



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

**Hyatt Centric
D. H. Holmes Room
New Orleans, Louisiana
January 29 – February 1, 2018**

Monday, January 29, 2018 – Full Council Session

8:30 am – 9:00 am: 2018 Proposed Committee Roster Recommendations January – August, 2018 (Tab A, No. 2) – Ms. Bosarge

Monday, January 29, 2018 – Committee Sessions

9:00 am – 10:00 am: Spiny Lobster Committee (Tab K) – Chair

- 2016/2017 Spiny Lobster Landings
- Draft Options Joint Spiny Lobster 13

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break-----

10:15 am – 11:15 am: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) – Chair

- Review of Ad Hoc Advisory Panels
- Discussion of SSC Organization

11:15 am – 12:45 pm: Lunch -----

12:45 pm – 2:45 pm: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Chair

- Review of Mackerel Landings and Bag Limit Analysis
- Options Paper – Carryover of Unharvested Quota
- Public Hearing Draft Amendment 49 – Modifications to the Sea Turtle Release Gear and Framework Procedure for the Reef Fish Fishery
- Draft Policy – Descending Devices and Venting Tools
- Review of EAFM by Gulf Council and Other Regional Approaches
- Reef Fish Charter For-hire Permit Transfers and Potential Management Actions

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm: Break-----

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm: Sustainable Fisheries Committee, Continued (Tab E) – Chair

- Environmental Assessment and Exempted Fishing Permits for Lionfish Trap Testing in the Gulf and South Atlantic
- Discussion on Dead Zone Regarding RESTORE Act Activities

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm: Closed Session

- Selection of Ad Hoc Red Snapper and Grouper-Tilefish IFQ AP Members (**Tab T, No's. 1 & 1a**)
- Hiring of New Executive Director (**Tab T, No. 2**)

– Recess –

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 am – 12:15 pm & 1:45 pm – 5:30 pm: Reef Fish Management Committee (Tab B) – Chair

- Review of Reef Fish Landings
- Ad Hoc Private Recreational Red Snapper AP Summary
- State Management of Recreational Red Snapper

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break-----

- State Management of Recreational Red Snapper continued

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm: Lunch -----

- Update on Implementation of the Generic For-Hire Electronic Reporting Amendment
- Analysis of Red Grouper Indices of Abundance
- Amendment 41 – Allocation-based Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm: Break-----

- Amendment 42 – Reef Fish Management for Headboat Survey Vessels
- NMFS Response Regarding Referendum Requirements for Auctions
- SSC Summary Reports
- Presentation – Modifications to the Greater Amberjack Commercial Fishing Year, and Trip Limits and Recreational Vessel Limits and Split Quotas

– Recess –

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – Council Session

- I. **8:30 am – 8:35 am:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – Ms. Bosarge
- II. **8:35 am – 8:40 am:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – Ms. Bosarge
- III. **8:40 am – 9:15 am: Presentations**
 - Louisiana Law Enforcement (**Tab A, No. 7**) – Capt. Hebert
 - Overview of Aquaculture FMP (**Tab A, No. 8**) – Dr. Kilgour

9:15 am – 9:30 am: Break -----

- IV. **9:30 am – 12:00 pm:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications (**Tab S**) – Dr. Crabtree/Ms. Bosarge

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch -----

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm: Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications Continued (**Tab S**) – Dr. Crabtree/Ms. Bosarge
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm: Review of Public Comments on EFP Applications (**Tab S**) – Dr. Simmons

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm: Break -----

V. **3:00 pm – 6:00 pm:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – Ms. Bosarge

A. Open Testimony on Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, February 1, 2018 – Council Session Continued

VI. Committee Reports:

A. **8:30 am – 11:00 am:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Chair*

11:00 am – 12:00 pm: – Lunch/Hotel Check Out -----

B. **12:00 pm – 12:30 pm:** Spiny Lobster (**Tab K**) – *Chair*

C. **12:30 pm – 1:00 pm:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – *Chair*

D. **1:00 pm – 2:00 pm:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Chair*

E. **2:00 pm – 2:15 pm:** Ad Hoc Red Snapper and Grouper-Tilefish IFQ AP Appointments (**Tab T**) – Ms. Bosarge

VII. **2:15 pm – 3:00 pm:** Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, (**Tab S**) – Ms. Bosarge

VIII. **3:00 pm – 3:30 pm:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – Ms. Bosarge

- South Atlantic Council Liaison
- Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Department of State

IX. **3:30 pm – 4:00 pm:** Other Business – Ms. Bosarge

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

**April 16 - 19, 2018
Marriott Courtyard
Gulfport, Mississippi**

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.