



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 22st – 25th, 2022

Omni Hotel

Corpus Christi, Texas & Virtual

Monday August 22st – Full Council Session

8:00 AM – 8:10 AM CDT: Induction of Council Members – *Mr. Strelcheck*

Monday August 22st – Committee Sessions

8:10 AM – 9:45 AM CDT: Administrative/Budget (Tab G) – *Mr. Dyskow*

- Review Final 2022 Funded Budget and Activities
- Review and Discuss Proposed Modifications to Council's SOPPs

----- **Break 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM CDT** -----

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM CDT: Coral (Tab N) – *Dr. Frazer*

- Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) Proposed Rule
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Comments on FKNMS Proposed Rule

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Outreach and Education (Tab O) – *Dr. Stunz*

- Communication Plan to Promote Return of Shrimp Fleet Effort Data
- Draft Media Guidelines
- August 2022 Outreach and Education Technical Committee Report

----- **Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CDT** -----

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CDT: Data Collection (Tab F) – *Ms. Boggs*

- Abbreviated Framework Action to Modify For-hire Trip Declaration Requirements

----- **Break 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM CDT** -----

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM CDT: Data Collection (Tab F) – *Ms. Boggs*

- Draft Options Joint Amendment to Require Electronic Reporting for Commercial Logbooks

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Review of Reef Fish and Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Landings
- Gulf and South Atlantic SSC Review and Recommendations for Southeastern U.S. Yellowtail Snapper

– Recess –

Tuesday, August 23rd – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM CDT: NMFS' Agency Priorities and Draft Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy Remarks – Mr. Rauch

8:15 – 10:00 AM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Review of State-specific Private Angling Red Snapper Landings and Reef Fish Directed Effort
- Public Hearing Draft Amendment 54: Modifications to the Greater Amberjack Catch Limits and Sector Allocations, and other Rebuilding Plan Modifications

----- Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM CDT -----

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- **Final Action:** Modification of Catch Limits for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper
- Presentation on Framework Action for Vermilion Snapper Recreational Bag Limit and Gray Triggerfish Commercial Trip Limit and Recreational Closed Seasons
- SSC Recommendations from the July 2022 SSC Meeting
 - Wenchman Landings and Catch Limits
 - Discards Data for Gag Grouper, Red Grouper, Greater Amberjack, and Red Snapper

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CDT -----

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Draft Options for Amendment 56: Modifications to the Gag Grouper Catch Limits, Sector Allocations, Fishing Seasons, and other Rebuilding Plan Measures
- Presentation: SSC Review of Alternative SEDAR 72 Base Model using Florida's State Reef Fish Survey and SSC Recommendations

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM CDT -----

3:15 PM – 5:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Focus Group Report and Council Discussion

– Recess –

Immediately following the Reef Fish Committee Highly Migratory Species Staff will be available for a Question and Answer Session - Ms. Karyl Brewster-Geisz

Wednesday, August 24th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM CDT: Migratory Species (Tab M) – Dr. Frazer

- Presentation on Migratory Species Shark Assessments and Management Strategies

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM CDT: Sustainable Fisheries (Tab E) – Dr. Stunz

- Presentation on NOAA's *Climate Southeast Regional Action Plan*
- Draft Comment Letter on NOAA's *Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy*
- SSC Recommendations on Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule
- Presentation on Mechanisms and Options for Automating Catch Advice from Interim Analysis
- Overview of Research Set-Asides (RSA) Timeline, Composition, and Draft Objectives
- Discussion on the Florida Pompano Petition for Federal Rulemaking Letter

----- Break 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM CDT -----

Wednesday, August 24th – Council Session

- I. **11:15 AM – 11:20 AM CDT:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Mr. Diaz*
- II. **11:20 AM – 11:25 AM CDT:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, Nos. 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Diaz*
- III. **11:25 AM – 12:00 PM CDT:** Presentations:
 - Update from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico (**Tab A, No. 7**) – *Ms. Matthews*
 - Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC) presentation: Updates and Flyingfish-Dolphinfish Working Group (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Ms. Cimo / Ms. O'Malley*

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CDT -----

- IV. **1:30 PM – 5:00 PM CDT:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Mr. Diaz*
 - A. **Final Action:** Modification of Catch Limits for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper
 - B. Draft Comment Letter on NOAA's *Climate Regional Action Plan*
 - C. Draft Comment Letter on NOAA's *Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy*
 - D. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, August 25th – Council Session

Committee Reports:

- A. **8:00 AM – 8:30 AM CDT:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – *Mr. Dyskow*
- B. **8:30 AM – 9:30 AM CDT:** Coral (**Tab N**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- C. **9:30 AM – 10:15 AM CDT:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Ms. Boggs*
- D. **10:15 AM – 10:30 AM CDT:** Migratory Species (**Tab M**) – *Dr. Frazer*

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

- E. **10:45 AM – 11:00 AM CDT:** Outreach and Education (**Tab O**) – *Dr. Stunz*
- F. **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CDT:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Dr. Frazer*

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CDT -----

- G. **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CDT:** Reef Fish *continued* (**Tab B**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- H. **2:30 PM – 3:00 PM CDT:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Dr. Stunz*

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM CDT -----

- I. **3:15 PM – 4:15 PM CDT:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Mr. Diaz*
 - o South Atlantic Council Liaison (**Tab R, No. 1**) – *Mr. Griner*
 - o Texas Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab R, No. 2**) – *Lt. Casterline*
 - o NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) (**Tab R, No's. 3a&b**) – *ASAC O'Malley*
 - o Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission – *Mr. Donaldson*
 - o U.S. Coast Guard – *LCDR Motoi*
 - o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - o Department of State

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM CDT: Other Business (**Tab U**) – *Mr. Diaz*

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM CDT: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – *Mr. Donaldson*

– Adjourn –

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Meeting</u> October 24-27, 2022 <u>Beau Rivage Resort & Casino</u></p>
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ⁱThe established times for addressing items on the Council agendas may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. Public comment may begin earlier than 1:30 pm CDT on August 24, 2022 but will not conclude before that time.

ⁱⁱ Persons wishing to give public testimony **virtually** must sign up on the Council website beginning on the first day of the Council meeting. Registration closes one hour before public testimony begins. 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.

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.

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.

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.