



# **Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council**

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

## **Committees Schedule & Council Agenda<sup>i</sup>**

**April 12 – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Virtual MEETING**

### **Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Full Council Closed Session**

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM EDT: Closed Session Full Council (Tab T) – Dr. Frazer**

- Selection of Reef Fish Advisory Panel Members
- Selection of Shrimp Advisory Panel Members
- Selection of 2020 Law Enforcement Officer/Team of the Year

**----- Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM EDT -----**

### **Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Committee Sessions**

**10:15 AM – 12:15 PM EDT: Shrimp Committee (Tab D) – Ms. Bosarge**

- Biological Review of the Texas Closure
- Gulf Shrimp Fishery Effort and Landings
- 2019 Royal Red Shrimp Index
- Update on Effort Data Collection
- Remaining Items from Summary of the Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting

**----- Lunch 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM EDT -----**

**1:15 PM – 3:45 PM EDT: Mackerel Committee (Tab C) – Mr. Riechers**

- Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings Update
- Amendment 32: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia Catch Limits, Possession Limits, Size Limits, and Framework Procedure and South Atlantic Recommendations
- Remaining Coastal Migratory Pelagics AP Recommendations
- Discussion of Individual Fishing Quota for the Gulf King Mackerel Commercial Southern Gillnet Zone

**----- Break 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM EDT -----**

**4:00 PM – 5:30 PM EDT: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Mr. Anson**

- AP Recommendations for Proposed Commercial e-logbook Requirements
- Update on Southeast For-hire Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program
- Presentation on Methodology used for Red Snapper Recreational and Commercial Discards used in Stock Assessments and Annual Catch Level Monitoring

– Recess –

**Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Committee Sessions, Continued**

**9:00 AM – 11:15 AM EDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas**

- Status of NOAA Fisheries' MRIP 2020 Recreational Fisheries Catch Estimation Process
- Review of Reef Fish Landings
- Review of the Great Red Snapper Count Project and SSC Recommendations

----- Break 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM EDT -----

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM EDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas**

- Final Action: Framework Action: Modification of Annual Catch Limits for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper and SSC Review of the Red Snapper Catch Analysis

----- Lunch 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM EDT -----

**1:30 PM – 3:00 PM EDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas**

- Final Action: Framework Action: Modification of Annual Catch Limits for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper - Continued

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM EDT -----

**3:15 PM – 5:30 PM EDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas**

- Final Action: Framework Action: Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Recreational Data Calibration and Recreational Catch Limits
- Revised Public Hearing Draft Amendment 53: Red Grouper Allocations and Annual Catch Levels and Catch Targets
- Remaining Items from January 2021 SSC Summary Report
- Remaining Items from February 2021 Reef Fish AP Summary Report
- Discussion of Implementation of the DESCEND Act of 2020

– Recess –

**5:30 PM – 6:30 PM EDT: GMFMC and NOAA Question and Answer Session – Dr. Frazer / Dr. Porch / Mr. Strelcheck**

**Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Committee Sessions, Continued**

**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM EDT: Habitat Protection and Restoration Committee (Tab P) – Mr. Banks**

- Presentation on Development of Generic EFH Amendment
- Discussion Session on President Biden's E.O. 14008, Section 216 (c) titled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad

----- Break 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM EDT -----

**Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Council Session**

- I. **11:15 AM – 11:20 AM:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Dr. Frazer*
- II. **11:20 AM – 11:25 AM:** Announcement of the 2020 Officer of the Year/Team of the Year Award – *Mr. Diaz*
- III. **11:25 AM – 11:30 AM:** Adoption of Agenda<sup>i</sup> and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- IV. **11:30 AM – 12:00 PM:** Presentation
  - Exploring Unexplained Variability in Stock-Recruitment Relationship Estimates for the Gulf of Mexico's Greater Amberjack (*Seriola dumerili*)
    - Presentation (**Tab A, No. 7a**) and Report (**Tab A, No. 7b**) – *Dr. Kilborn*

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EDT -----

- V. **1:00 PM – 1:30 PM:** Presentation
  - Recommendations to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council: Coordinating Data and Approaches to Conduct a Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Stock Assessment
    - Presentation (**Tab A, No. 8a**) and Report (**Tab A, No. 8b**) – *Dr. Gallaway* and *Dr. Putnam*

----- Break 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM EDT -----

- I. **2:00 PM – 5:30 PM:** Public Comment <sup>ii, iii, iv</sup> – *Dr. Frazer*
  - A. Final Action: Framework Action: Modification of Annual Catch Limits for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper
  - B. Final Action: Framework Action: Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Recreational Data Calibration and Recreational Catch Limits
  - C. Comments on E.O. 14008 Sec 216c: Conserving Our Nations Lands and Waters
  - D. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

**Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Council Session**

**Committee Reports:**

- A. **8:30 AM – 9:00 AM:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Ms. Bosarge*
- B. **9:00 AM – 10:00 AM:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Mr. Riechers*
- C. **10:00 AM – 10:15 AM:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Mr. Anson*

----- Break 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM EDT -----

- D. **10:30 AM – 11:00 AM:** Habitat Protection and Restoration Committee (**Tab P**)  
– *Mr. Banks*
- E. **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Ms. Guyas*

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EDT -----

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM:** Reef Fish *Continued* (**Tab B**) – *Ms. Guyas*

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM EDT -----

- F. **3:15 PM – 4:00 PM:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- South Atlantic Council Liaison – *Capt. Woodward*
  - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) (**Tab R, No. 2**) – *Lt. Scarpa*
  - Mississippi Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab R, No. 3**) – *Sgt. Carron*
  - Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission – *Mr. Donaldson*
  - U.S. Coast Guard – *Lt. Giancola*
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Department of State

**4:00 PM – 4:30 PM:** Other Business (**Tab U**) – *Dr. Frazer*

- USDA Dietary Guidelines from Department of Health and Human Services – *Ms. Bosarge*
- Background Information on Other Executive Orders from NMFS headquarters (**Tab U, No. 1**)

– Adjourn –

**Next Meeting**

June 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

Hybrid: Virtual and On Site - *tentative*

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<sup>i</sup> The established times for addressing items on the Council agendas may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. Public comment may begin earlier than 2:00 pm EDT on April 14, 2021 but will not conclude before that time.

<sup>ii</sup> Persons wishing to give public testimony must call the toll-free number provided on the Council's website and projected on screen during the meeting at the start of the public comment period at 2:00 pm EDT on April 14, 2021. 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.

<sup>iii</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

<sup>iv</sup> 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.