



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

October 22 – 25, 2018

Renaissance Battle House

Moonlight A & B Ballroom

Mobile, Alabama

Monday, October 22nd – Full Council Session

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM: Proposed Committee Roster Assignments October 2018 through October 2019 (**Tab A, No. 2b**) – *Dr. Frazer*

Monday, October 22nd – Committee Sessions

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Coral Committee (Tab N) – Chair

- Analysis of Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and Electronic Logbooks (ELB) Information for Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Expansion

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Mackerel Committee (Tab C) – Chair

- CMP Landings Update
- Final Action: CMP Framework Amendment 7: Modifications to Gulf Cobia Size and Possession Limits

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM -----

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) – Chair

- Approval of 2018 Funded Budget
- Review Proposed Modifications to the SOPPs

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM -----

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I) – Dr. Frazer

- Summary of SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting
- Review Gulf of Mexico SEDAR Schedule

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Chair

- Conversion of Historical Captain Endorsements to Federal For-Hire Permits – Revised Draft

----- Break 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM -----

- Revised Draft Generic Amendment – Carryover of Unharvested Quota
- Gulf of Mexico Allocation Review Triggers

– Recess –

Tuesday, October 23rd – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Chair

- Review of Reef Fish Landings
- Revised Draft Amendment 50: State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper and Individual State Amendments

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM -----

- Revised Draft Amendment 50: State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper and Individual State Amendments (Continued)

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM -----

- Review of Reef Fish Management Objectives

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM -----

- Establish Gray Snapper Status Determination Criteria, Reference Points, and Modify Annual Catch Limits
- Presentation: The Great Red Snapper Count
- SSC Summary Report
- Status of Convening the Ad Hoc Reef Fish Headboat and Red Snapper Charter For-Hire APs

– Recess –

NMFS Question and Answer Session Immediately Following Reef Fish Committee – Dr. Roy Crabtree

Wednesday, October 24th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Chair

- Revisions to MRIP Recreational Data Collection Program
- Presentation: Summary Report on the For-Hire Electronic Reporting Workshop Hosted by the Quality Management Professional Specialty Group
- Update on MRIP Red Snapper Survey Design Workshop

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Ecosystem Committee (Tab Q) – Chair

- Draft Outline of Fishery Ecosystem Document

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Shrimp Committee (Tab D) – Chair

- Draft Options Shrimp Amendment 18: Evaluation of Shrimp Effort Threshold Reduction in the Area Monitored for Juvenile Red Snapper Bycatch

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM: Law Enforcement Committee (Tab L) – Chair

- Law Enforcement Technical Committee Meeting Summary
- Approval of 2019-2020 Operations Plan

----- Break 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM -----

Wednesday, October 24th – Council Session

- I. **11:15 AM – 11:20 AM:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Dr. Frazer*
- II. **11:20 AM – 11:25 AM:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- III. **11:25 AM – 11:30 AM:** 2017 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award – *Dr. Frazer/ Mr. Boyd*
- IV. **11:30 AM – 11:45 AM:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, if any (**Tab S**) – *Dr. Crabtree/Dr. Frazer*
- V. **11:45 AM – 12:15 PM:** Presentations
 - Alabama Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab A, No. 7**) – Major Downey
 - Summary on HMS AP Efforts – *Dr. Frazer*

----- Lunch 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM -----

- VI. **1:30 PM – 4:30 PM:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Dr. Frazer*
 - A. Final Action: CMP Framework Amendment 7: Modifications to Gulf Cobia Size and Possession Limits
 - B. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

----- Break 4:30 PM – 4:45 PM -----

Committee Reports:

- A. **4:45 PM – 5:00 PM:** Coral (**Tab N**) – *Chair*
- B. **5:00 PM – 5:15 PM:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – *Chair*
- C. **5:15 PM – 5:30 PM:** Gulf SEDAR (**Tab I**) – *Chair*

– Recess –

Thursday, October 23rd – Council Session, Continued

Committee Reports:

- D. 8:30 AM – 8:45 AM: Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Chair*
- E. 8:45 AM – 9:00 AM: Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Chair*
- F. 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM: Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Chair*
- G. 9:15 AM – 9:30 AM: Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Chair*
- H. 9:30 AM – 9:45 AM: Ecosystem (**Tab Q**) – *Chair*
- I. 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM: Law Enforcement (**Tab L**) – *Chair*

----- Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM -----

- J. 10:15 AM – 12:30 PM: Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Chair*

----- Lunch 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM -----

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM: Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications (**Tab S**) – Dr. Frazer

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM: Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Dr. Frazer*

- South Atlantic Council Liaison
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE)
- Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Department of State

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM: Other Business – *Dr. Frazer*

- Discussion on Aquaculture Court Decision – Ms. Levy

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

January 28-31, 2019
Perdido Beach Resort
Orange Beach, Alabama

ⁱ 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.

ⁱⁱ Persons wishing to give public testimony must register at the registration kiosk in the meeting room 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.

ⁱⁱⁱ 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.

^{iv} 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.

^v 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.