



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

## Committees Schedule & Council Agenda<sup>i</sup>

Marriott Plaza  
La Villita Ballroom  
San Antonio, Texas  
August 7-10, 2017

### Monday, August 7, 2017 – Committee Sessions

**10:30 am – 11:30 am: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G)** – Mr. Riechers, *Vice-Chair*

- Financial Budget Review
- Review of SOPPS Guidance on Advisory Panel Appointments

**11:30 am – 12:00 pm: Outreach and Education Committee (Tab O)** – Mr. Swindell, *Chair*

- Summary of Outreach and Education Technical Committee Meeting

– Recess –

**1:30 pm – 2:30 pm: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I)** – Ms. Bosarge, *Chair*

- Discussion of the 2017 Extended Recreational Red Snapper Season
- SEDAR Schedule Review

**2:30 pm – 2:45 pm: Break**-----

**2:45 pm – 5:00 pm: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E)** – Capt. Walker, *Chair*

- Protocol for Authorizing Sea Turtle Release Gear Presentation and Discussion Paper
- Lionfish Research, Actions, and Efforts by Federal and State Agencies

– Recess –

### Tuesday, August 8, 2017 – Committee Sessions Continued

**8:30 am – 12:00 pm & 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm: Reef Fish Management Committee (Tab B)** – Capt. Greene, *Chair*

- Final Action – Framework Action – Greater Amberjack ACL and Management Measures
- Draft – Amendment 42 – Reef Fish Management for Headboat Survey Vessels and Final Action on Referendum Eligibility Requirements
- Draft – Amendment 41 – Allocation-based Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels and Final Action on Referendum Eligibility Requirements
- Review of For-Hire Permit Moratorium and Transfers

- Draft – Framework Action to Modify the ACT for Red Snapper Federal For-Hire and Private Angler Components
- Presentation on the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program 5-Year Review
- Revised Options Paper – Amendment 36B – Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs and NMFS’ response regarding referendum requirements for auctions

– Recess –

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – Committee Sessions Continued**

**8:30 am – 10:30 am: Reef Fish Management Committee  
(Tab B) – Capt. Greene, *Chair***

- Options Paper – Status Determination Criteria and OY for Reef Fish Stocks
- Drafts – State Management of Recreational Red Snapper for Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama

**10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break-----**

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – Full Council Session**

- I. **10:45 am – 10:50 am:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – Ms. Bosarge
- II. **10:50 am – 11:00 am:** Adoption of Agenda<sup>i</sup> and Approval of Minutes  
**(Tab A, No. 3 & 4)** – Ms. Bosarge
- III. **11:00 am – 11:30 am:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, and Summary of Public Comments **(Tab S)** – Dr. Crabtree/ Ms. Bosarge/ Ms. Muehlstein
- IV. **11:30 am – 12:00 pm:** Presentations
  - Texas Law Enforcement **(Tab A, No. 8)** – Captain Ruiz

– Recess –

- V. **1:30 pm – 5:30 pm:** Public Comment <sup>ii, iii, iv, v</sup> – Ms. Bosarge
  - A. Agenda Testimony
    - Final Action – Framework Action – Greater Amberjack ACL and Management Measures
    - Final Action on Referendum on Eligibility Requirements for Reef Fish Amendment 42 – Reef Fish Management for Headboat Survey Vessels
    - Final Action on Referendum Eligibility Requirements for Reef Fish Amendment 41– Allocation-Based Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels

B. Open Testimony on any Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

**Thursday, August 10, 2017 – Council Session Continued**

**I. Committee Reports**

A. **8:30 am – 10:30 am: Reef Fish (Tab B)** – Capt. Greene

**10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break-----**

B. **10:45 am – 11:00 am: Gulf SEDAR (Tab I)** – Ms. Bosarge

C. **11:00 am – 11:15 am: Administrative/Budget (Tab G)** – Mr. Riechers

D. **11:15 am – 11:30 am: Sustainable Fisheries (Tab E)** – Capt. Walker

E. **11:30 am – 11:45 am: Outreach and Education (Tab O)** – Mr. Swindell

– Recess –

F. **1:15 pm – 2:15 pm: Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications (Tab S)** – Ms. Bosarge

**II. 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm: Supporting Agencies Update (Tab R)** – Ms. Bosarge

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

**III. 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm: Other Business** – Ms. Bosarge

- Update and Next Steps for Generic For-Hire Electronic Reporting Amendment – Dr. Froeschke/ Ms. Gerhart

– Adjourn –

**Next Meeting**

**October 2-6, 2017  
Beau Rivage Resort  
Biloxi, MS**

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<sup>i</sup> 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.

<sup>ii</sup> 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.

<sup>iii</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

<sup>iv</sup> 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.

<sup>v</sup> 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.