



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ January 27-30, 2020

**Hyatt Centric
D. H. Holmes Ballroom
New Orleans, Louisiana**

Monday, January 27th – Committee Sessions

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) – Mr. Dyskow

- Update on 2015-2019 Carryover Request and Funded Contractual Projects
- Proposed 2020 Budget and Activities
- Updates to Administrative Handbook
- Review of Advisory Panels

----- Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM -----

10:15 AM – 12:15 PM: Coral Management Committee (Tab N) – Dr. Frazer

- Recommendations to the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary – Summary from Advisory Panels and Scientific and Statistical Committees
- Recommendations from the Joint Gulf and South Atlantic Spiny Lobster Advisory Panels

----- Lunch 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM -----

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- Interagency Coordination of Aquaculture Science and Management
- Public Hearing Draft Amendment Reef Fish 48/Red Drum 5: Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield for Reef Fish and Red Drum

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM -----

3:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee Continued (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- Framework Action: Modification of Fishing Access in Eastern Gulf of Mexico Marine Protected Areas
- Discussion of Section 102: Fishery Management Measures of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018
- Committee Discussion on Allocation Issues

– Recess –

Tuesday, January 28th – Committee Sessions, Continued

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

- Review of Reef Fish and CMP Landings
- Draft Amendments 36B and 36C: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs and Presentations

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

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

- Draft Amendments 36B and 36C: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs and Presentations - Continued

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

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

- Draft Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Recreational Management Measures
- SSC Report: Lane Snapper FES-Adjusted Catch Recommendations

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

3:45 PM – 5:30 PM: Reef Fish Committee continued (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Draft Options: Amendment 53 - Red Grouper Allocations and Catch Levels

– Recess –

NMFS Question and Answer Session Immediately Following Reef Fish Committee – Dr. Roy Crabtree

Wednesday, January 29th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Reef Fish Committee continued (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Draft Amendment 52: Red Snapper Sector Allocations
- State Management Performance Reports for the 2019 Private Angling Red Snapper Fishing Season
- Remaining Items January 2020 SSC Meeting Summary

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

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM: Migratory Species Committee (Tab M) – Dr. Stunz

- Summary Reports from the HMS and ICCAT AP Meetings
- Presentation on Shark Population Abundance Trends and Depredation

Wednesday, January 29th – Council Session

- I. **11:15 AM – 11:20 AM:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Dr. Frazer*
- II. **11:20 AM – 11:25 AM:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- III. **11:25 AM – 11:30 AM:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications (**Tab S**) – *Dr. Crabtree/Dr. Frazer*
- IV. **11:30 AM – 11:35 AM:** Review of Public Comments on EFP Applications (if any) – *Ms. Muehlstein*
- V. **11:35 AM – 12:15 PM:** Presentations
 - Louisiana Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab A, No. 7**) – Major Skena
 - Update on SEFHIER (**Tab A, No. 8**) – Ms. Gerhart

----- Lunch 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM -----

- VI. **1:45 PM – 5:30 PM:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Dr. Frazer*
 - A. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Proposed Expansion
 - B. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, January 30th – Council Session, Continued

Committee Reports:

- A. **8:30 AM – 8:45 AM:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – *Mr. Dyskow*
- B. **8:45 AM – 9:15 AM:** Coral (**Tab N**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- C. **9:15 AM – 10:30 AM:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Mr. Diaz*

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM -----

- D. **10:45 AM – 11:00 AM:** Migratory Species (**Tab M**) – *Dr. Stunz*
- E. **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Ms. Guyas*

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM -----

- F. **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM:** Reef Fish Continued (**Tab B**) – *Ms. Guyas*

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM: Vote on EFP Applications (if any) (**Tab S**) – *Dr. Frazer*

2:45 PM – 3:45 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

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Other Business – *Dr. Frazer*

- Status Update on Proposed TED Regulations for Skimmer Trawls – *Dr. Crabtree*

– **Adjourn** –

Next Meeting

March 30th –April 2nd

[The Lodge @ Gulf State Park](#)

Gulf Shores, Alabama

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.