



# 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>

**The Tremont House  
Tremont Ballroom  
Galveston, Texas**

### **Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – Full Council**

- **8:00 AM – 8:05 AM:** Induction of New Council Member – *Dr. Crabtree*
- **8:05 AM – 8:15 AM:** Review and Adoption of Council Committee Assignments October 2019 through August 2020 (**Tab A, No. 7**) – *Dr. Frazer*

### **Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – Committee Sessions**

#### **8:15 AM – 9:15 AM: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) – Chair**

- Update of 2015-2019 Projected Expenditures and Budget Carryover to 2020
- Review and Discussion of Potential Contractual Projects for 2020

#### **9:15 AM – 10:15 AM: Coral Committee (Tab N) – Chair**

- Coral Reef Conservation Program Update
- Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Expansion Update

----- **Break 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM** -----

#### **10:30 AM – 11:00 AM: Coral Committee (Tab N) continued**

- Status of Coral Amendment 9
- Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Management Review and Recommendations from Joint Coral SSC, Coral AP, and Shrimp AP Meeting and Reef Fish AP Meeting
- Remaining items from Joint Coral SSC, Coral AP, and Shrimp AP Meeting

#### **11:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Chair**

- Final Draft Framework Action to Modify Federal For-hire Multi-Day Trip Possession Limits
- Draft Amendment Reef Fish 48/Red Drum 5: Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield for Reef Fish and Red Drum

----- **Lunch 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM** -----

#### **2:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) continued**

- Council Research and Monitoring Priorities for 2020 – 2024
- Eye on the Gulf: An Electronic Monitoring Presentation of the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Fishery

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM -----

**3:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) continued**

- Presentation on Allocation Review Criteria
- Remaining items from the Scientific and Statistic Committee (SSC) Summary Report
- Committee Discussion on Allocation Issues

– Recess –

*Immediately following Sustainable Fisheries Committee - NMFS Informal IFQ Outreach Session for Fishermen and Dealers – SERO Staff*

**Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Committee Sessions, Continued**

**8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Outreach and Education Committee (Tab O) – Chair**

- Presentation – Communication Analytics
- Release Mortality Symposium Summary
- Review of “Fishing for Our Future” Webpage

**9:30 AM – 10:45 AM: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Chair**

- Review of Reef Fish and Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings
- Draft Amendment 36B: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs and Presentations

----- Break 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM -----

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) continued**

- Draft Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Recreational Management Measures

----- Lunch 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM -----

**2:00 PM – 3:30 PM: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) continued**

- Stock Assessment Review: SEDAR 61 – Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper

----- Break 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM -----

**3:45 PM – 5:30 PM: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) continued**

- Stock Assessment Review: Itarget Model Update and Projections for Gulf Lane Snapper
- Remaining Items from the Reef Fish AP Summary Report

– Recess –

**Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Committee Sessions, Continued**

**8:30 AM – 9:00 AM: Law Enforcement Committee (Tab L) – Chair**

- Law Enforcement Technical Committee Meeting Summary
- Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Report

**9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I) – Dr. Frazer**

- Review of Gulf Stocks Suitable for Interim Analyses
- Summary of August 2019 SEDAR Steering Committee Webinar: NOAA's Recommended Use of the Current Gulf of Mexico Surveys of Marine Recreational Fishing in Stock Assessments
- Review: Report to Congress Regarding Section 201 of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018
- Summary of September 2019 SEDAR Steering Committee Webinar
- Review of Gulf of Mexico SEDAR Schedule

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

**10:45 AM – 11:30 AM: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Chair**

- Draft Procedural Directive for Electronic Monitoring Data Retention
- Update on SEFHIER

**Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Council Session**

- I. **11:30 AM – 11:35 AM:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions –  
*Dr. Frazer*
- II. **11:35 AM – 11:40 AM:** Adoption of Agenda<sup>i</sup> and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- III. **11:40 AM – 12:00 PM:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications (**Tab S**) – *Dr. Crabtree/Dr. Frazer*
- IV. **12:00 PM – 12:10 PM:** Review of Public Comments on EFP Applications (if any)  
– *Ms. Muehlstein*
- V. **12:10 PM – 12:30 PM:** Presentations
  - Texas Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Asst. Commander Barker*

**----- Lunch 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM -----**

- VI. **2:00 PM – 5:30 PM:** Public Comment <sup>ii, iii, iv, v</sup> – *Dr. Frazer*
  - A. Final Action: Framework Action to Modify Federal For-hire Trip Limits
  - B. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

**– Recess –**

## **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Council Session, Continued**

### **Committee Reports:**

- A. **8:30 AM – 8:45 AM:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – *Chair*
- B. **8:45 AM – 9:30 AM:** Coral (**Tab N**) – *Chair*
- C. **9:30 AM – 9:45 AM:** Outreach and Education (**Tab O**) – *Chair*

----- **Break 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM** -----

- D. **10:00 AM – 11:00 AM:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Chair*
- E. **11:00 AM – 11:15 AM:** Gulf SEDAR (**Tab I**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- F. **11:15 AM – 11:30 AM:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Chair*
- G. **11:30 AM – 11:40 AM:** Law Enforcement (**Tab L**) – *Chair*

----- **Lunch 11:40 AM – 12:40 PM** -----

- H. **12:40 PM – 2:40 PM:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Chair*

**2:40 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*

- Update on the South Atlantic Council's Control Date for Spanish Mackerel – Ms. Gerhart

– **Adjourn** –

### **Next Meeting**

January 27-30, 2020  
[Hyatt Centric French Quarter](#)  
New Orleans, Louisiana

<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.