Adjourn** –

<p><u>Next Meeting</u> <u>October 22-25, 2018</u> <u>Renaissance Battle House</u> <u>Mobile, Alabama</u></p>
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ⁱ The established times for addressing items on the Council agendas, except for those setting times for public comment, may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items.

ⁱⁱ Persons wishing to give public testimony must register at the registration kiosk in the meeting room before the beginning of the public comment period. During public comment the Council will hear testimony related to final actions of the Council and pertinent agenda items. Time constraints may limit individual speaking time as determined by the presiding officer.

ⁱⁱⁱ Any oral or written statement shall include a brief description of the background and interests of the person testifying and the source and date of any specific information. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or information can do so by emailing it to gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org. All written comments will be posted on the Council's website for viewing by Council members and the public.

To help ensure that Council members have sufficient time to consider your written testimony, please submit your comments at least three business days prior to the start of the Council meeting.

^{iv} Oral or written communications provided to the Council are public documents. These communications will be made available to the public in their entirety and maintained by the Council as part of its permanent record. Further, knowingly and willfully submitting false information to the Council is a violation of Federal law.

^v Anyone wishing to use electronic visual aids during public testimony must provide staff with a copy of the material at least one hour before comment begins to allow for a virus scan of said material.