

Council Agenda
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

Golden Nugget Casino Hotel
Grand Ballroom A,B,C
Biloxi, Mississippi

April 1-2, 2015

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

- I. **10:15 am – 10:20 am:** Call to Order and Introductions – Anson
- II. **10:20 am – 10:25 am:** Adoption of Agenda¹ and Approval of Minutes
(Tab A, No. 4, 5a, 5b) – Anson
- III. **10:25 am – 11:30 am:** Advisory Panel Appointments (closed session) (Tab T)

– Recess –

- IV. **1:00 pm – 3:00 pm:** Presentations
 - NOAA Law Enforcement Report
 - Mandatory Safety Exams for All Commercial Fishing Vessels – Bob Perkins
 - Notice of Intent for a Draft EIS for Expansion of Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary- G.P. Schmahl
 - Draft Environmental Assessment for Amendment 6 to the Highly Migratory Species FMP – Karyl Brewster-Geisz
- V. **3:00 pm – 5:00 pm:** Public Comment ^{2, 3, 4, 5} – Anson
 - A. Agenda Testimony
 1. Final Action on Greater Amberjack Framework Action
 2. Final Action on Shrimp Amendment 15
 3. Final Action on Eliminating Charter Vessel/Headboat Decal Requirement
 - B. Open Testimony on any Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

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¹ 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.

² Persons wishing to give public testimony must turn in a registration card 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.

³ 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.**

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

Thursday, April 2, 2015

VI. **8:30 am – 9:00 am:** Review of and Vote on Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) (if any) **(Tab S)** – Crabtree/Anson

VII. Committee Reports

- A. **9:00 am – 9:15 am:** Administrative Policy/Budget **(Tab G)** – Boyd
- B. **9:15 am – 9:30 am:** Law Enforcement **(Tab L)** – Boyd
- C. **9:30 am – 9:45 am:** Data Collection **(Tab F)** – Pearce
- D. **9:45 am – 10:00 am:** Gulf SEDAR Committee **(Tab I)** - Anson
- E. **10:00 am – 10:45 am:** Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem **(Tab E)** – Reichers
- F. **10:45 am – 11:00 am:** Mackerel **(Tab C)** – Dana
- G. **11:00 am – 12:00 pm:** Shrimp **(Tab D)** – Perret

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- H. **1:30 pm – 1:45 pm:** Spiny Lobster **(Tab K)** – Bademan
- I. **1:45 pm – 3:15 pm:** Reef Fish **(Tab B)** - Greene

VII. **3:15 pm – 3:45 pm:** Other Business **(Tab U)** – Anson

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– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

June 8-April 12, 2015
Marriott Beachside
Key West, Florida