



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

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**Meeting Notice**  
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## Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Convene its Red Snapper Advisory Panel (**Revised**)

The Gulf Council's Red Snapper Advisory Panel will meet **Friday**, January 13, 2012, at the Gulf Council Office – 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, Florida. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 5 p.m.

The Advisory Panel will review updated red snapper catch data and other information from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, along with Acceptable Biological Catch recommendations from the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee. Using this information, the Panel will provide the Council with recommendations for red snapper catch limits and targets. The Advisory Panel will also:

- Provide recommendations for issues to consider in a red snapper benchmark assessment scheduled during 2012 and 2013;
- Review a draft regulatory amendment to revise the Fall red snapper recreational closed season and set the red snapper annual catch limit for 2012, and;
- Review an options paper to consider providing weekend only or weekday only openings during portions of the recreational red snapper season, or doing a reopening if the season is closed prematurely.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-348-1630. Materials can also be downloaded from the Council's ftp site – [ftp.gulfcouncil.org](ftp://ftp.gulfcouncil.org). The ftp server can also be accessed from the Gulf Council's home page – [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) - under "Quick Links".

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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Please direct requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids to Kathy Pereira at the Council at least five working days prior to the meeting.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans designed to manage fishery resources in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

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