



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Convene its Standing and Special Reef Fish Science and Statistical Committee

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a meeting of its Standing and Special Reef Fish Science and Statistical Committee March 23-24, 2010 at the Gulf Council Office, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Tampa, Florida. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday March 23, and conclude by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 24. Every attempt will be made to broadcast the meeting over the Internet.

The Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet to complete the development of a set of control rules to set acceptable biological catch for data adequate and data-poor stocks and stock assemblages. The Committee may also select a set of stocks or stock assemblages to use as case studies for applying the control rules. Finally, the Committee will discuss what scientific advice can be given to the Council regarding whether and where to set a minimum stock threshold – a threshold below which harvest is prohibited.

On day two, the Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet jointly with the Special Reef Fish Committee to review the SDEAR 19 black grouper stock assessment and to recommend a level of acceptable biological catch. The Committees will also review a request from the Gulf Council to provide advice on the best approach for collecting fishery independent data that can be used in the next red snapper assessment.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630, or by visiting the Council's FTP site - <ftp://ftp.gulfcouncil.org> and clicking on the folder titled "Standing and Reef Fish SSC meeting – March 2010."

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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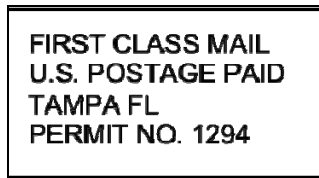
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