



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Announcement

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Gulf Council to Meet in Point Clear, Alabama

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will meet January 26 - 29, 2015, at the Marriott Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama.

Committee meetings will convene Monday at 8:30 am, concluding at noon Wednesday.

Some of the Committee highlights include:

The **Data Collection Committee**, which will meet to discuss the recommendations of the Technical Subcommittee for Electronic Charter Boat Reporting. The Committee will also review and discuss the:

- Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Calibration;
- MRIP Red Snapper Workshop, and;
- Electronic Monitoring/Electronic Reporting Implementation Plan.

The **Reef Fish Management Committee** will meet to review:

- Red Snapper Update Assessment;
- Reevaluation of Gag OFL and ABC for 2015-2016;
- Mutton Snapper Update Assessment;
- Draft Amendment 39 - Red Snapper Recreational Regional Management;
- Revised Public Hearing Draft of Amendment 28 - Red Snapper Allocation;
- Greater Amberjack Draft Framework Action;
- Options Paper to Update Minimum Stock Size Threshold for Reef Fish Stocks with Low Natural Mortality

The Committee will also hear a report on the Ad Hoc For-hire Red Snapper Advisory Panel; Review and take final action on a Framework Action to Adjust Recreational For-Hire Red Snapper Management Measures; discuss Red Snapper Poaching by Mexican Lanchas; and a summary of the January SSC Meeting.

Immediately following the recess Tuesday, NOAA Fisheries will hold a Red Snapper Update and Q&A Session.

The **Mackerel Management Committee** will meet Wednesday to review and discuss:

- Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment Renumbering;
- SEDAR 38 - Gulf of Mexico & South Atlantic King Mackerel Stock Assessment Report;

- Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 24 Scoping Document - South Atlantic Spanish mackerel Allocations;
- Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 26 Scoping Document - Gulf of Mexico & South Atlantic King Mackerel Allocations and Mixing Zone Delineation
- Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 28 Scoping Documents - Gulf of Mexico & South Atlantic King and Spanish Mackerel Permit Split, and;
- Gulf of Mexico King Mackerel Gill Net Fishery Issues.

Other committees meetings include:

- Administrative Policy
- Gulf SEDAR Committee

The full Council will convene Wednesday at 1:30 pm to receive an update on red drum, and to hear the following presentations:

- NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy Briefing, and;
- Council Member SEDAR Workshop for the June 2015 Council Meeting.

The Council will hear public comment from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Public testimony will be taken on:

- Final Action - Framework Action to Adjust Recreational For-hire Red Snapper Management Measures, and;
- Revised Public Hearing Draft Amendment 28 - Red Snapper Allocation
- Open Public Comment

The full Council will resume Thursday at 8:30 am to deliberate and take action on committee recommendations made earlier in the week.

For a copy of the detailed agendas, or to watch the meeting live, please visit http://gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/index.php or call 888-833-1844. Briefing materials can be downloaded from the Council FTP site at <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi> - username and password are both gulfguest, or found on the Council website at http://gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/Briefing%20Materials/BB-01-2015/January2015Index.php

About the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional Fishery Management Councils established by the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans, which are designed to manage fishery resources within the 200-mile limit of the Gulf of Mexico.