



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

October 23 – 26th, 2023

Embassy Suites

Panama City, Florida & Virtual

Monday, October 23th – Full Council Session

8:00 AM – 8:10 AM CDT: Review and Adoption of Proposed Council Committee Assignments October 2023 through August 2024 (**Tab A, No. 2a**) and Current Council Committee Assignments (**Tab A, No. 2b**) – *Mr. Anson*

Monday, October 23th – Committee Sessions

8:10 AM – 10:00 AM CDT: Data Collection (Tab F) – Chair

- **Final Action:** Comprehensive Amendment Addressing Electronic Reporting for Commercial Vessels
- Development of Gulf For-hire Data Collection Program

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

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM CDT: Data Collection *continued* (Tab F) – Chair

- SSC Discussions on Recreational MRIP-FES Pilot Study and Next Steps
- Discussion of MRIP-FES Inventory for the Gulf of Mexico
- Summary Report from Technical Coordinating Committee Deliberations at the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) Meeting

*****Working Lunch 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM CDT ***** IFQ Information Presentation – *Dr. Stephen*

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM CDT: Shrimp (Tab D) – Chair

- Results of Side-by-Side Testing of Cellular Vessel Monitoring Systems (cVMS) and Cellular Electronic Logbooks (cELBs) on Gulf Shrimp Vessels
 - Background: Status and Next Steps for Draft Shrimp Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery
- Remaining Items from Summary of the October 2023, Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting

----- Break 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM CDT -----

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Chair

- SSC Review of 2023 Gulf Vermilion Snapper Interim Analysis

- SSC Review of 2023 Gulf Lane Snapper Catch Analysis

Monday, October 23th – Full Council Closed Session

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM CDT: Closed Session (Tab T) – Mr. Anson

- Selection of Ad Hoc Charter For-hire Data Collection AP Members

– Recess –

Tuesday, October 24th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 10:45 AM CDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Chair

- Review of IFQ Program Goals and Objectives

----- Break 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM CDT -----

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

- Review of IFQ Program Goals and Objectives continued

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

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

- **Final Action:** Modifications to Recreational and Commercial Greater Amberjack Management Measures
- Draft: Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 / Reef Fish Amendment 55: Catch Level Adjustments and Allocations for Southeastern U.S. Yellowtail Snapper
- Update on 2023 Recreational Gag Fishing Season Closure
- SSC Discussions on Recent Gag Grouper Research and Implications for Gag Grouper Management

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

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

- SSC Discussions on 2023 Gulf Gag Grouper Health Check Status
- Draft Options: Gag and Black Grouper Management Measures
- Review of Reef Fish and IFQ Program Landings, and State Program Landings for Red Snapper

– Recess –

Wednesday, October 25th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM CDT: Ecosystem (Tab Q) – Chair

- Summary Report from September 2023 Ecosystem Technical Committee

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM CDT: Administrative/Budget (Tab G) – Chair

- Draft Activities for Proposed Use of Administrative Award Carryover Funds
- Information on Inflation Reduction Act Funding for the Regional Management Councils and Proposed Activities

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

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM CDT: Mackerel (Tab C) – Chair

- Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings
- Draft Framework Amendment 14: Modifications to Gulf Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits

Wednesday, October 25th – Council Session

- I. **11:15 AM – 11:20 AM CDT:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Mr. Anson*
- II. **11:20 AM – 11:30 AM CDT:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Anson*
- III. **11:30 AM – 12:30 PM CDT:** Presentations:
 - Update from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico (**Tab A, No. 7**) – *Mr. Celata*
 - Update on NOAA Fisheries Efforts to Incorporate Feedback from Underserved Communities and other Stakeholders into a Southeast Equity and Environmental Justice Implementation Plan (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Mr. Strelcheck*

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

Wednesday, October 25th – Council Session continued

- IV. **2:00 PM – 5:00 PM CDT:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Mr. Anson*
 - **Final Action:** Comprehensive Amendment Addressing Electronic Reporting for Commercial Vessels
 - **Final Action:** Modifications to Recreational and Commercial Greater Amberjack Management Measures
 - Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, October 26th – Council Session

Committee Reports:

- A. **8:00 AM – 8:30 AM CDT:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Chair*
- B. **8:30 AM – 9:15 AM CDT:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Chair*

- C. **9:15 AM – 9:30 AM CDT:** Closed Session (**T**) – *Mr. Anson*
D. **9:30 AM – 10:15 AM CDT:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Chair*

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

- E. **10:30 AM – 11:45 AM CDT:** Reef Fish *continued* (**Tab B**) – *Chair*
F. **11:45 AM – 12:00 PM CDT:** Ecosystem (**Tab Q**) – *Chair*

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

- G. **1:30 PM – 1:45 PM CDT:** Ecosystem *continued* (**Tab Q**) – *Chair*
H. **1:45 PM – 2:15 PM CDT:** Administrative / Budget (**Tab G**) – *Chair*
I. **2:15 PM – 2:45 PM CDT:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Chair*

----- Break 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM CDT -----

- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM CDT:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Mr. Anson*
- Florida Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab R, No. 1**) – *Capt. Pearce*
 - South Atlantic Council Liaison (**Tab R, No. 2**) – *Mr. Griner*
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) (**Tab R, No. 3**) – *ASAC Bradford*
 - 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 – 4:15 PM CDT: Other Business (**Tab U**) – *Mr. Anson*

– Adjourn –

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Meeting</u> Jan 29 – Feb 1, 2024 <u>Hyatt Centric</u> New Orleans, Louisiana</p>

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 testimony may begin earlier than 2:00 pm CDT on October 25, 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.

^{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.