



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 12-15, 2019
Hyatt Centric French Quarter
Ballroom
New Orleans, Louisiana

Monday, August 12th – Committee Sessions

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Administrative/Budget (Tab G) – Mr. Spraggins/Dr. Mickle (Vice-Chair)

- 2017-2018 Audit Report
- Approval of Final 2019 Funded Budget
- Review of 2015-2019 Projected Expenditures and Budget Carryover to 2020
- Guidance from NMFS on the Multi-Year 2020-2024 Council Budget Requests and Gulf Council Projection

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- Draft Framework Action to Modify Federal For-hire Trip Limits

----- Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM -----

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- Draft Amendment Reef Fish 48/Red Drum 5: Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield for Reef Fish and Red Drum and SSC recommendations

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM -----

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- Discussion of Council Research and Monitoring Priorities for 2020 – 2024
- NMFS Southeast Regional Strategic Plan
- Presentation on Endangered Species Act Listing of Bryde's Whale
- Committee Discussion on Allocation Issues

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM -----

3:15 PM – 5:00 PM: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Review of Reef Fish and Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings
- Hot Sheet: African Pompano
- SSC Summary Report

– Recess –

Tuesday, August 13th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Draft Amendment 36B: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs
 - Quota Bank Presentation

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

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM: Reef Fish Committee continued (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Draft Amendment 36B Continued

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

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM: Reef Fish Committee continued (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Final Action: Framework Action to Modify the Recreational For-hire Red Snapper Annual Catch Target Buffer
- Final Action: Amendment 51: Establish Gray Snapper Status Determination Criteria, Reference Points, and Modify Annual Catch Limits

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

3:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Reef Fish Committee continued (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Draft Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Recreational Management Measures
- Presentation: Decision Points for Implementing Full-retention Bottom Longline Reef Fish Fishery: Viability, Monitoring, and Costs
- Reef Fish Amendment 52: Evaluate Red Snapper Allocations

– Recess –

Wednesday, August 14th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Habitat Protection and Restoration Committee (Tab P) – Mr. Banks

- Permitting Process for Siting of Artificial Reefs and Aquaculture Operations in Federal Waters
- Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Outline

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Dr. Stunz

- Presentation on 101 Permitting Process and Updates to the Programs
- Discussion of Commercial Fishing Unique Trip Identifiers Commercial IFQ Program
- Net Gains Alliance Presentation
- Update on SEFHIER

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

Wednesday, August 14th – Council Session

- I. **11:15 AM – 11:20 AM:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Dr. Frazer*
- II. **11:20 AM – 11:25 AM:** Induction of New Council Members – *Dr. Crabtree*
- III. **11:25 AM – 11:30 AM:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- IV. **11:30 AM – 11:40 AM:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications (**Tab S, No. 1**) – *Dr. Crabtree/Dr. Frazer*
- V. **11:40 AM – 11:45 PM:** Review of Public Comments on EFP Applications (if any) (**Tab S, No. 2**) – *Ms. Muehlstein*
- VI. **11:45 AM – 12:30 PM:** Presentations
 - Louisiana Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab A, No. 7**) – *Major Skena*
 - Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Report to Congress (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Dr. Lasseter*

----- Lunch 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM -----

- VII. **2:00 PM – 5:30 PM:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Dr. Frazer*
 - A. Final Action: Draft Framework Action to Modify the Recreational For-hire Red Snapper Annual Catch Target Buffer
 - B. Final Action: Amendment 51 to Establish Gray Snapper Status Determination Criteria, Reference Points, and Modify Annual Catch Limits
 - C. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, August 15 – Council Session, Continued

Committee Reports:

- A. **8:30 AM – 8:45 AM:** Habitat Protection and Restoration (**Tab P**) – *Mr. Banks*
- B. **8:45 AM – 9:15 AM:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – *Mr. Spraggins/Dr. Mickle*
- C. **9:15 AM – 9:45 AM:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Mr. Diaz*
- D. **9:45 AM – 10:15 AM:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Dr. Stunz*

----- Break 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM -----

- E. **10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Ms. Guyas*

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM -----

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM: Vote on EFP Applications (**Tab S**) – *Dr. Frazer*

1:45 PM – 2:30 PM: Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Dr. Frazer*

- South Atlantic Council Liaison
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (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 – *Dr. Frazer*

3:00 PM – 3:10 PM: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – *Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Constant*

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

October 21-25, 2019
[The Tremont House](#)
Galveston, Texas

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.