



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

## Committees Schedule & Council Agenda<sup>i</sup>

January 30<sup>th</sup> - Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Hilton Baton Rouge  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana & Virtual

### Monday, January 30th – Committee Sessions

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM CST: Administrative / Budget (Tab G) – Gen. Spraggins**

- Discussion of Modifications to Council SOPPs
- Review and Approve Proposed 2023 Activities
- Review Draft 2023 Budget

**9:30 AM – 10:30 AM CST: Coral (Tab N) – Dr. Frazer**

- Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) Proposed Rule
  - Recommendations from Council's Advisory Panels (Coastal Migratory Pelagics, Coral, Reef Fish, Shrimp, and Spiny Lobster)

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

**10:45 AM – 11:30 AM CST: Coral *continued* (Tab N) – Dr. Frazer**

- Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) Proposed Rule continued
  - Update on the Protocol for Cooperative Fisheries Management
  - Draft Council Letter to the FKNMS
- Coral Reef Conservation Program Update

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

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM CST: Sustainable Fisheries (Tab E) – Dr. Sweetman**

- Alternative Allocation Approaches
- SSC Report on Alternative Allocation Approaches

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

**3:15 PM – 4:15 PM CST: Sustainable Fisheries *continued* (Tab E) – Dr. Sweetman**

- Allocation Overview Discussion
- SSC Recommendations on ABC Control Rule

----- Break 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM CST -----

**4:30 PM – 5:00 PM CST: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer**

- **Final Action**: Framework Action for Gray Triggerfish Commercial Trip Limit

– Recess –

**Tuesday, January 31st – Committee Sessions, Continued**

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

- IFQ Focus Group Outcomes and Discussion of Program Priorities List

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

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

- Continued Discussion of IFQ Focus Group Outcomes and Program Priorities List
- Draft Amendment 56: Modifications to the Gag Grouper Catch Limits, Sector Allocations, and Fishing Seasons

----- Working Lunch 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM CST -----

**12:30 PM – 3:30 PM CST: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer**

- Continued Discussion Draft Amendment 56: Modifications to the Gag Grouper Catch Limits, Sector Allocations, and Fishing Seasons

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

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

- Draft Framework Action: Modify the Greater Amberjack and Jacks Complex Management Measures
- Revised Recreational Red Snapper Calibration Ratios
- January 2023 Gulf SSC Summary Report

– Recess –

**Wednesday, February 1st – Committee Sessions, Continued**

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM CST: Data Collection (Tab F) – Ms. Boggs**

- **Final Action:** Abbreviated Framework Action to Modify For-hire Trip Declaration Requirements
- Modification to Commercial Coastal Logbook Reporting Requirements and Advisory Panel Recommendations
- Overview Presentation of State Specific Private Angler Licensing and Reporting Requirements Currently used to Define Offshore Anglers in each State

**9:30 AM – 10:45 AM CST: Outreach and Education (Tab O) – Mr. Gill**

- Presentation: 2022 Communications Analytics and Updated Communications Plan
- Overview of Recreational Data (MRIP) Storyboard
- 2023 Outreach Event Plan and Communications Improvement Plan
- Other Items from the O&E Technical Committee Summary

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

**Wednesday, February 1st – Council Session**

- I. **11:00 AM – 11:05 AM CST:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Mr. Diaz*
- II. **11:05 AM – 11:10 AM CST:** Adoption of Agenda<sup>i</sup> and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Diaz*
- III. **11:10 AM – 12:00 PM CST:** Presentations:
  - Update on Return Em' Right Project (**Tab A, No. 7**) – *Mr. N. Haddad*
  - Update from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Ms. Matthews*

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

**Wednesday, February 1st – Council Session continued**

- IV. **1:30 PM – 5:00 PM CST:** Public Comment <sup>ii, iii, iv, v</sup> – *Mr. Diaz*
  - A. **Final Action**: Framework Action for Gray Triggerfish Commercial Trip Limit
  - B. **Final Action**: Abbreviated Framework Action to Modify For-hire Trip Declaration Requirements
  - C. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) Proposed Rule
  - D. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

**Thursday, February 2nd – Council Session**

**Committee Reports:**

- A. **8:00 AM – 8:30 AM CST:** Administrative / Budget (**Tab G**) – *Gen. Spraggins*
- B. **8:30 AM – 9:15 AM CST:** Coral (**Tab N**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- C. **9:15 AM – 10:15 AM CST:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Dr. Sweetman*

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

- D. **10:30 AM – 11:00 AM CST:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Ms. Boggs*
- E. **11:00 AM – 11:15 AM CST:** Outreach and Education (**Tab O**) – *Mr. Gill*
- F. **11:15 AM – 12:00 PM CST:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Dr. Frazer*

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

- G. **1:30 PM – 3:00 PM CST:** Reef Fish *continued* (**Tab B**) – *Dr. Frazer*

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

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

- South Atlantic Council Liaison (Tab R, No. 1) – Ms. Marhefka
- Louisiana Law Enforcement Efforts (Tab R, No. 2) – Major Aucoin
- 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

**4:15 PM – 4:30 PM CST: Other Business (Tab U) – Mr. Diaz**

- Litigation Update – Ms. Levy

**– Adjourn –**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b> <b>April 3-6, 2023</b> <b><u>Marriott Courtyard</u></b> <b>Gulfport, Mississippi</b></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 comment may begin earlier than 1:30 pm CST on February 1, 2023 but will not conclude before that time.

**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 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](mailto: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.