



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

June 3-6, 2019

Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort

Bayside Ballroom

Miramar Beach, Florida

Monday, June 3 – Full Council

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM: Closed Session (Tab T) – Dr. Frazer

- Selection of Data Collection Advisory Panel Members
- Selection of Coral Advisory Panel Members

----- Break 9:15 AM – 9:30 AM -----

Monday, June 3 – Committee Sessions

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

- Review of Proposed Data Collection AP Charge
- Discussion of Commercial Fishing Unique Trip Identifiers
- SEFHIER Implementation Plan Presentation

----- Lunch 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM -----

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018
- Committee Discussion on Allocation Issues

----- Break 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM -----

- Final Action: Generic Amendment – Carryover Provisions and Framework Modifications
- Discussion: Two-Day Possession Limit on Federal For-Hire Trips

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Habitat Protection and Restoration Committee (Tab P) – Mr. Banks

- Manna Fish Farms, Gulf of Mexico Finfish Aquaculture Operations

– Recess –

Immediately following Habitat Protection and Restoration Committee - Manna Fish Farms will be conducting a workshop for stakeholders on its Gulf of Mexico Finfish Aquaculture Operations – Ms. Showalter Otts/Dr. Lucas

Tuesday, June 4 – Committee Sessions, Continued

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

- Review of Reef Fish Landings
- Joint Enforcement Agreement Discussion

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

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

- Draft Amendment 36B: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs
 - Quota Bank Presentation
 - NOAA General Counsel Enforcement Section Penalties Presentation
 - Law Enforcement Technical Committee Discussion

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

1:30 PM – 3:15 PM: Reef Fish Committee continued (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Final Action: Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Commercial Trip Limits
- Draft Framework Action to Modify the Recreational For-hire Red Snapper Annual Catch Target Buffer

----- **Break 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM** -----

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

- Public Hearing Draft Amendment 51: Establish Gray Snapper Status Determination Criteria, Reference Points, and Modify Annual Catch Limits
- Discussion of Commercial Crew Size Requirements

– **Recess** –

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

Wednesday, June 5 – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Migratory Species Committee (Tab M) – Dr. Stunz

- Summary Presentation of HMS Proposed Actions

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I) – Dr. Frazer

- Summary of the May 2019 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting
- Review of Gulf of Mexico SEDAR Schedule

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

Wednesday, June 5 – Council Session

- I. **10:45 AM – 10:50 AM:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Dr. Frazer*
- II. **10:50 AM – 11:00 AM:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- III. **11:00 AM – 11:15 AM:** 2018 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award – *Dr. Frazer/ Mr. Boyd*
- IV. **11:15 AM – 11:45 AM:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications (**Tab S, No. 1**) – *Dr. Crabtree/Dr. Frazer*
- V. **11:45 AM – 12:00 PM:** Review of Public Comments on EFP Applications (if any) (**Tab S, No. 2**) – *Ms. Muehlstein*
- VI. **12:00 PM – 12:30 PM:** Presentation
 - Florida Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Captain Pearce*

----- 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: Generic Amendment – Carryover the ACL of Unharvested Quota
 - B. Final Action: Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Commercial Trip Limits
 - C. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, June 6 – Council Session, Continued

Committee Reports:

- A. **8:30 AM – 8:45 AM:** Habitat Protection and Restoration (**Tab P**) – *Mr. Banks*
- B. **8:45 AM – 9:00 AM:** Migratory Species (**Tab M**) – *Dr. Stunz*
- C. **9:00 AM – 9:30 AM:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Dr. Stunz*
- D. **9:30 AM – 10:00 AM:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Mr. Diaz*
- E. **10:00 AM – 10:15 AM:** Gulf SEDAR (**Tab I**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- F. **10:15 AM – 10:30 AM:** Data Collection and Coral AP Appointments (**Tab T**) – *Dr. Frazer*

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM -----

- G. **10:45 AM – 12:30 PM:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Ms. Guyas*

----- Lunch 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM -----

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM: Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications
(Tab S) – Dr. Frazer

2:00 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*

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

August 12-15, 2019

[Hyatt Centric French Quarter](#)

New Orleans, Louisiana

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.