



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice
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Gulf Council to Host Coral Stakeholder Engagement Meetings

The Gulf of Mexico will host two Coral Stakeholder Engagement Meetings to educate fishermen using bottom contacting gear on the importance of deep-water coral reef habitats, and to gather input on potential coral protection mechanisms and proposed areas that may warrant Habitat Area of Particular concern designation.

The meetings will begin at 6 p.m. local time with a brief presentation on deep-water corals. Staff will then describe proposed protections on priority areas that have been identified by the Council's scientific and fishermen advisors. Finally, staff will take comments to gather local knowledge on deep-water coral areas and discuss any unintended consequences that may occur as a result of management action.

Monday, September 26, 2016

Courtyard Marriott
142 Library Drive
Houma, Louisiana
(985)223-8996

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Bayou La Batre Community Center
12745 Padgett Switch Road (CR 23)
Irvington, Alabama
(251)824-7918

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http://gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/comment_forms/Deep%20Sea%20Coral%20Amendment%205.php