



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

April 8 – 11th, 2024

The Lodge at Gulf State Park & [Virtual](#)

Monday, April 8th – Committee Sessions

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM CDT: Shrimp (Tab D) – Mr. Schieble

- Biological Review of the Texas Closure
- Draft Shrimp Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery
- 2022 Gulf Shrimp Fishery Effort
- Update on Number of Valid and Renewable Gulf Shrimp Permits and Discussion of Management Implications
- Remaining Items from Summary of the March 19-20, 2024, Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting

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

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM CDT: Gulf SEDAR (Tab I) – Mr. Anson

- Review and Discussion of Gulf of Mexico SEDAR Schedule
- SSC Initial Discussions about the current SEDAR Process
- March 2024 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Report

----- Lunch 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM CDT -----

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM CDT: Data Collection (Tab F) – Ms. Boggs

- Presentation: Discussion of Fisheries Economic Data Collection Methods
- Amendment Draft Options

----- Break 4:00 PM – 4:15 PM CDT -----

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM CDT: Full Council Closed Session (Tab T) – Mr. Anson

- Preliminary Appointments to the Ad Hoc Commercial Red Snapper/Grouper-Tilefish Advisory Panels
- Preliminary Appointments to the Reef Fish and Shrimp Advisory Panels
- Selection of 2023 Law Enforcement Officer/Team of the Year

– Recess –

Tuesday, April 9th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM CDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Review of Reef Fish and Individual Fishing Quota Program Landings
- Presentation on 2024 Gag and Red Grouper Recreational Season Projections
- Discussion of Conservation and Management of Wenchman in the Mid-water Snapper Complex
 - Background Draft Options: Modification of Mid-Water Snapper Complex Composition and Catch Limits

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

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Draft Options: Reef Fish Amendment 58: Modifications to Shallow-Water Grouper Complex Catch Limits and Management Measures

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

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Review: February 2024 Gulf SSC Meeting Summary Items:
 - SEDAR 85: Gulf Yellowedge Grouper Assessment and Projections
 - Fishermen Feedback for SEDAR 85
 - Other Deepwater Grouper Landings Data and Catch Limits
 - Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Research Track SEDAR 74
 - Comparison of the Reef Fish and Snapper Grouper Fisheries of the Southeastern US
 - 2024 Gulf Red Grouper Interim Analysis Review

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM CDT -----

3:15 PM – 5:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Presentation on Reef Fish Amendment 60: Individual Fishing Quota Programmatic Distributional Issue

– Recess –

Wednesday, April 10th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM CDT: Mackerel (Tab C) – Mr. Geeslin

- Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Landings
- CMP Special Engagement Session Summary
- Draft Framework Amendment 14: Modifications to Gulf Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits including CMP AP Recommendations
- Gulf Migratory Group King Mackerel Management Discussion
- Remaining CMP Advisory Panel Meeting Recommendations

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

Wednesday, April 10th – Council Session

- I. **10:15 AM – 10:20 AM CDT:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Mr. Anson*
- II. **10:20 AM – 10:30 AM CDT:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Anson*
- III. **10:30 AM – 12:15 PM CDT:** Presentations:
 - Brief Update on Recreational Initiative – *Dr. Simmons*
 - Opportunities to Advance Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ) in Gulf of Mexico Fisheries through the Southeast EEJ Implementation Plan (**Tab A, No. 8a**) – *Mr. Strelcheck*
 - Draft Action Items (**Tab A, No. 8b**)
 - Background: NMFS Equity and Environmental Justice (**Tab A, No. 8c**)
 - Update from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico (**Tab A, No. 9**) – *Ms. Lyncker*

----- Lunch 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM CDT -----

Wednesday, April 10th – Council Session continued

- IV. **1:30 PM – 5:00 PM CDT:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Mr. Anson*
 - Comments on the Southeast EEJ Implementation Plan
 - Comments on the Status of the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fisheries
 - Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, April 11th – Council Session

Committee Reports:

- A. **8:00 AM – 9:00 AM CDT:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Mr. Schieble*
- B. **9:00 AM – 10:00 AM CDT:** Gulf SEDAR (**Tab I**) – *Mr. Anson*

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

- C. **10:15 AM – 11:00 AM CDT:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Ms. Boggs*
- D. **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CDT:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Dr. Frazer*

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

- E. **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CDT:** Reef Fish *continued* (**Tab B**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- F. **2:30 PM – 2:35 PM CDT:** Closed Session Report: Announcement of 2023 Officer/Team of the Year (**Tab T**) – *Mr. Anson / Mr. Diaz*
- G. **2:35 PM – 3:00 PM CDT:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Mr. Geeslin*

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM CDT -----

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM CDT: Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Mr. Anson*

- Alabama Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab R, No. 1**) – *Major Downey*
- South Atlantic Council Liaison (**Tab R, No. 2**) – *Ms. McCawley*
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) (**Tab R, No. 3**) – *ASAC Bradford*
- Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (**Tab R, No. 4**) – *Mr. Donaldson*
- U.S. Coast Guard (**Tab R, No. 5**) – *LTJG Shinnick*
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Department of State

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM CDT: Discussion of Council Planning and Primary Activities (**Tab R, No. 6**) – *Dr. Simmons / Dr. Froeschke / Mr. Anson*

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM CDT: Other Business (**Tab U**) – *Mr. Anson*

- Litigation Update – *Ms. Levy*
- Federal Charter Vessel ID Marking Requirements – *Mr. Strelcheck*
- Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Data Confidentiality Proposed Rulemaking – *NOAA Fisheries Staff*

– Adjourn –

<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting June 24-27, 2024 Omni Houston Hotel Houston, Texas</p>

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 testimony may begin earlier than 1:30 pm CDT on April 10, 2024, but will not conclude before that time. Public testimony may end before the published agenda time if all registered in-person and virtual participants have completed their testimony.

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

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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.