



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

Beau Rivage Resort

Camellia Ballroom

Biloxi, Mississippi

October 2 – 5, 2017

Monday, October 2, 2017 – Committee Sessions

8:30 am – 9:00 am: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I) – Ms. Bosarge, *Chair*

- SEDAR Steering Committee Summary
- SEDAR Schedule Review

9:00 am – 10:00 am: Spiny Lobster Committee (Tab K) – Ms. Guyas, *Chair*

- Review of Draft Options for Spiny Lobster Amendment 13

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break-----

10:15 am – 12:15 pm: Joint Coral/Habitat Protection & Restoration Committees (Tab N) – Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Diaz – *Chairs*

- Summary of the Southeast Deep-Sea Coral Initiative
- Review of Public Hearing Draft for Coral Amendment 9

– Recess –

1:45 pm – 4:00 pm: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Dr. Stunz, *Vice-Chair*

- Options Paper – Draft Modifications to the Sea Turtle Release Protocol and Gear for the Reef Fish Fishery
- Options Paper – Framework Action to Require either Descending Devices or Venting Tools on board Vessels Possessing Reef Fish
- Discussion on Dead Zone Regarding RESTORE Act Activities
- Presentation – Proposed Lionfish Gear and Modification to the List of Allowable Gears

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm: Break-----

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm: Closed Session

- Selection of Ad Hoc Red Snapper and Grouper-Tilefish IFQ AP Applicants

– Recess –

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 am – 12:00 pm & 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm: Reef Fish Management Committee (Tab B) – Capt. Greene, *Chair*

- Final Action – Framework Action – Greater Amberjack Fishing Year and Recreational Closed Seasons
- Draft – Amendment 41 – Allocation-based Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels and Final Action on Referendum Eligibility Requirements
- Draft – Amendment 42 – Reef Fish Management for Headboat Survey Vessels and Final Action on Referendum Eligibility Requirements
- Drafts – State Management of Recreational Red Snapper
- Discussion of Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Management of Yellowtail Snapper
- NMFS Response Regarding Referendum Requirements for Auctions
- Discussion – For-hire Reef Fish Permit Transfers
- Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program 5-Year Review Surveys

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 – Council Session

- I. **8:30 am – 8:45 am:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – Ms. Bosarge
- II. **8:45 am – 9:00 am:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No. 3 & 4**) – Ms. Bosarge
- III. **9:00 am – 9:15 am:** Induction of New Council Members – Dr. Crabtree
- IV. **9:15 am – 9:30 am:** Announcement of 2016 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award – Ms. Bosarge/Mr. Gregory/Mr. Boyd
- V. **9:30 am – 9:45 am:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, if any (**Tab S**) – Dr. Crabtree/Ms. Bosarge

9:45 am – 10:00 am: Break -----

- VI. **10:00 am – 11:00 am:** Presentations
 - Mississippi Law Enforcement Presentation – Lt. Col. Rusty Pittman
 - Gulf of Mexico Annual Catch Limits Landings – Ms. Gerhart

– Recess –

- VII. **12:30 pm – 5:00 pm:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – Ms. Bosarge
 - A. Agenda Testimony:
 - Final Action on Framework Action – Greater Amberjack Fishing Year and Recreational Closed Seasons
 - Final Action - Referendum Eligibility Requirements for Reef Fish Amendment 41

- Final Action - Referendum Eligibility Requirements for Reef Fish Amendment 42

B. Open Testimony on any Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, October 5, 2017 – Council Session Continued

VIII. Committee Reports:

A. **8:30 am – 9:00 am:** Gulf SEDAR (**Tab I**) – Ms. Bosarge

B. **9:00 am – 9:30 am:** Spiny Lobster (**Tab K**) – Ms. Guyas

C. **9:30 am – 10:00 am:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – Dr. Stunz

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break -----

D. **10:15 am – 11:15 am:** Joint Coral/Habitat Protection & Restoration (**Tab N**) – Mr. Sanchez/Mr. Diaz

E. **11:15 pm – 12:15 pm:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – Capt. Greene

– Recess –

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Reef Fish Continued (**Tab B**) – Capt. Greene

IX. **3:00 pm – 3:15 pm:** Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, if Any (**Tab S**) – Ms. Bosarge

- X. **3:15 pm – 4:15 pm:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – Ms. Bosarge
- South Atlantic Council Liaison
 - Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Department of State

XI. **4:15 pm – 4:30 pm:** Other Business – Ms. Bosarge

XII. **4:30 pm – 5:00 pm:** Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – Mr. Donaldson/ Mr. Constant

– Adjourn –

<p><u>Next Meeting</u> January 29 - February 1, 2018 Hyatt Centric New Orleans, Louisiana</p>
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ⁱ The established times for addressing items on the Council agendas, except for those setting times for public comment, may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items.

ⁱⁱ Persons wishing to give public testimony must register at the registration kiosk in the meeting room before the beginning of the public comment period. 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.

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. **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.**

^{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.