



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ October 25 – 28th, 2021

**Perdido Beach Resort
Orange Beach, Alabama
& Virtual**

Monday, October 25th – Full Council Session

8:30 AM – 8:40 AM CDT: Review and Adoption of Council Committee Assignments October 2021 through August 2022 (**Tab A, No. 2b**) – *Mr. Diaz*

8:40 AM – 8:45 AM CDT: Update on Hurricane Ida's Impacts to Fishing Communities – *Mr. Schieble*

Monday, October 25th – Committee Sessions

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM CDT: Shrimp Committee (Tab D) – Chair

- Shrimp Focus Group Summary
- Updated Draft Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery

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

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CDT: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I) – Mr. Diaz

- SEDAR Steering Committee Summary October 2021 Meeting
- Review of Gulf SEDAR Stock Assessment Schedule

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM CDT: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Chair

- Draft Allocation Review Guidelines
- SSC Recommendations on using Field Experiments to Assess Alternative Mechanisms for Distributing Fish to the Recreational Sector
- Report to Congress on Shark and Dolphin Depredation

----- **Lunch 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM CDT** -----

2:00 PM – 5:30 PM CDT: Mackerel Committee (Tab C) – Chair

- Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings
- Presentation on History of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Permits and Sale of Recreational Cobia
- **Final Action:** Amendment 32: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia Catch Limits, Possession Limits, Size Limits, and Framework Procedure

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

- Draft Amendment 33: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits and Sector Allocations
- Public Hearing Draft Amendment 34: Atlantic Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Levels and Atlantic King and Spanish Mackerel Management Measures

– Recess –

Immediately following Mackerel Committee Virtual and In-person Public Hearing on Final Action: Amendment 32: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia Catch Limits, Possession Limits, Size Limits, and Framework Procedure

Tuesday, October 26th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM CDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Chair

- Review of Reef Fish and Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Landings
- **Final Action:** Draft Framework Action: Modification of Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper Catch Limits

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

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Chair

- Presentation on SEDAR 70: Greater Amberjack Stock Assessment Report and SSC Recommendations

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

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Chair

- Presentation on SEDAR 72: Gag Grouper Stock Assessment Report and SSC Recommendations
- Discussion: Draft Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 and Reef Fish Amendment 55: Modifications to Southeastern U.S. Yellowtail Snapper Jurisdictional Allocations, Catch Limits, and South Atlantic Sector Annual Catch Limits

----- Break 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM CDT -----

3:00 PM – 5:30 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Chair

- Individual Fishing Quota Programs:
 - Presentation from the National Academy of Sciences on *The Use of Limited Access Privilege Programs in Mixed-Use Fisheries*
 - Discussion: Focus Group Formation
- Draft Framework Action: Modification of Vermilion Snapper Catch Limits
- Discussion: SSC Recommendations on Final GRSC Report and LDWF Red Snapper Abundance Studies

– Recess –

Immediately following Reef Fish Committee - Virtual and In-person Question and Answer Session focused on For-Hire Reporting Requirements - featuring NMFS and Council Leadership and NMFS-Approved VMS Vendors

Wednesday, October 27th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Chair

- Presentation from the National Academy of Sciences on *Data and Management Strategies for Recreational Fisheries with Annual Catch Limits*
- Update on Southeast For-hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program
- Draft Framework Action: Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire and Commercial Vessels and Data Collection Advisory Panel (AP) Recommendations

----- **Break 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM CDT** -----

- Presentation: Update on Modifications to the Commercial Electronic Reporting Program
- Remaining Data Collection AP Recommendations

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

Wednesday, October 27th – Council Session

- I. **1:30 PM – 1:35 PM CDT:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Mr. Diaz*
- II. **1:35 PM – 1:40 PM CDT:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Diaz*
- III. **1:40 PM – 2:00 PM CDT:** Presentation:
 - Network Analysis of Quota Trading in the Gulf of Mexico Individual Fishing Quota Fisheries
 - Presentation (**Tab A, No. 7a**) and Report (**Tab A, No. 7b**) – *Dr. Ropicki*

----- **Break 2:00 PM – 2:15 PM CDT** -----

- IV. **2:15 PM – 5:30 PM CDT:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Mr. Diaz*
 - A. **Final Action:** Amendment 32: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia Catch Limits, Possession Limits, Size Limits, and Framework Procedure
 - B. **Final Action:** Draft Framework Action: Modification of Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper Catch Limits
 - C. Input on Shark and Dolphin Depredation Issues and Interactions
 - D. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– **Recess** –

Thursday, October 28th – Council Session

Committee Reports:

- A. 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM CDT: Shrimp (Tab D) – Chair
- B. 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM CDT: Gulf SEDAR (Tab I) – Mr. Diaz
- C. 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM CDT: Mackerel (Tab C) – Chair

----- Break 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM CDT -----

- D. 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM CDT: Data Collection (Tab F) – Chair
- E. 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Sustainable Fisheries (Tab E) – Chair

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

- F. 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish (Tab B) – Chair

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

- G. 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM CDT: Supporting Agencies Update (Tab R) – Mr. Diaz
 - o South Atlantic Council Liaison – (<https://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/council-meetings/>) – Mr. Griner
 - o Alabama Law Enforcement Efforts (Tab R, No. 2) – Major Downey
 - o NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) (Tab R, No. 3) – 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 – 4:30 PM CDT: Other Business (Tab U) – Mr. Diaz

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

January 24 – 27, 2022

Hilton Capitol Center

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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 2:15 pm CDT on October 27, 2021 but will not conclude before that time.

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