



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 5 – 8th, 2023

The Battle House Renaissance
Mobile, Alabama & [Virtual](#)

Monday, June 5th – Committee Sessions

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM CDT: Law Enforcement (Tab L) – Gen. Spraggins

- Review of Law Enforcement Technical Committee (LETC) Meeting Summary from March 2023 Meeting

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM CDT: Ecosystem (Tab Q) – Mr. Anson

- Ecosystem Technical Committee Report
- SSC Recommendations on a Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem Model (GoMEM) to Support Fisheries Management

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

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM CDT: Data Collection (Tab F) – Ms. Boggs

- SEFHIER Program Update and Next Steps
- Status Update on Plan with GSMFC and NMFS on the Private Angler Permit

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Shrimp (Tab D) – Mr. Banks/ Mr. Schieble

- Next Steps for Congressional Funding Budget for Shrimp Vessel Position Data Reporting and Summary of the May 2023 Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting

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

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM CDT: Sustainable Fisheries (Tab E) – Dr. Sweetman

- Overview Presentation on Rice's Whale Status and Recent Speed Limit Petition in the Gulf of Mexico
- Review of Multi-year Annual Catch Limits

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

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM CDT: Sustainable Fisheries continued (Tab E) – Dr. Sweetman

- SSC Recommendations on Report from the MRIP Transition Team on Red Snapper and Other Species in Gulf State Supplemental Surveys
- SSC Recommendations on the Evaluation of Interim Analysis Process
- SSC Recommendations on Management Strategy Evaluation Workshop

----- Break 4:45 PM – 4:50 PM CDT -----

Full Council Closed Session

4:50 PM – 5:15 PM CDT: Full Council Closed Session – Dr. Stunz

- Finalize Selection of Coastal Migratory Pelagic AP Members

– Recess –

Tuesday, June 6th – Committee Sessions, Continued

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

- Discussion of IFQ Program Objectives

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

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

- Discussion of IFQ Program Objectives *continued*

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

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

- Review of State Survey Private Angling Landings and Discards for Red Snapper
- **Final Action**: Recalibration of Red Snapper Recreational Catch Limits and Modification of Gray Snapper Catch Limits
- Draft Framework Action: Modifications to Recreational and Commercial Greater Amberjack Management Measures

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

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- SSC Summary Report from the May 2023 Meeting including Recommendations on Black Grouper and Yellowfin Grouper Catch Limits and Mid-water Snapper Complex Catch Limits

– Recess –

Wednesday, June 7th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 9:45 AM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- **Final Action**: Draft Amendment 56: Modifications to the Gag Grouper Catch Limits, Sector Allocations, and Fishing Seasons

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

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Draft: Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 / Reef Fish Amendment 55: Catch Level Adjustments and Allocations for Southeast U.S. Yellowtail Snapper

Wednesday, June 7th – Council Session

- I. **11:15 AM – 11:18 AM CDT:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Dr. Stunz*
- II. **11:18 AM – 11:20 AM CDT:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's 3 & 4**) – *Dr. Stunz*
- III. **11:20 AM – 11:25 AM CDT:** Presentation of the 2022 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award – *Gen. Spraggins / Dr. Stunz / Mr. Anson*
- IV. **11:25 AM – 12:30 PM CDT:** Presentations:
 - Update on the Commission's Recently-Finished Red Drum Fishery Profile (**Tab A, No. 7**) – *Mr. VanderKooy*
 - Presentation on Exempted Fishing Permit from Mote Marine Lab (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Mr. Hood*
 - NOAA Fisheries Request for Comments on Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for National Standard Guidelines 4, 8, and 9 (**Tab A, No's 9a & b**) – *Ms. Macpherson*
 - Update from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico (**Tab A, No. 10**) – *Dr. Kendell / Mr. Filostrat*

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

Wednesday, June 7th – Council Session continued

- V. **2:00 PM – 5:00 PM CDT:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Dr. Stunz*
 - A. **Final Action:** Recalibration of Red Snapper Recreational Catch Limits and Modification of Gray Snapper Catch Limits
 - B. **Final Action:** Draft Amendment 56: Modifications to the Gag Grouper Catch Limits, Sector Allocations, and Fishing Seasons
 - C. Comments on Rice's Whale Petition
 - D. Exempted Fishing Permit
 - E. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, June 8th – Council Session

Committee Reports:

- A. **8:00 AM – 8:10 AM CDT:** Law Enforcement (**Tab L**) – *Gen. Spraggins*
- B. **8:10 AM – 8:40 AM CDT:** Ecosystem (**Tab Q**) – *Mr. Anson*
- C. **8:40 AM – 9:10 AM CDT:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Ms. Boggs*
- D. **9:10 AM – 9:30 AM CDT:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Mr. Banks/ Mr. Schieble*
- E. **9:30 AM – 10:30 AM CDT:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Dr. Sweetman*

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

F. 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

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

G. 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CDT: Reef Fish *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

H. 2:30 PM – 2:35 PM CDT: Closed Session Report (Tab T) – Dr. Stunz

I. 2:35 PM – 3:00 PM CDT: Exempted Fishing Permit – Dr. Stunz

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

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM CDT: Supporting Agencies Update (Tab R) – Dr. Stunz

- Alabama Law Enforcement Efforts (Tab R, No. 1) – Major Downey
- South Atlantic Council Liaison (Tab R, No. 2) – Mr. Brewer
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) (Tab R, No. 3) – ASAC O'Malley
- Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission – Mr. Donaldson
- U.S. Coast Guard (Tab R, No. 5) – LCDR Motoi
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Department of State

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM CDT: Other Business (Tab U) – Dr. Stunz

- Litigation Update – Ms. Levy

– Adjourn –

<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting August 14 – 17, 2023 The Driskill Austin, 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 2:00 pm CDT on June 7th, 2023 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.