



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 24th – 27th, 2022

Virtual

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Monday, January 24th – Full Council Session

8:00 AM – 8:10 AM CST: Election of Council Vice-Chair – *Mr. Donaldson*

8:10 AM – 8:15 AM CST: Review and Adoption of Revised Council Committee Assignments October 2021 through August 2022 (**Tab A, Nos. 2a & 2b**) – *Mr. Diaz*

Monday, January 24th – Committee Sessions

8:15 AM – 10:15 AM CST: Habitat Protection and Restoration (Tab P) – *Mr. Gill*

- Presentation from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico
- Essential Fish Habitat Generic Amendment
- Draft Response Letter to NOAA Request for Comments on the Area-Based Management Goals Related to Executive Order 14008

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

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM CST: Outreach and Education Committee (Tab O) – *Dr. Stunz*

- Presentation on 2021 Communication Analytics and Updated 2021 Communications Improvement Plan
- Draft Social Media Guidelines
- Draft Public Comment Guidelines
- Draft Press Release Guidelines
- 2022 Communications Improvement Plan
- Remaining Items from the Outreach and Education Technical Committee
- Presentation on the Summary of Discard and Barotrauma Reduction Efforts Across the Region

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

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM CST: Shrimp Committee (Tab G) – *Ms. Bosarge*

- NMFS' Evaluation of Draft Approval Specifications for Reinstating Historical cELB Program
- Updated Draft Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery
- Summary of the Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting

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

3:45 PM – 5:30 PM CST: Mackerel Committee (Tab C) – Mr. Riechers

- Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings
- Draft Amendment 33: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits and Sector Allocations
- Draft Amendment 34: Atlantic Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Levels and Atlantic King and Spanish Mackerel Management Measures

– Recess –

Tuesday, January 25th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM CST: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Chair

- Review of Reef Fish and Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Landings
- **Final Action:** Framework Action: Modifications of Vermilion Snapper Catch Limits

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

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM CST: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Chair

- Presentation on SEDAR 70: Greater Amberjack Revised Projections, SSC Recommendations, Reef Fish AP Recommendations
- Presentation on SEDAR 72: Gag Grouper Stock Assessment Report, SSC Recommendations, Reef Fish AP Recommendations
 - Discussion – Council Request for SRFS Integration and Update Assessment of SEDAR 72

----- Working Lunch 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM CST -----

12:00 PM – 1:45 PM CST: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Chair

- Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Programs:
 - Focus Group Formation and Next Steps
 - Public Hearing Draft Reef Fish Amendment 36B
- Update: Draft Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 and Reef Fish Amendment 55: Modifications to Southeastern U.S. Yellowtail Snapper Jurisdictional Allocations, Catch Limits, and South Atlantic Sector Annual Catch Limits

----- Break 1:45 PM – 2:00 PM CST -----

2:00 PM – 4:15 PM CST: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Chair

- Discussion: Wenchman in the Gulf of Mexico
- Review of Revised Great Red Snapper Count Estimates and SSC Recommendations for Re-evaluating Red Snapper Catch Advice
- Discussion of Remaining SSC Recommendations
- Discussion of Remaining Reef Fish Advisory Panel Recommendations

----- Break 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM CST -----

Full Council Closed Session

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM CST: Selection of IFQ Focus Group Participants

– Recess –

Wednesday, January 26th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM CST: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Ms. Boggs

- Draft Framework Action: Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire Vessels and Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP) Recommendations
- Presentation: Update on Modifications to the Commercial Electronic Reporting Program
- Update on Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program
- Update on Upcoming Workshop to Evaluate State-Federal Recreational Survey Differences

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

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM CST: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Dr. Stunz

- Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology and SSC Recommendations

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

Wednesday, January 26th – Council Session

- I. **1:30 PM – 1:32 PM CST:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Mr. Diaz*
- II. **1:32 PM – 1:35 PM CST:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, Nos. 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Diaz*
- III. **1:35 PM – 2:00 PM CST:** Presentation:
 - Density estimations of age-0 and age-1 Gray Triggerfish, *Balistes caprisucus*, and Vermilion Snapper, *Rhomboplites aurorubens*, from 2007 to 2015, in the northern Gulf of Mexico
 - Presentation (**Tab A, No. 7a**) and Reports (**Tab A, No. 7b and Tab A, No. 7c**) – *Dr. Szedlmayer*

----- Break 2:00 PM – 2:15 PM CST -----

- IV. **2:15 PM – 5:30 PM CST:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Mr. Diaz*
 - A. **Final Action:** Framework Action: Modification of Vermilion Snapper Catch Limits
 - B. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, January 27th – Council Session

Committee Reports:

- A. **8:00 AM – 8:30 AM CST:** Habitat Protection and Restoration (**Tab P**) – *Mr. Gill*
- B. **8:30 AM – 9:00 AM CST:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Ms. Bosarge*
- C. **9:00 AM – 9:30 AM CST:** Outreach and Education (**Tab O**) – *Dr. Stunz*
- D. **9:30 AM – 10:00 AM CST:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Mr. Riechers*

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

- E. **10:15 AM – 11:00 AM CST:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Ms. Boggs*
- F. **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CST:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Chair*

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

- G. **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CST:** Reef Fish *continued* (**Tab B**) – *Chair*
- H. **2:30 PM – 2:55 PM CST:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Dr. Stunz*
- I. **2:55 PM – 3:00 PM CST:** Closed Session Report (**Tab T**) – *Mr. Diaz*

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

- J. **3:15 PM – 4:15 PM CST:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Mr. Diaz*
 - South Atlantic Council Liaison (**Tab R, No. 1**) – *Ms. Marhefka*
 - Louisiana Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab R, No. 2**) – *Major Skena*
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) (**Tabs R, Nos. 3a & 3b**) – *ASAC O’Malley*
 - Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission – *Mr. Donaldson*
 - U.S. Coast Guard – *LTJG Adam Peterson*
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Department of State

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM CST: Other Business (**Tab U**) – *Mr. Diaz*

– Adjourn –

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Meeting</u> April 4 – 7, 2022 <u>The Lodge @ Gulf State Park</u> Gulf Shores, Alabama</p>
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ⁱThe 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 2:15 pm CST on January 26, 2021 but will not conclude before that time.

ⁱⁱ Persons wishing to give public testimony **virtually** must sign up on the Council website on the day of public testimony. Registration closes one hour before public testimony begins. 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. **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.

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.

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.