



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 24-28, 2020

VIRTUAL WEBINAR MEETING

Monday, August 24th – Full Council Closed Session

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM EDT: Closed Session Full Council (Tab T) – Dr. Frazer

- Final Selection of Coastal Migratory Pelagics and Red Drum Advisory Panel Members
- Other Internal Administrative Matters

----- Break 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM EDT -----

Monday, August 24th – Committee Sessions

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM EDT: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) – Mr. Dyskow

- Review and Approval of Funded 2020 Budget

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM EDT: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Mr. Anson

- Review of Potential Regulatory Changes from Commercial Electronic Logbook Program Implementation
- Briefing on Shrimp Electronic Logbook Program
- Update on Southeast For-hire Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EDT -----

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EDT: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- Aquaculture Aspects of Executive Order 13921
- Recommendations and Public Comments on Executive Order 13921
- Public Hearing Draft Amendment Reef Fish 48/Red Drum 5: Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield for Reef Fish and Red Drum

----- Break 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM EDT -----

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM EDT: Sustainable Fisheries Committee *continued* (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- Public Hearing Draft Amendment Reef Fish 48/Red Drum 5: Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield for Reef Fish and Red Drum – continued
- Presentation on Depredation by Marine Mammals

– Recess –

Tuesday, August 25th – Committee Sessions, Continued

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM EDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Review of Reef Fish Landings
- Discussion of Fishing Industry Impacts Due to COVID-19 and Potential Emergency Rule Requests
- Status of Gulf State Recreational Data Collection Programs and 2020 Red Snapper Seasons

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

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

- Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Fishing Effort Survey (FES) Calibration Workshop

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

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Review: August 5, 2020, MRIP Red Snapper State Data Calibration Meeting and SSC Recommendations

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

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM EDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Continued Discussion: August 5, 2020, MRIP Red Snapper State Data Calibration Meeting and SSC Recommendations

– Recess –

Wednesday, August 26th – Committee Sessions, Continued

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM EDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Revised Draft Amendment 53: Red Grouper Catch Limits and Sector Allocations

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

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

- Draft Framework Action: Modification of the Gulf of Mexico Lane Snapper Annual Catch Limit
- Review of SEDAR 64: Southeastern U.S. Yellowtail Snapper Stock Assessment

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

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Public Hearing Draft Amendment 36B: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs
- Remaining Items from the SSC Report

----- Break 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM EDT -----

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM EDT: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I) – Dr. Frazer

- Update on Operational Assessment Process and SSC Recommendations
- Interim Analyses – Discussion on Timing and Use for Management

– Recess –

4:30 PM: - 6:00 PM EDT: GMFMC and NOAA Question and Answer Session – Dr. Frazer/Dr. Crabtree

Thursday, August 27st – Committee Sessions, Continued

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM EDT: Mackerel Committee (Tab C) – Mr. Riechers

- Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings Update
- Review of SEDAR 28 Update: Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia Stock Assessment

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

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM EDT: Ecosystem Committee (Tab Q) – Dr. Shipp

- Update on Gulf of Mexico Fishery Ecosystem Plan
- Southeast Regional Efforts to Build a Foundation for the Fishery Ecosystem Plan

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EDT -----

Thursday, August 27th – Council Session

- I. **1:00 PM – 1:10 PM:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Dr. Frazer*
- II. **1:10 PM – 1:15 PM:** Induction of New Council Members – *Dr. Crabtree*
- III. **1:15 PM – 1:20 PM:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- IV. **1:20 PM – 3:30 PM:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv} – *Dr. Frazer*
 - A. Comments on Executive Order 13921
 - B. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

----- Break 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM EDT -----

Committee Reports:

- A. **3:45 PM – 3:55 PM:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – *Mr. Dyskow*
- B. **3:55 PM – 4:00 PM:** Coastal Migratory Pelagics and Red Drum AP Appointments (**Tab T**) – *Dr. Frazer*

– Recess –

Friday, August 28th – Council Session

Committee Reports:

- A. **9:00 AM – 9:15 AM:** Gulf SEDAR (**Tab I**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- B. **9:15 AM – 9:30 AM:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Mr. Anson*
- C. **9:30 AM – 10:00 AM:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Mr. Diaz*
- D. **10:00 AM – 10:15 AM:** Ecosystem (**Tab Q**) – *Dr. Shipp*
- E. **10:15 AM – 10:30 AM:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Mr. Riechers*

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

- F. **10:45 AM – 12:00 PM:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Ms. Guyas*

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

- A. **1:00 PM – 2:30 PM:** Reef Fish Continued (**Tab B**) – *Ms. Guyas*
- B. **2:30 PM – 3:30 PM:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Dr. Frazer*
 - Texas Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab R, No. 1**) – Assistant Commander Barker
 - South Atlantic Council Liaison – Ms. Beckwith
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) (**Tab R, No. 3**) – Lt. Scarpa
 - Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission – Mr. Donaldson
 - U.S. Coast Guard – Lt. Giancola/LTJG Peterson
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Department of State

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM: Other Business – *Dr. Frazer*

- 5th Court Aquaculture Appellate Decision (**Tab U, No. 1**)

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – *Mr. Donaldson*

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

October 26th – 29th

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Gulfport, MS

ⁱ The 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 1:20 pm EDT on August 27, 2020 but will not conclude before that time.

ⁱⁱ Persons wishing to give public testimony must call the toll-free number provided on the Council's website and projected on screen during the meeting at the start of the public comment period at 1:20 pm EDT on August 27, 2020. 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.

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