



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 24-27th, 2024

Omni Hotel Houston, Texas & [Virtual](#)

Monday, June 24th – Committee Sessions

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM CDT: Administrative/Budget (Tab G) – Gen. Spraggins

- Discussion of Modifications to Council SOPPs
 - Reporting Requirement for Council Compensation
 - Considerations for Anti-Harassment Training for Advisory Panel Members
 - Documentation of Participation Requirements for Advisory Panel meetings
- Status Update on Inflation Reduction Act Funding for the Regional Management Councils

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

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Data Collection (Tab F) – Ms. Boggs

- Discussion on For-hire Data Collection Program: Amendment Draft Options
- NOAA Fisheries Guidance on MRIP-FES Transition Document

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

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CDT: Sustainable Fisheries (Tab E) – Dr. Sweetman

- SSC Recommendations from May 2024 Meeting
- May 2024 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Report

----- Break 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM CDT -----

2:45 PM – 5:30 PM CDT: Full Council Closed Session (Tab T) – Mr. Anson

- Finalize Appointments to the Ad Hoc Commercial Red Snapper/Grouper-Tilefish Advisory Panels
- Finalize Appointments to the Reef Fish and Shrimp Advisory Panels
- Selection of Standing and Special Scientific and Statistical Committee Members for 2024-2027 Term

– Recess –

Tuesday, June 25th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM CDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Discussion: Reef Fish Amendment 60: Individual Fishing Quota Programmatic Distributional Issues

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

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Draft Options: Reef Fish Amendment 59: Requirements for Participation in Individual Fishing Quota Programs

----- Lunch 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM CDT -----

1:15 PM – 3:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Presentation and Discussion on the 20-Fathom Recreational Seasonal Closure for Shallow-water Grouper and Reef Fish AP Recommendations
- Discussion: NMFS Letter to Gulf Council on Lane Snapper Overfishing and Reef Fish AP Recommendations

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

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

- Review: Reef Fish AP Charter For-hire Buffer and Fishing Season for Red Snapper, and Other Business
- Update and Next Steps on Recreational Initiative
- Other Business
 - 2024 Recreational Season for Gag

– Recess –

Wednesday, June 26th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM CDT: Mackerel (Tab C) – Mr. Geeslin

- Draft Framework Amendment 14: Modifications to Gulf Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits including CMP AP Recommendations
- Draft Framework Amendment 15: Gulf Migratory Group King Mackerel Management Measures Recommendations

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM CDT: Migratory Species (Tab M) – Dr. Banks

- Scoping Document: Gear Considerations in Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

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

Wednesday, June 26th – Council Session

- I. **10:45 AM – 10:50 AM CDT:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Mr. Anson*
- II. **10:50 AM – 10:55 AM CDT:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Anson*
- III. **10:55 AM – 12:00 PM CDT:** Presentations:

- Update from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico (**Tab A, No. 7**) – *Ms. Lyncker*
- Texas Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Lt. Casterline*

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

Wednesday, June 26th – Council Session continued

IV. **1:30 PM – 5:00 PM CDT:** Public Comment *ii, iii, iv, v* – *Mr. Anson*

- Open Testimony on Fishery Issues or Concerns
- Scoping Document: Gear Considerations in Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

– Recess –

Thursday, June 27th – Council Session

Presentation and Discussion:

8:30 am – 9:30 am CDT:

- Flower Garden Banks Presentation on Management Considerations for Wahoo (**Tab A, No. 9**) – *Dr. Johnston*
- Overview of Regulatory Options for Management of Wahoo (**Tab A, No. 10**) – *Dr. McGovern / Mr. Helies*

Committee Reports:

- A. **9:30 AM – 10:00 AM CDT:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – *Gen. Spraggins*
- B. **10:00 AM – 10:30 AM CDT:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Ms. Boggs*

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

- C. **10:45 AM – 11:00 AM CDT:** Closed Session Report (**Tab T**) – *Mr. Anson*
- 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 – 3:00 PM CDT:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Mr. Geeslin*
- G. **3:00 PM – 3:15 PM CDT:** Migratory Species (**Tab M**) – *Dr. Banks*

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

3:30 PM – 4:15 PM CDT: Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Mr. Anson*

- South Atlantic Council Liaison (**Tab R, No. 1**) – *Mr. Borland*
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) (**Tab R, No. 2**) – *ASAC Bradford*
- Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (**Tab R, No. 3**) – *Mr. Donaldson*
- U.S. Coast Guard (**Tab R, No. 4**) – *Lt. Fuhs*

- 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. 5**) – *Dr. Simmons / Mr. Anson*

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

- Litigation Update – *Ms. Levy*
- Discussion of Briefing Book Deadlines – *Mr. Gill / Mr. Anson / Dr. Simmons*

– **Adjourn** –

<p>Next Meeting August 19-22, 2024 Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino Biloxi, Mississippi</p>
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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 June 26, 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.

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.