



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 4th – 7th, 2022

The Lodge at Gulf State Park

Gulf Shores, Alabama

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Virtual

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Monday, April 4th – Committee Sessions

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM CDT: Administrative/Budget (Tab G) – Mr. Dyskow

- Review of 2022 Anticipated Activities and Budget and 2021 Funded Expenditures
- Discuss Electronic Voting Process and Available Technology for Council and Council Bodies

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM CDT: Ecosystem (Tab Q) – Mr. Anson

- Review and Discuss Contracted Draft Gulf of Mexico Fishery Ecosystem Plan
- Summary of Ecosystem Technical Committee Meeting

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

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Mackerel Committee (Tab C) – Mr. Riechers

- Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings
- Draft Framework Amendment 11: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits
- **Final Action:** Amendment 34: Atlantic Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Levels and Atlantic King and Spanish Mackerel Management Measures
- Other Business: Discussion Gulf King Mackerel Southern Zone Gillnet Fishing Restriction on Weekends

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

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CDT: Shrimp Committee (Tab G) – Ms. Bosarge

- Biological Review of the Texas Closure
- Update on Current Shrimp Vessel Position Data Collection
- Summary of the Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting
- Update on Council Request for Proposals to Address Expanded Sampling of the Fleet for Effort Monitoring in the Gulf Shrimp Industry

- SSC Recommendations on Development and Process of Using Empirical Dynamic Models on Brown and White Shrimp

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

Full Council Closed Session

2:45 PM – 5:30 PM CDT: Full Council Closed Session

- Selection of IFQ Focus Group Participants
- Selection of Coral, Data Collection, and Spiny Lobster Advisory Panel Members
- Selection of 2021 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year or Team of the Year

– Recess –

Tuesday, April 5th – Committee Sessions, Continued

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

- Review of Reef Fish and Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Landings and Federal For-hire Season Projection
- Red Snapper Private Recreational Component 2021 Landings Summary and 2022 Season Projections
- Draft Options Amendment 54: Modifications to the Greater Amberjack Catch Limits and Sector Allocations

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

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

- Review of Revised Great Red Snapper Count Estimates and SSC Recommendations for Red Snapper Catch Advice

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

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

- Presentation and Discussion of Gulf of Mexico Gag Grouper Interim Rule, State Reef Fish Survey (SRFS) Calibration, and Interim Analysis

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

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

- Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Programs: IFQ Focus Group Formation and Next Steps
- SSC Discussion of Limited Access Privilege Programs in Mixed-use Fisheries
- Review of Gulf Red Grouper Interim Analysis Health Status and SSC Recommendations

– Recess –

Immediately following Reef Fish Committee Virtual and In-person GMFMC and NOAA Question and Answer Session – Dr. Porch / Dr. Walter / Mr. Strelcheck / Dr. Simmons

Wednesday, April 6th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM CDT: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Ms. Boggs

- Draft Framework Action: Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire Vessels
- Update on Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program
- NMFS-SERO Permits Office Use of Council Funding
- Update on Workshop to Evaluate State-Federal Recreational Survey Differences

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

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Dr. Stunz

- **Final Action**: Framework Action: Historical Captain Permit Conversion
- Discuss Allocation Review Guidelines

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

Wednesday, April 6th – Council Session

- I. **1:30 PM – 1:32 PM CDT**: Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Mr. Diaz*
- II. **1:32 PM – 1:35 PM CDT**: Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, Nos. 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Diaz*
- III. **1:35 PM – 2:15 PM CDT**: Presentations:
 - Gulf of Mexico Renewable Energy Update – *Ms. Matthews*
 - Understanding Population Dynamics of Adult Red Drum Presentation (**Tab A, No. 8a**) and Report (**Tab A, No. 8b**) – *Dr. Drymon and Dr. S. Powers*

----- **Break 2:15 PM – 2:30 PM CDT** -----

- IV. **2:30 PM – 5:00 PM CDT**: Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Mr. Diaz*
 - A. **Final Action**: Amendment 34: Atlantic Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch levels and Atlantic King and Spanish Mackerel Management Measures
 - B. **Final Action**: Framework Action: Historical Captain Permit Conversion
 - C. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– **Recess** –

Thursday, April 7th – Council Session

Committee Reports:

- A. 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM CDT: Administrative Budget (**Tab G**) – *Mr. Dyskow*
- B. 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM CDT: Ecosystem (**Tab Q**) – *Mr. Anson*
- C. 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM CDT: Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Ms. Bosarge*
- D. 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM CDT: Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Mr. Riechers*

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

- E. 10:15 AM – 10:45 AM CDT: Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Ms. Boggs*
- 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 – 2:20 PM CDT: Reef Fish *continued* (**Tab B**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- H. 2:20 PM – 2:45 PM CDT: Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Dr. Stunz*
- I. 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM CDT: Closed Session Report (**Tab T**) – *Mr. Diaz*

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

- J. 3:15 PM – 4:45 PM CDT: Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Mr. Diaz*
 - o South Atlantic Council Liaison (**Tab R, No. 1**) – *Ms. Thompson*
 - o Alabama Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab R, No. 2**) – *Major Downey*
 - o NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) (**Tab R, No. 3**) – *ASAC O'Malley*
 - o Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission – *Mr. Donaldson*
 - o U.S. Coast Guard – *LTJG Adam Peterson*
 - o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - o Department of State

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

– Adjourn –

<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting June 21– 24, 2022 <u>Crowne Plaza Ft Myers at Bell Tower Shops</u> Ft. Myers, Florida</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 2:30 pm CDT on April 6, 2022 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.